

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held via video link on MONDAY 19th October 2020 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mike Brown (Chair), Keith Venables, Tracey Willetts, Ian Venables, Fran Christensen.

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers

20/22 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence

No apologies received

20/23 Interests

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

MB declared an interest in a planning matter - Application Reference: 6/2020/2447/HOUSE.

20/24 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 21 September 2020

as an accurate record of proceedings

Resolved, proposed FC, seconded TW that these minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.

Unanimously agreed.

20/25 Matters arising**a) Second Speed Indicator Device**

Resolved not to attempt fund raising in the village for a second SID. SID to be moved back to the position adjacent to the Rose and Crown in the spring, and to remain in that location.

20/26 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

a) Urgency of action by Ringway, particularly the sign near the golf course which has been down for 3 years

b) Query on if and when the Cole Green recycling facility will re-open. Clerk to investigate

c) Lamp post #17 outside Sunnyside Cottage, on the west side of the High Road, obscured by foliage. Clerk to report and arrange for branches to be trimmed

d) Holwell Lane bus stop sign is obscured by overgrown vegetation. Clerk to report and arrange for area to be cleared

e) Loose manhole cover on the pavement in School Lane at the corner of School Close. Clerk to report

f) Playground bin is not being emptied. Clerk to follow up

20/27 To receive updates on:**a) Playground repairs – work completed**

IV has made a temporary repair to the fence bordering the golf course. IV will request a quotation for a permanent repair to be undertaken either immediately or in the spring.

b) Ringway - outstanding issues

Clerk to continue to follow up with Ringway

c) ACV on The Rose and Crown

ACV request has been accepted. A decision will be made on Thursday 22 October. The chair thanked IV for his work on this

d) War memorial - readings to check angle of lean

Carried forward

20/28 Planning

- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 9 September and 3 October 2020

No objections raised on any application, including Application Reference:

6/2020/2447/HOUSE Proposed development at: 54 High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AP

Proposal: Timber garden summerhouse to garden area of property

- b) Consultation on changes to the current planning system

Noted but no further comment

20/29 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget

Unanimously agreed

- b) To consider draft budget for 2020_21

Unanimously agreed

- c) Register of Assets and Liabilities

Clerk to source quotations for replacement of the War Memorial for Insurance purposes.

- d) To consider moving EPC accounts from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust Bank

The council has had poor service from Barclays where the EPC currently holds its accounts. Clerk to establish details of the process of moving all three accounts to Unity Trust Bank, including how signatures will be authorised

20/30 Correspondence

- a) Letter from WHBC Parking Services about new double and single yellow lines, and extension of bus stop. In principle, there were no objections from council members. MB will refer queries to WHBC Parking Services.

- b) Letter from a resident concerning the maintenance of the area around the War Memorial. MB to investigate, and matter to be discussed at the next council meeting

20/31 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings:

16 November

14 December

The meeting closed at 20.08