

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Monday 13 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Ian Venables (Chair), Keith Venables Mike Brown, Rex Jones

Clerk: Nerine Chalmers and 4 members of the public

22/51 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apology received and accepted from Fran Christensen and Tracey Willetts

22/52 Interests

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

Declaration of interest from IV on item 22/58 c)

22/53 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 9 May 2022

as an accurate record of proceedings

Resolved that these minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes of the meeting of 9 May 2022. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

22/54 Matters arising

None

22/55 Public Issues

- a) Excessive speeding on the High Road is a cause for concern among many residents. Clerk to follow up with the Rt Hon Grant Shapps, MP for Welwyn Hatfield & Secretary of State for Transport, and with Cllr Stephen Boulton and Cllr Jonathan Boulton.
- b) Problems remain with drainage at the entrance to the Spinney. Clerk to follow up with Highways authority.
- c) There is a broken, sunken drain near the white gates leaving the village near the Spinney. Clerk to report to Highways authority.
- d) Speed Indicator Devices do not always reflect speed accurately. Clerk to request that they be checked by the Highways Authority.
- e) Request from Essendon Connect to have a page on the Council website to share information on plans to support the Essendon Community. The motion was proposed by RJ, seconded by MB, unanimously approved.
- f) Clerk to report the following;
 - Access to garages on Rectory Close, adjacent to No 1 Rectory close is limited due to overgrown hedge
 - The visibility of the Speed Indicator Device opposite the Rose and Crown is restricted by foliage
 - The state of the pathway from Essendon to Wild Hill running along Essendon High Rd/Cum Cum Hill
- g) Clerk to contact the Essendon Golf Club regarding the state of the fence along the High Road from just beyond the Spinney to the main entrance to the club
- h) Clerk to write to a resident requesting that bins are not left permanently on the footpath adjacent to the road

22/56 To receive updates on:

- a) 21/26 c) Drains on West End Lane - Report from Ringway that funding has been approved by County
- b) Damaged road surface on Essendon Hill – Ringway is aware and has this in its planning
- c) Closure of Candlestick pub – not a permanent closure
- d) Replacement of skylights in the Village Hall – work underway
- e) White gates on either end of the village – clerk to write again to Cllr Stephen Boulton
- f) The Grade II listed building, the Ice House which is falling into disrepair. This is a matter for the Welwyn Hatfield Planning Department which has been informed

22/57 Planning

Update on notifications received and considered for planning applications between 10 May 2022 and 13 June 2022. No objection was raised to any of these applications, including the most recent:

Application Reference: 6/2022/1288/HOUSE

Proposed development at: The Spinney High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HP

Proposal: Erection of a single storey timber clad contemporary garden building.

- a) **Appeal Reference** APP/C1950/W/22/3297335 Holwell Court Farm Holwell Court Hatfield AL9 5RL Redevelopment of the existing farmyard and non-designated Heritage Assets to create 6 dwellings (2 x 3-bed, 2 x 4-bed and 2 x 5-bed) and an annexe/holiday let with associated parking, amenity space and biodiversity areas
- b) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/1062/TPO **Proposed development at:** Bedwell End School Lane Essendon Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 6HL
Proposal: Group of 12 self-seeded Sycamore trees - remove to ground level to avoid danger to property and traffic. Approved
- c) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/0674/HOUSE **Proposed development at:** 7 Rectory Close Essendon Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 6HG **Proposal:** Erection of outbuilding at rear of garden. Approved
- d) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/0472/HOUSE **Proposed development at:** Farmleigh Berkhamsted Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6JS **Proposal:** Erection of first floor side extension over part of existing garage, replacement of existing utility door with a window to match existing and change to white painted render external materials, demolish existing conservatory. Approved
- e) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/0992/TPO **Proposed development at:** Essendon Place, Dairy Lodge High Road Essendon Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 6HU **Proposal:** T1 - Oak, Lift canopy to about 5m and reduce remaining crown by 30% to bring in all overextended limbs to form a more rounded shape T2 - Lift the canopy of the Yew tree to about 4 meters T3 - Lift the canopy of the Yew tree to about 4 meters T4 -Lift the canopy of the Yew tree to about 4 meters. Information only.
- f) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/0504/FULL **Proposed development at:** Follyfoot Farm Woodfield Lane Hatfield AL9 6JJ **Proposal:** Agricultural storage building and agricultural and forestry track. Approved
- g) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/1076/TPO **Proposed development at:** The Spinney High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HP **Proposal:** Reduce 8 Lime Trees by 4-5 meters (4-5m off the top and brining the sides in to shape) due to excessive shading size and untidiness, all are covered by two blanket TPOs (TPO3 W4 and TPO 618 (2017) W1)
Information only
- h) **Application Reference:** 6/2022/0890/COND **Proposed development at:** Little House West End Lane Essendon Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 6AU **Proposal:** Submission of details pursuant to condition 1 (types and colours of external finishes) on planning application 6/2021/2652/HOUSE Approved

22/58 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Essendon Connect (Refreshments) £45.39; Moody £324; Hall hire for WI £90; Internal Auditor's fee £150; Clerk's salary, and backpay following hourly rate increase.
- b) To consider a revision to the Grant Awarding Policy and Grant Application form. Revision proposed by MB, seconded by KV. Unanimously accepted
- c) Grant application from Essendon Playing Fields Association
Resolved to offer a grant of £1,500 to EPFA, on the understanding that the EPFA may apply for a further grant should finance from other sources not be forthcoming.
- d) Insurance cover through Ansvar. Noted
- e) Presentation of 2021_2022 accounts prior to submission to the external auditor before 1 July 2022. The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were approved by the Essendon Parish Council on 13 June 2022, following receipt of the Internal Audit Certificate. The period for the exercise of public rights is from Wednesday 15 June 2022 to Tuesday 26 July 2022.
- f) Village Day 2021 accounts were shared. A profit of £209.52 was recorded. It was resolved that this amount should be reimbursed. Proposed by IV, seconded by RJ. Clerk to contact the committee
- g) Note that on 14 July 2021 (minute 21/58 d) Council agreed that repayment of the loan of £5,000 to the Hall Management committee for payment to OT Construction Ltd should be deferred for a period of one year. Noted

22/59 Correspondence

- a) Letter from Mr. Allenby of DLPB regarding whether the Parish Council has received any updates from the Council on the application to develop the land between the Manor House and White Hall Field Cottage, Essendon, AL9 6AJ (Reference 6/2021/3290/full).
Noted
- b) Update from Hertfordshire's Strategic Migration Steering Group (SMSG) which includes headlines on the following topics: Asylum Seeker Hotels, Afghan Bridging Hotels, Ukraine Arrival Schemes. Noted
- c) Hertfordshire County Council – HertsHelp for anyone struggling. The cost of living resource page offers advice and practical help to manage finances and make savings while also helping the environment. Services and support locally can be accessed by calling 0300 123 4044, emailing info@hertshelp.net or visiting www.hertshelp.net.
Noted and publicised on the Council website.

AOB

The Parish Council expressed sincere thanks to the organisers of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations for an extremely well organized and enjoyable series of events over the Jubilee weekend.

22/60 Next Essendon Parish Council Meeting: July 11th, 2022

Meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.