

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Monday 11 April 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

Clerk: Nerine Chalmers and 1 member of the public

22/31 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence
 Apology received from Cllr Stephen Boulton

22/32 Interests

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 No declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

22/33 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 14 March 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 March and February meetings were duly signed by the Chairman

22/34 Matters arising
None**22/35 Public Issues**

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

- a) A member of the public, on behalf of the Playing Fields Association, raised with the PC that the roof of the pavilion needs to be replaced and asked whether the Parish Council would consider assisting with the cost. Grants have and were being applied for with other parties. The Parish Council was open to assisting, should the various grants prove insufficient and provided any legal constraints on the PC consequent on the charitable status of the PFA be surmountable. The Parish Clerk will make enquiries in this regard. The matter will be discussed at the July meeting once the results of grant applications are known, with a view to the repairs being carried out in August/September.

22/36 To receive updates on:

- a) 21/26 c) Drains on West End Lane – Ringway are aware and will do what they can.
 b) Damaged road surface on Essendon Hill – Reported to Ringway
 c) Concerns about the condition of the 'Ice House' along the east side of the High Road heading south. This is a Grade 2 listed building. No response yet from Essendon Country Club – clerk to follow up.

22/37 Planning

Update on notifications received and considered for planning applications between 14 March 2022 and 11 April 2022. No objection was raised to any of these applications.

a) Application Reference: 6/2022/0487/HOUSE

Proposed development at: 14 High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HW

Proposal: Installation of rear dormer to facilitate the conversion of the loft to habitable space

b) 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

c) Application Reference: 6/2022/0674/FULL

Proposed development at: 7 Rectory Close Essendon Hatfield Hertfordshire AL9 6HG

Proposal: Erection of outbuilding at rear of garden

d) Application Reference: 6/2021/3408/ - Approved

COND Cucumber Hall Barn Cucumber Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6JB Submission of details pursuant to condition 2 (historic timbers) and 3 (building details) on planning application 6/2020/0727/VAR

22/38**Finance**

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Paid – Moody £75, HAPTC £507.56, Clerk's salary, Grant to St Mary's church £800
- b) Village Hall committee - WI not to be charged for use of the village hall until August 2023- Invoice will be submitted
- c) Loans towards local events for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Clerk to contact the committee
- d) 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.
- e) The council agreed to pay the cost of hiring the Hall Meeting Room for the AGM of the Allotment Society.

22/39**Correspondence**

- a) Copy of a letter from a resident to Grant Shapps, MP, concerning flooding on the High Road outside the new development, and speeding through the village. Noted
- b) Letter from the National Association of Local Councils inviting suggestions of issues specific to smaller councils that should be addressed. Noted

22/40**Next Essendon Parish Council Meeting: Monday May 9th 2022**

(Annual Meeting of the Full Council - Election of Chair and Vice Chair)

April 26, 2022 (Tuesday) Annual Parish meeting

Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.