

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD in the Village Hall on MONDAY 17th June 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mike Brown (Chair), Ian Venables (Vice Chair), Keith Venables, Rex Jones, Tracey Willetts, Fran Christensen, Clerk Vikki Bloomfield, and six members of public

- 1 All in attendance.
- 2 No declarations of personal or financial interest in the Agenda.
3. Minutes from 13th May signed by the chair.

4a. The flagpole quotation is more expensive than the £500 awarded from the locality budget. It includes the union jack flag, a galvanised steel hinge with base plate. It will cost closer to £900 but final figure is to be confirmed. It is to be fitted within the brick wall area, on the left as you look at it into concrete ground. **It was proposed by IV and Seconded by MB that the Parish council will dip into the council reserves to cover the extra cost. All other councillors are in favour.**

4b. As previously resolved the village Hall jazz night will be supported by the parish council. The band will be on the cricket pitch weather permitting and drinks will be supplied by the Woodman.

4c. The village hall is now trialling two caretakers Matt and Serena on an honorarium contract. The key code is to be changed once a month and the caretaker will be checking the hall after the bookings/ prior to bookings.

5. The independent playground inspection from Rospa Playsafety Ltd in April 2019 highlighted a high risk item and safety issue with the junior swings. The wooden leg needs to be replaced so the swings do not tip over. The clerk sourced a basic estimate of £600 but is waiting on this to be confirmed by Kompan. It could be more than this, once in receipt of the accurate estimate clerk is to circulate the cost to councillors. There are some medium risk items on the inspection report which will have to be tackled within the next year. **It was resolved that the playground should be shut until the works completed. The medium risk items to be discussed at a later date.**

A quote has been received by Oakham landscapes to Cut the grass of the playground for £20 an hour. **It was resolved unanimously for a cut by Oakham Landscapes on a regular basis. Gardener to contact IV to gain access to the playground.**

6. VE day 2020 celebrations. A committee is to be formed to organise the villages events/contributions. The committee members will meet on the 4th July at 7PM.

7. A matter of driveways and parking was received. It was advised to come to the councillor's surgery to discuss with a County councillor. The next meeting is 6th July in the morning.

A member of the public reported the debris caused by a previous collision on the road. **It was resolved to Clerk to report the left-over debris from a vehicle collision to the southern chicane near the water tower to the highways**

8. Cheque signing

TDC tree care	£230.00
Gallagher & Brocklehurst	£240.00
Moody Grounds	£300.00
Rospa Play Safety	£103.20
Community Action Suffolk	£422.14
Essendon Village Hall rent	£50.00

It was proposed that the Public rights proforma for the Audit to be published 30th June until 17th August. Proposed by IV and seconded by MB.

9. Call for sites, the chair wrote a report which is now available on the website. It was a well-attended meeting and residents had until 18th June to lodge any comments.

10. **Planning applications decisions**

Norcott West End Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AU – Refused by Welwyn Hatfield
Essendon Country Club AL96HN, 20 pods – Refused by Welwyn Hatfield

Planning applications received

The Spinney High Road Essendon – applied for a variation. It was resolved to support this application
Meadow view, AL96JE extension proposal. It was resolved to support this application

11. Chairs Tea party for HAPTC is 11th July, chair and vice chair unable to attend.

It was reported that the alleyway through from rectory close to glebe cottages was overgrown and difficult to pass through. Clerk to report the fault to highways

The sign at the entrance of the golf course has fallen down on the B158 and is laying on the dirt next to the road, clerk to report fault

Meeting closed at 20.02