

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD in the Village Hall on MONDAY 13th May 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mike Brown (Chair), Ian Venables (Vice Chair), Keith Venables, Rex Jones, Tracey Willetts, Clerk Vikki Bloomfield, Stephen Boulton (County and Borough Councillor), Jonathan Boulton (Borough Councillor) and four members of public

- 1 Apologies received from Councillor Fran Christensen.
- 2 No declarations of personal or financial interest in the Agenda.
- 3 Minutes of Meeting of Essendon Parish Council held on 11th March 2019 were approved and duly signed by the Chair.

3B The Chair submitted that his Parish Council report, which he had read at the meeting, should be used as minutes.

4 Matters arising

A **Flagpole.** IV reported that a quote had been received for supplying and erecting the flagpole for the sum of £550. The flags for this will have to be bought separately. Councillors to meet Monday 20th at 7pm to agree the best location. The Parish Council expressed its gratitude to Cllr Stephen Boulton for the grant of £500 from his Locality Budget. The quote was agreed for the work to go ahead.

B **SID.** The Chair reported that the trees have been cutback so that the Speed Detector is working well at the moment. Although after 11pm at night there are still some speeding cars. It was agreed to discuss the potential moving of the SID to the second location on Essendon Hill after the summer.

5 Any matters raised by the public.

The PC had been notified by WHBC of the results of a 'call for sites' exercise. Two new sites had been put forward by their owners to the Planners for housing development; . Land to the rear of The Vines, 51a High Road and Essendon Pumping Station. Discussion followed as to how to form a consultation response. Cllr Stephen Boulton strongly advised any comments or objections to be written in individually which can be done online or through the post. It was agreed to hold a public meeting in the Village Hall on the 5th June at 7pm. This then gives two weeks thereafter to write to the Borough Council regarding the proposal. The deadline for responses is the 18th June. Clerk to book Hall and advertise the public meeting.

6 Finance

Annual accounts signed by the Chair and Clerk, ready to be sent off for Audit.

Payments made and signed

HAPTC Annual subscription	£506.57
Moody Ground Maintenance – Grass cutting	£250.00
Dee Daniell payroll 31/03 – 13/05	£462.00
Total	£1218.57

7 Planning matters

No individual cases known at present.

8. Correspondence

A letter was received from Uno buses regarding the damage to the War memorial. The Chair will email them with bank details so they can pay for the damages made.

Details of planning appeals had been received. The Chair will look at these and email the other Councillors as necessary.

9. Any other business

RJ reported that the allotments are all rented out again this year and there is still a waiting list. The allotments rents were handed to the Clerk for 2019-2020 being £280.

The Village Hall Management Committee are organising a jazz and picnic evening on 13th July on Essendon Playing fields. It is a non-profit event with nominal admission charge. The Village Hall has been booked too in case of inclement weather. The Village Hall Management Committee requested £400 to cover the cost of musicians, licences and insurances. It was agreed that the Parish Council will sponsor the event subject to the £400 being returned if the event proved profitable. Any profit from the event to be put back into the Village Hall.

Concerns were expressed about the security of the Village Hall and the absence of caretaking arrangements. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr RJ to attend the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting on Monday 20 May 2019 and ask about the above and other management matters and report back.

The Chair will request a planner to attend the Public Meeting on the 5th June 2019.

Meeting closed 20.01