

**MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Mike Brown (Chair), Keith Venables, Ian Venables, Tracey Willetts, Fran Christensen and Rex Jones

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers

**22/11 Apologies**

To receive and accept apologies for absence

No Apologies for absence

**22/12 Interests**

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

No declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

**22/13 Minutes**

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 11 January 2022 as an accurate record of proceedings.

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

**22/14 Matters arising**

- a) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A committee has been formed to arrange the celebrations. TW will represent the Parish Council

**22/15 Public Issues**

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

No issues raised

**22/16 To receive updates on:**

- a) 21/26 a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413. Reported to HCC - awaiting a response
- b) 21/26 c) Drains on West End Lane – one drain has been cleared; Ringway has been approached regarding the others.
- c) Fencing between the playground and golf course - completed
- d) Trimming of trees adjacent to the Speed Indicator Device that will be necessary in the spring. Comments from a resident were noted. Ringway will be approached if trimming is thought necessary
- e) Grass verge in Rectory Close - reported
- f) Damaged road surface on Essendon Hill - reported

**22/17 Planning**

- a) Update on notifications received and considered for planning applications between 11 January and 14 February 2022
- b) 6/2021/3179/HOUSE Lower West End Farm West End Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AZ Replacement of existing conservatory with new orangery – approved
- c) 53 High Road 6/2021/2816/HOUSE – application refused
- d) Application Reference: 6/2022/0008/HOUSE -Proposed development at: 6 East View Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HJ - Erection of a two-storey rear extension

- e) Application Reference: 6/2021/3420/COND Proposed development at: The Spinney High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HP Proposal: Submission of details pursuant to condition 2 (boundary treatments) on planning permission 6/2019/1214/VAR- application approved
- f) Application Reference: 6/2022/0330/PN10 Proposed development at: Holwell Court Farm Holwell Court Hatfield AL9 5RL. Proposal: Prior approval for a change of use from agricultural buildings to 5 dwellinghouses

**22/18 Finance**

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget.
- b) Payments – Clerk’s salary, Repair of laptop, Playground fence £2495 + VAT £499 = £2994, Wix website hosting £93.60, Travel costs £15.10. All payments unanimously approved
- c) Investment of funds for the Hall Replacement Fund – MB briefed the council on the meeting with CCLA. Motion that the Investment plan be approved in principle, subject to further consideration and study of available options, proposed by KV, seconded by FC and unanimously approved
- d) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Motion that a loan of £500 be offered to the committee with the understanding that this could be increased if necessary. Proposed by MB, seconded by IV, and unanimously approved
- e) 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.

**22/19 Correspondence**

- a) Project Officer HCC – query on improvement works on Footpath 13. Clerk to respond requesting further detail on exactly what works are being proposed, and the material that would be used.
- b) Birchall Garden Suburb - Tarmac rejected Council’s request for them to call a public meeting in the Village Hall to present its plans and address any local issues which may arise. Tarmac will be holding a public webinar in March to update residents on the plans, which will be advertised in due course. Residents of Essendon will receive an invite leaflet when these are distributed.

**22/20 AOB**

No items raised

**22/21 Next Essendon Parish Council Meeting:**

Monday, March 14, 2022

Meeting closed at 8:20