

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of **Eversholt Parish Council** held on  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Eversholt

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Mrs M Gabrys (Chair), Mrs F Newport-Hassan, Mr R Smith

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs K Barker (Clerk)

**96 Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Common, d’Anstee, Richardson and Chapman

**97 Parish Council Elections May 2011**

The Clerk said that the local elections would be held in May. She said she would be sent nomination packs and notices from Central Beds shortly.

**98 Declaration of interests** – Cllr Gabrys – Eversholt School, Cllr Newport-Hassan – Swimming Pool, Cllr Smith – Village Hall

**99 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved. Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by the Chair the approval of the minutes as a true record. All agreed by those present and signed by the Chair.

The Clerk said she had been informed that the Village Hall was not available for the February meeting as it was being decorated. She said that where no other venue was available, the Green Man could be used. Cllr Smith said that he had attended a village hall meeting and was told that as the end of February was towards the end of the works the Parish Council may be able to use the hall. The Clerk was asked to check this with Gillian Duggan.

**(Action Clerk)**

**100 Matters Arising**

100.1 Telephone Box – Church End

100.1.1 Ideas for use

The Chair said that Cllr Common had some ideas for containers. Cllr Newport-Hassan said that she had some spare shelving/racks that could be used and would contact Cllr Common.

**101 Reports from Central Beds Councillors**

Cllr Wells said that there will be no increase in Council Tax in Central Bedfordshire next year assuming that the draft budget is ratified by full Council next month. The draft budget proposes that in the region of £180m should be spent on local services including roads, libraries, support for schools, social care, planning and leisure services. Additional investment of £1m is recommended for children’s services and another £0.9m has been earmarked for social care for older people. The proposals also include savings of nearly £20m, necessary in light of a reduction of Government grant of £14m next year. The majority of these (£12.7m) will be delivered through cutting running costs by streamlining and reshaping services. These measures build on the efficiency programmes already delivered by the Council in its first two years of operation. Through actions such as cutting management overheads, savings of more than £20m have already been delivered. A smaller proportion of savings for next year (£6.7m) are proposed through reductions in services across the Council. The Council is actively seeking to work with communities and partners in Towns, Parishes and voluntary organisations to find new ways of delivering some of the services it is no longer able to fund, such as youth services and homework clubs. Residents have been fully briefed on the proposals through a variety of conventional and e.communications. The closing date for feedback is 25<sup>th</sup> January to allow time for this to be fed into the final budget report. Key dates for decision making are:- Executive Committee consider final budget on 15<sup>th</sup> February and recommend to Council; Full Council determine the final budget and Council Tax for 2011/12 on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Wells said that the 140 Bus Service is almost certain to be cut. Simon Ayers at Central Beds is looking at Dial a Ride or a community service to take it over. He said that he would talk to the cabinet about it. He also spoke about the Local Transport Plan and said that he would like the emphasis to be on rural areas.

The Clerk read out some comments from Cllr Richardson regarding rubbish collections during the recent bad weather and asking that the appreciation of the Parish Council and residents should be expressed to the collectors. Cllr Wells said that verdant make the decision whether they will collect rubbish in the region based on the weather conditions. The Clerk to email Cllr Wells with the Parish Councils thanks for him to pass on. **(Action Clerk)**

Cllr Wells was passed the speeding petition. He said he would pass this to the Executive Committee and suggested that a Cllr should attend. He said that the Executive Committee would then look at the petition and debate it and a decision would then be made. Cllr Wells said he would inform the Clerk of the process and dates.

## 102 Public Forum

None

## 103 Finance

### 103.1 Bank Balances:

Barclays Current Acct	£1,242.05
Barclays Business Premium Acct	<u>£3,264.59</u>
	£4,506.64

### 103.2 The Chair proposed, seconded by Cllr Newport-Hassan the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Mrs K Barker – Salary	£203.04
Mrs K Barker – expenses, mileage and office allow	£ 86.10
Cllr P Richardson – expenses	£ 93.28
C Adams – wreath	<u>£ 22.50</u>
	£404.92

### 103.3 Other finance matters:

#### 103.3.1 Risk Assessment

The Clerk said she would finalise the risk assessment for adoption at the February meeting with the full council. **(Action Clerk)**

#### 103.3.2 Standing Orders

To be reviewed at the February meeting. The Clerk to email a copy to all Cllrs. **(Action Clerk)**

#### 103.3.3 Financial Regulations

To be reviewed at the February meeting. The Clerk to email a copy to all Cllrs. **(Action Clerk)**

#### 103.3.4 Internal Auditor

The Clerk said that last years Internal Auditor was no longer able to continue. She had found another Internal Auditor who currently works for Hedgerley Parish Council. His charges are £35 per hour plus mileage. The Clerk said that the audit should take no longer than an hour. She said she would check with Central Beds before making any agreement with a new Internal Auditor. **(Action Clerk)**

## 104 Planning:

### 104.1 Planning Applications:

104.1.1 CB/10/04519/FULL – Holly Cottage, Lower Rads End – removal of existing two storey rear extension and flat roofed garages. Replace with two storey extension. The Parish Council had no objection but made the comments: what arrangements have been made for drainage as there is a large area of pave and terrace, the Parish Council do not want them draining onto the road; the residents of numbers 7 and 8 and the detached property between numbers 6 and 7 will lose their view; the Parish Council question whether the new windows on the application will overlook the properties intrusively; are there any conservation restrictions on any of the trees to be felled.

### 104.2 Planning Appeal

104.2.1 CB/10/02866/FULL – 5 Higher Rads End – first floor extension to existing bungalow, new porch, pitched roof over store and new double garage. Noted by the Parish Council.

104.3 Planning Amendments

104.3.1 CB/10/03396/FULL – The Coach House, Witts End – replacement dwelling, provision of a garage and demolition of ménage. The Clerk said she had spoken to Planning. The amendment related to the conversion of the building and its relation to the existing buildings. The Planning Department said that this would not address the comments made by the Parish Council and therefore the Parish Council's decision to object will remain unchanged.

104.4 Planning Decisions: None

104.5 Responsibility for Ends

Cllr Richardson – Church End, Wakes End, Brook End  
Cllr Gabrys – Higher Rads End, Potters End, Tyrells End  
Cllr Newport-Hassan – Lower Rads End, Tingrith Road  
Cllr Smith – Old Water End, New Water End, Berry End  
Cllr d'Anstee – Witts End  
Cllr Common – Hills End, Froxfield

**105 Highways and related matters**

105.1 Highway Representative Report

Cllr Newport-Hassan said she had reported some potholes. She said she had asked Highways to look at the loose gravel on Tingrith Road and for some gulleys to be cleaned. She said she would ask Ian Lemon from Highways to attend a village walkabout to look at other potholes and areas of concern.

105.1.1 Prioritised Works Programme for 2011/12 – 2013/14 – Central Beds

Cllr Newport-Hassan went through the programme. She said she had asked for the railings at the Water End Culvert to be looked at. Cllrs agreed that the soak away that has collapsed at Tyrells End should be added to the list. Cllr Newport-Hassan said she would put in a request.

**(Action Cllr Newport-Hassan)**

105.1.2 Seasonal Vegetation Contract and map – for completion

Cllr Newport-Hassan said she would look at the papers, complete and return.

**(Action Cllr Newport-Hassan)**

105.1.3 Cllr Richardson letter

The Clerk read out some comments from Cllr Richardson regarding highways. The decision to replace rather than repair the surface of some roads around central Bedfordshire has proved successful in that the areas replaced have remained sound following the recent bad weather. This was a good long term decision which would show benefits in the cost of patching over and over again. Cllr Richardson asked that Amey be thanked. Cllrs agreed and asked the Clerk to email the comments to Cllr Wells for him to pass on.

**(Action Clerk)**

105.2 Speeding

105.2.1 Petition

See Reports from Central Beds Councillors.

**106 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports**

106.1 Representatives Reports

Cllr Smith said that the Village Hall Committee had discussed the possibility of an occasional car park on the bowling green along with landscaping.

106.2 Representatives for Village Committees for 2011

To be discussed at the February meeting.

**107 Other Village matters**

107.1 Village Competitions

To be discussed at the February meeting.

107.2 Twinning with a European village or small town

The Chair said that her article had missed the December issue of About Eversholt and would now go in the February issue.

107.3 Lichfield Bus Service

See Reports from Central Beds Councillors. The Chair said she had received a letter from a resident concerning the termination of the Bus Service. The Clerk said that Louise Freeman at the Green Man would be happy to set up a petition. The Chair said she would speak to Louise Freeman, respond to the resident and draft a letter to Mr Ayers at Central Beds. **(Action Chair)**

**108 General correspondence (circulated in the correspondence folder):**

Fieldwork, CPRE Magazine, Gypsy and Traveller Plan letters, documents and disc, Local Council Review, Clerks and Councils Direct, Council Tax Base letter, BATPC letter, Beds Bugle, Royal British Legion Poppy Weekend Brochure, Affordable Rural Housing – a practical guide for Parish Councils

**109 Date and place of next meeting:**

**Parish Council Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011  
Village Hall, Eversholt**

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**