



EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs M Gabrys (Chairman), Mr P Collin, Mr W Creamer, Mrs E Crichton, Mr A Miller,
Mrs F Newport-Hassan, Mr P Richardson, CBC Cllr Mr J Baker

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Barker (Clerk), no members of the public were present

- 1468 Apologies for absence - none
- 1469 Declaration of interests – Cllr Gabrys Point 1475.1.1, Cllr Richardson – Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity, Cllr Miller – Eversholt School
- 1470 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2020 were approved. Cllr Richardson proposed, seconded by Cllr Newport-Hassan the approval of the minutes as a true record. All agreed by those present and to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting in person.
- 1471 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- 1472 Reports and representations
1472.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker
CBC Cllr Baker said that CBC are surveying blocked drains in the local area. He is still lobbying for the road between Eversholt and Milton Bryan to be added to the gritting schedule. The C100 will be patched and surface dressed and the road from Tyrells End to Old Water to also be patched.
- 1473 Public Forum
The Clerk read out an email asking for a length and weight limit to be applied in Higher Rads End for access only. The resident is concerned about the increase in large delivery lorries on Higher Rads End over the last year or so creating vibration in the house and turning right up the dead end, then reversing into the hedge and turning back down towards Witts End. The Parish Council noted his concerns and agreed to add it to the list of signs and speed limits to be put forward to the Traffic Management Committee.
- 1474 Finance
1474.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account	Amount £
Barclays Current Acct	5,299.66
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,290.69
TOTAL	8,590.35

- 1474.2 Payments:
The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Newport-Hassan the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount £
100961	K Barker – salary Jan	239.20
100961	K Barker – expenses Jan	33.04
100962	HMRC – Clerks tax	39.60
100963	Barbara Osborne – payroll	66.00
100964	BATPC – subscription	93.00
100965	Arc Arboricultural Solutions – tree survey	252.60
	TOTAL	723.44

1474.3 Other finance matters:

1474.3.1 Budget Report

The Clerk circulated the budget report/accounts and these were noted.

1474.3.2 Ward Cllr Grant Scheme

CBC Cllr Baker mentioned that he again has a small pot of money given to Ward Cllrs for local projects and asked the Parish Council to consider applying. Cllr Miller suggested that a grant could be used towards paint and brushes for re-painting the railings and also for signage around the Recreation Ground 'dispose of rubbish properly'. He said he will draw up a proposal and circulate to all Cllrs.

(Action Cllr Miller)

1475 Planning

1475.1 Planning Applications:

Cllr Richardson took over as Chairman

1475.1.1 CB/20/04713/LB - Post Office House, Church End - addition of rear porch extension.

CB/20/04712/FULL - Post Office House, Church End - addition of rear porch extension

The Parish Council have no objection to the applications.

Cllr Gabrys returned as Chairman

1475.1.2 CB/TCA/21/00005 – Village Hall, Church End - works to trees within a Conservation Area: Thin out the two lowest laterals by no more than 20% and reduce end weight by up to 0.5m to achieve clearance from the ground of 2.5 - 3.0m, remove dead limb on western side to Cedar Tree T2. Remove epicormic growth, crown lift to 3.0m and remove dead wood to Lime Tree T3. Removal of 4 lower branches to lift canopy to Copper Beech Tree T4. Remove, poor specimen, shear crack in main stem and water shoots throughout canopy, stressed specimen within a group possible Ash Die Back to Ash Tree G2a

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

CB/TCA/20/00698 – Cricket Club, Church End - works to a tree in a conservation area: thin out lower lateral west aspect by 30%, reduce height and clearance of 3.5m from ground up and remove deadwood to Cedar Tree. Reduce lower canopy and canopy clearance of up to 2.5m to Holm Oak Tree

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

1475.1.3 CB/21/00238/FULL – Builders Yard – conversion of redundant stables to a two bedroom single storey dwelling (use class C3 (a)) including infill of existing canopy area.

The Parish Council voted 4 objections, 2 no objections and one abstention. The objection was carried.

The Parish Council object to the application

Eversholt Parish Council object to the application. Eversholt is a unique village as it is made up of "Ends" with open space between the "Ends" and by allowing a domestic development between two ENDS, it will effectively join Higher Rads End to Witts End. Should there be insufficient grounds to refuse the application, there should be no infill of the canopy under any circumstances. Planning conditions should state that the limits of the current structure are adhered to including no increase in height and only the enclosed footprint of the building should be allowed to be developed. There should be restrictions on the future development to disallow any future expansion of the building and a condition of granting the application should be the indefinite prohibition of such development. In order to protect and maintain the unique character of Eversholt any future construction would be considered over development of the site. The development should not be allowed to be sold as a separate entity as a standalone dwelling.

1475.2 Other Planning Matters:

1475.2.1

Appeal

Appeal - CB/20/00314/FULL Appeal Reference

APP/P0240/W/20/3255810 Site at Brackenhill Farm, Eversholt Road, Tingrith - planning appeal dismissed. Noted by the Parish Council

1475.2.2

Development Issues (Enforcement cases)

1475.2.2.1 CB/EN/20/0552 – Paddock at the Coach House, Witts End – removal of protected hedgerow

1475.2.2.2 CB/EN/20/0551 – Hounsfild House, Tingrith Road – occupation of barn as dwelling

1475.2.2.3 CB/EN/20/0550 – The Paddock, Higher Rads End – alteration of access to highway

Enforcement cases noted by the Parish Council

1476 Highways and related matters

1476.1 Highway Representative Report

Cllr Newport-Hassan reported that some pothole have been filled.

1476.1.1

Encroachment of verges/Signs and speed limits

Cllr Collin said that he has circulated a draft report of issues. He said that there are too many different speed limits within the Eversholt village boundaries in particular considering road conditions, lack of lighting, lack of footpaths, necessary usage of the roads etc that provide a lack of clarity about driving in Eversholt. Some of the speed signs are unclear, not always in the best of condition and/or facing the right direction. In particular, the derestricted areas only serve to allow people to drive too fast, for too short a time creating problems in slowing down at critical junctures. He recommended that there should be only 2 speed limits in Eversholt. 30 mph for the outlying feeder roads into the village centre and a maximum 20 mph in the Village Centre itself. All speed limits should be shown clearly at the entrances to roads, where speed limits change and where possible, as white line markings in the roads themselves.

CBC Cllr Baker said that the mechanism for applying for changes is for the Parish Council to petition the Traffic Management Committee. The Parish Council should formulate their proposals and also show support from the local community for the measures. He said that he will support it.

Cllrs Collin and Crichton agreed to draw up a final draft of the proposals and CBC Cllr Baker said that he will look over the proposals before it is submitted to the Traffic Management Committee. It was agreed that a poll of residents be undertaken to ascertain their views. **(Action Cllrs Collin/Crichton)**

1477 Other Village matters

1477.1 Recreation Ground lease

Cllr Richardson said that the Hall Charity is now operating correctly and not as was deemed correct since the amalgamation of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground charities in 1988. He said that Cllrs should refer to the document dated 4th November 2020 produced by the Chairman of the Village Hall Trust which has been circulated to all Cllrs. The constitution of the Hall Charity was also circulated which details how the Charity operates. The Cllrs to review the Charity Commission deed for next months meeting. **(Action all Cllrs)**

1477.2 Trees on the Recreation Ground

The planning application for works to the trees has been approved. The tree work to be organised.

1477.3 Refurbishments

1477.3.1 Benches

Cllr Miller said that the refurbishment is nearly completed with just one more coat of paint to be done.

1477.3.2 Recreation Ground railings - refurb/painting

Cllr Miller said that this is on hold until further notice. A painting party will be arranged once distancing regulations are eased. Some repairs need to be done to the railings, the Cricket Club could be asked to contribute to the cost.

1477.4 Bench in memory of Robin Smith

Cllr Miller said that the cost of the bench will be £508.98 which will be divided between the Parish Council, Village Hall, Parochial Charity and possibly Jane Smith who would like to make a contribution. Wording on the bench to be confirmed.

1477.5 Speedwatch Scheme

Nothing to report.

1477.6 Dog Bin

Cllr Newport-Hassan said she has received a thank you note from a resident in Tingrith Road thanking the Parish Council for arranging the installation of the new dog bin which was installed in December. The Clerk was asked to request a dog bin in Tyrells End, Cllr Miller to confirm the exact location. **(Action Cllr Miller/Clerk)**

1477.7 About Eversholt

Cllr Crichton said that the last edition was sent out on Whatsapp. She said that it has been difficult to get hold of the printer and suggested that an alternative printer could be sourced.

1477.8 Covid -19

Nothing to report.

1478 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports

Nothing to report.

1479 General correspondence: CPRE Bedfordshire Matters, Countryside Voices

1480 Date and place of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

7.30pm Village Hall or via Zoom

The meeting closed at 9.02pm