

EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

PRESENT: Cllr M Gabrys (Chairman), Cllr A Miller, Cllr F Newport-Hassan, Cllr P Richardson

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

- 1481 Apologies for absence Cllr P Collin, CBC Cllr J Baker
- 1482 Declaration of interests Cllr Gabrys Eversholt School, Cllr Richardson Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity, Cllr Miller Eversholt School
- 1483 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2021 were approved. The Chairman proposed, seconded by Cllr Richardson 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.

1484 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1485 Reports and representations

1485.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker CBC Cllr Baker was not present.

1486 Public Forum

There were no comments from members of the public.

1487 Finance

1487.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account	Amount £
Barclays Current Acct	5,127.42
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,290.69
TOTAL	8,418.11

1487.2 Payments:

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount £
100966	K Barker – salary Feb	239.20
100966	K Barker – expenses Feb	41.37
100967	HMRC – Clerks tax	39.60
100968	W Creamer – labour and materials bench repairs	540.00
100969	lan Meadows – website renewal	47.99
100969	Ian Meadows – SSL certificate website security	50.40
	TOTAL	958.56

1487.3 Other finance matters:

1487.3.1 Budget Report

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

1487.3.2 Ward Cllr Grant Scheme

See Point 1490.3.2. Cllr Miller agreed to submit the application for a grant for the repairs to the railings. (Action Cllr Miller)

1488 Planning

1488.1 Planning Applications:

No planning applications were received.

1488.2 Enforcement cases

1488.2.1 CB/EN/20/0552 – Coach House, Witts End – removal of protected

The Planning Enforcement Officer does not have an update at the moment.

1488.2.2 CB/EN/20/0551 – Hounsfield House, Tingrith Road – use of barn as a dwelling

The Planning Enforcement Officer has been in communication with the owner who has provided photographs of all the external elevations and photos of the internal layout. From reviewing these it is obvious that the building is not currently being used as a dwelling. Although the internals are still being completed, it could not be used as a dwelling in the future without some significant internal and external changes and upgrades. The Enforcement Officer will therefore be recommending this case for closure. Should the Parish Council notice any significant changes to the exterior such as the implementation of full windows (including roof windows) or changes to the type of access door then they should contact him again. Remove from the agenda.

1488.2.3 CB/EN/20/0550 – The Paddock, Higher Rads End – new entrance/gate

The Planning Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the owners to discuss the works and the planning history and they have now appointed an agent and are in the process of completing an application for the works. The Planning Enforcement Officer will be back in touch when it has been submitted.

1488.3 Other Planning Matters:

1488.3.1 Builders Yard

Cllr Richardson reported that the 2 concrete pads that were put down in the Builders Yard that Enforcement insisted were removed, have never been removed. The Clerk to email Enforcement.

(Action Clerk)

1489 Highways and related matters

1489.1 Highway Representative Report

Cllr Newport-Hassan reported that the potholes on the C100 near Birdcatchers Cottage have now been repaired. The road between Berry End and Water End is due to be closed for patching and there are various other road closures and repairs taking place.

1489.1.1 Encroachment of verges/Signs and speed limits Nothing to report.

1490 Other Village matters

1490.1 Recreation Ground lease

Cllr Richardson suggested that further discussions should be held when a meeting takes place in person.

1490.2 Trees on the Recreation Ground

Permission for the work has been granted and the tree work is to be done.

1490.3 Refurbishments

1490.3.1 Benches

Cllr Miller said that the benches are being painted, this in ongoing.

1490.3.2 Recreation Ground railings - refurb/painting

See Point 1474.3.2. Cllr Miller said that he is drawing up some costs for the repair and painting of the railings. The materials are likely to cost in the region of £460. Cllr Miller agreed to submit an application for the Ward Cllr Grant Scheme. The Parish Council agreed to ask for a small contribution from other village organisations towards the cost. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Miller for his work on the project. (Action Cllr Miller)

1490.4 Bench in memory of Robin Smith

Cllr Miller said that Jane Smith would like to contribute to the cost of the bench and has supplied some wording for the inscription. He said that the Swimming Pool may want to contribute and he will confirm the exact cost per organisation shortly.

1490.5 Speedwatch Scheme

Nothing to report.

1490.6 Dog Bin

Cllr Miller to confirm the exact location to the Clerk.

(Action Cllr Miller/Clerk)

1490.7 About Eversholt

Cllr Crichton is drawing up a bumper issue.

1490.8 Covid -19

Restrictions are shortly coming to an end. Remove from the agenda.

1490.9 Christmas Tree

Cllr Miller suggested purchasing and planting a Christmas Tree preferably outside the Church. The Parish Council said that this was a good idea but agreement must be sought from the Church.

(Action Cllr Miller)

1491 Parish Council Administration

1491.1 Review of policies

The Clerk to circulate the policies and documents for annual review at the next meeting.

(Action Clerk)

1492 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports

Village Hall – Cllr Richardson said that there has been an issue with the hall lighting and this is being looked into.

Swimming Pool – Cllr Miller said that the Swimming Pool Committee has agreed that the pool will open this year with restrictions to be advised.

1493 General correspondence: There was no correspondence.

1494 Date and place of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 30th March 2021 7.30pm Village Hall or via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.18pm