

EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

PRESENT: Cllr M Gabrys (Chairman), Cllr W Creamer, Cllr E Crichton, Cllr F Newport-Hassan, Cllr P Richardson, CBC Cllr J Baker

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

- 1495 Apologies for absence Cllr A Miller, Cllr P Collin
- 1496 Declaration of interests Cllr Gabrys Eversholt School, Cllr Richardson Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity
- 1497 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2021 were approved. Cllr Richardson proposed, seconded by the Chairman 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.

1498 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

- 1499 Reports and representations
 - 1499.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker

Drains: the drains have been cleared at Tyrells End. CBC have a 3 year policy of clearing drains but some need to be cleared sooner than this or annually.

C100: the C100 has been patched. Half will be surface dressed in the next six months but CBC will not do the second half until 2022.

Parking: there have been complaints about parked cars at Froxfield and Hills End. This seems to be caused by the temporary closure of Woburn car park during lockdown and walkers have been parking in alternative locations. It is hoped that this will resolve itself once lockdown ends. CBC Cllr Baker said that he emailed the Woburn Estate to ask if they could re-open the car park but they will not re-open it until 12th April.

1500 Public Forum

Cllrs spoke about comments from two members of the public that the contractors working at Linden Lodge often block the pavement which makes walking past very difficult. Also, the triangular grass verge just off the pavement has been churned up by vehicles parking on it and this is now in a very sorry state. There is also a grab bag of builders sand which looks abandoned on the grass verge. The Clerk said that she emailed the Woburn Estate and they apologised that the contractors are causing issues with regard to parking and will ensure that they are spoken to with relation to the matter. The works are ongoing however they should be complete by 22^{nd} April and the area will be made good when the contractors vacate the site.

1501 Finance

1501.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account Amount £

Barclays Current Acct	4,453.48
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,290.69
TOTAL	7,744.17

1501.2 Payments:

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

Cheque	Payee	Amount
Number		£
100971	K Barker – salary March	295.10
100971	K Barker – expenses March	29.52
100972	HMRC – Clerks tax	53.40
	TOTAL	378.02

1501.3 Other finance matters:

1501.3.1 Budget Report

The Clerk circulated the budget report/accounts and these were

noted.

1501.3.2 Ward Cllr Grant Scheme

CBC Cllr Baker said that there is no money left in the current scheme but there will be future schemes and the Parish Council should email Victoria.smith@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk for future schemes.

1502 Planning

1502.1 Planning Applications:

1502.1 CB/21/00709/FULL - 61 Hills End - completion of detached building and conversion to single storey ancillary building to the main house. The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

1502.2 Enforcement cases

1502.2.1 CB/EN/20/0552 – Coach House, Witts End – removal of protected

hedgerow

Nothing to report.

1502.2.2 CB/EN/20/0550 – The Paddock, Higher Rads End – new

entrance/gate Nothing to report.

1502.3 Other Planning Matters:

1502.3.1 Builders Yard – concrete pads

The Clerk said that she emailed Enforcement and they were unable to find the original enforcement case. Cllr Richardson said that he will provide more information.

(Action Cllr Richardson)

Cllr Richardson left the meeting

1503 Highways and related matters

1503.1 Highway Representative Report Nothing to report.

1503.1.1 Encroachment of verges/Signs and speed limits Nothing to report.

1504 Other Village matters

1504.1 Recreation Ground lease

Cllr Richardson said that the Parish Council will need to discuss recovering money from other organisations that was spent on the lease.

1504.2 Refurbishments

1504.2.1 Benches

Cllr Creamer reported that the benches have all been repaired and they will be painted when the weather improves.

1504.2.2 Recreation Ground railings - refurb/painting Nothing to report.

1504.3 Bench in memory of Robin Smith Nothing to report.

1504.4 Dog Bin Nothing to report.

1504.5 About Eversholt

Cllr Crichton said that she will be unable to continue as temporary Editor due to other commitments. A new Editor needs to be found as soon as possible. The Chairman suggested putting the vacancy on Whatsapp. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Chrichton for her hard work and for covering as Editor on a temporary basis.

1504.6 Covid -19 Nothing to report.

1504.7 Christmas Tree

To be discussed at the next meeting when Cllr Miller is present.

1505 Parish Council Administration

1505.1 Review of policies

To be reviewed at the next meeting

1505.2 Upcoming meeting dates

The Clerk spoke about the Governments decision not to extend the provision for Town and Parish Councils to meet remotely beyond 7th May. The Government is being lobbied about this so there is potential that this decision will change. The Clerk said that it would be preferable for the Parish Council to meet remotely for the time being and as the Annual Parish Council meeting has to be held in May, the following was suggested:

Tuesday 27th April – no meeting (hold over to the week after)

Wednesday 5th May (remotely) – Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm (local organisations to be invited)

Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm (Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman and normal agenda from the week before – end April)

Tuesday 25th May – no meeting unless the legislation is changed to hold remote meetings

Tuesday 29th June – possible meeting in the Village Hall or remote meeting subject to the situation nearer the time

- 1506 Village Committees Representatives/Reports There were no village reports.
- 1507 General correspondence: There was no correspondence.
- 1508 Date and place of next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday 5th May 2021
 7.00pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.08pm