



EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

PRESENT: Cllrs Mrs M Gabrys (Chairman), Mr P Collin, Mrs E Crichton, Mr A Miller,
Mrs F Newport-Hassan, Mr P Richardson

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

1400 Apologies for absence – CBC Cllr Mr J Baker

1401 Co-option

The Chairman proposed that Esther Crichton be co-opted onto the Parish Council as a Parish Councillor. This was seconded by Cllr Newport-Hassan. The co-option was agreed. Cllr Crichton to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the next meeting in person.

The Parish Council said they would like to thank Cathrine Birch for her work and commitment to the Parish Council over the last few years. The Clerk to write to Cathine Birch.

(Action Clerk)

1402 Declaration of interests – Cllr Richardson – Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity,
Cllr Gabrys - Eversholt School, Cllr Miller – Eversholt School

1403 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2020 and the notes of 31st March 2020 and 28th April 2020 were approved. Cllr Richardson proposed, seconded by Cllr Miller the approval of the documents as a true record. All agreed by those present and to be signed by the Chairman at the next meeting in person.

1404 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1405 Reports and representations

1405.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker
CBC Cllr Baker was not present.

1406 Public Forum

Cllr Newport-Hassan said that some residents have reported problems with people not keeping dogs on leads and not staying on the footpaths and wandering onto fields. It was agreed to put a note on the noticeboards and monitor the situation. **(Action Clerk)**

1407 Finance

1407.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account	Amount £
Barclays Current Acct	8,964.67
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,289.27
TOTAL	12,253.94

1407.2 Payments:

Cllr Richardson proposed, seconded by the Chairman the approval of the following payments, all agreed:

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount £
100936	K Barker – salary April	239.40
100936	K Barker – expenses	29.52
100937	HMRC – Clerks tax	39.40
100938	Zurich Municipal – insurance renewal	167.44
	TOTAL	475.76

1407.3 Other finance matters:

1407.3.1 Budget Report

The Clerk is in the process of drawing up the new budget report.

1407.3.2 Annual Audit of Accounts

The Clerk said that the annual accounts will need to be approved at the Parish Council meeting in June. The Internal Audit will be done remotely.

1407.3.2.1 Exemption from External Audit

Cllr Newport-Hassan proposed, seconded by Cllr Richardson that the Parish Council confirm their exemption from external audit, agreed by all. The Clerk to complete the form and get it signed by the Chairman and send to the external auditor.

(Action Clerk)

1407.3.3 Insurance renewal

The Parish Council resolved to renew the insurance.

1407.3.4 Ward Cllr Grant Scheme - £200 awarded

The Clerk was pleased to report that the Parish Council were awarded £200 from the Ward Cllr Grant Scheme towards the bench refurbishment project. She said that there will be another scheme later in the year.

1408 Planning

1408.1 Planning Applications:

1408.1.1 CB/20/01536/VOC - Eversholt House, Church End - Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission CB /19/00255/FULL & CB/19/00256/LB (Rear extension at ground and part first floor levels, conversion of adjacent outbuildings into habitable accommodation and associated internal works) Drawing references to be replaced as requested. The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

1408.2 Other Planning Matters:

1408.2.1 The Old Piggery, Higher Rads End

The Clerk to report to Enforcement that it appears that the developer is digging down and lowering the floor level on the site. The Parish Council is concerned that the developer is operating outside their remit.

(Action Clerk)

1408.2.2 Planning application updates:

Cllr Miller sent around a list of planning applications and their status. This was noted by the Parish Council.

1409 Highways and related matters

1409.1 Highway Representative Report

Cllr Newport-Hassan said that she will query why there is a 60mph speed limit on short distances between the 40mph off the C100 and 30mph limit at Witts End and Lower Rads End. When the 40mph was installed on the C100 the problem of short

60mph stretches was raised. Vehicles are going very fast on these stretches at the moment for some reason. There are also no Lower Rads End Signs anywhere despite it being used for the electoral roll. **(Action Cllr Newport-Hassan)**

Cllr Newport-Hassan said that she spoke to CBC Cllr Baker about the repair to the sinking road between Eversholt and Milton Bryan. She said that she will thank CBC for getting the footpaths cut.

1409.1.1 Damaged railings on C100
The repairs to the railings have been held up due to a shortage of materials.

1409.1.2 Highways defects/issues logged
No recent reports logged.

1410 Other Village matters

1410.1 Recreation Ground lease

Cllr Richardson said that he will circulate the proposed lease document that Bill Pougher has drawn up. The document appears to be fine but he asked Cllrs to look at it and provide their comments so that this can be approved at the June Parish Council meeting. He said that it has been circulated to the Village Hall Committee and their comments are awaited. Contributions to be reviewed at the June meeting.
(Action All Cllrs)

1410.2 Refurbishments

1410.2.1 Benches
The grant has been awarded and payment is awaited. Cllr Miller said that he will speak to Cllr Creamer about purchasing the materials.
(Action Cllr Miller)

1410.2.2 Recreation Ground railings - refurb/painting
Cllr Miller said that he is happy to obtain the paint and paint them.

1410.2.3 White supporting post and railings Church End
The Chairman said that the supporting post needs looking at and the railings may need replacing as they are very old. Cllr Miller to take a closer look and review the state of repair. **(Action Cllr Miller)**

1410.2.4 White notice board - Church End
Cllrs agreed that the noticeboard is not in a good state but decided to leave it as it is for the time being.

1410.3 Bench in memory of Robin Smith
Cllr Miller to follow up. **(Action Cllr Miller)**

1410.4 Speedwatch Scheme
Nothing to report.

1410.5 Dog Bin
Nothing to report.

1410.6 About Eversholt – editions and invoicing
The February and April editions were printed and distributed and it was agreed that subsequent editions will also be printed. The Clerk to invoice all advertisers with a covering letter confirming that printing took place as usual. The Clerk to confirm to Jeannie Lewis that the June copy can go ahead. The Parish Council to consider producing a smaller print run, reducing the size and digital copies for the future.
(Action Clerk)

1410.7 Covid-19
No further updates. Whatsapp has been a bit quieter.

- 1411 Parish Council Administration
1411.1 Review of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations/Risk Assessment/Asset Register
The Chairman proposed seconded by Cllr Richardson to accept the documents with no amendments, agreed by all.
- 1411.2 Meetings
The Clerk said that it should be noted that the Annual Parish Council meeting will not be held and therefore the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman will be held over until 2021. The Annual Meeting of the Parish has been cancelled and will not take place until 2021.
- 1412 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports
Parochial Charity - Cllr Richardson said that the Charity employs a lady who is the agent working on behalf of the Parochial Charity helping those in need.
- Swimming Pool – Cllr Miller said that the pool should have opened but due to the current restrictions and advice from Government and that the refurbishment work has not been finished by the builder due to the restrictions, the pool will not open this year.
- 1413 General correspondence: There was no correspondence.
- 1414 Date and place of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 30th June 2020
7.30pm Village Hall or via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.35pm