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## EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 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, CBC Cllr Mr J Baker

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

1429 Apologies for absence – there were no apologies

1430 Declaration of interests – Cllr Richardson – Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity,  
Cllr Gabrys - Eversholt School, Cllr Miller – Eversholt School

1431 Minutes  
The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and the notes of 7<sup>th</sup> July and 8<sup>th</sup> August were approved. The Chairman 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.

1432 Matters Arising  
There were no matters arising.

1433 Reports and representations  
1433.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker  
CBC Cllr Baker said that the damaged railings on the C100 were eventually replaced but the old railings were dumped by the Contractor behind the new ones, these have been removed. He said that he believes that a surface dressing will be done on the C100 at some point with road patching beforehand. He said that he will ensure that appropriate diversion routes are put in place for upcoming roadworks. The take up of the new green wheelie bins offered for garden waste throughout the area has been successful. He said that an enforcement case has been opened for land at Higher Rads End regarding a potential breach of the boundary onto CBC owned land.

1434 Public Forum  
Cllr Newport-Hassan reported problems with bags of dog mess being dumped. The Chairman said that she will put a note in About Eversholt. **(Action Chairman)**

1435 Finance  
1435.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account	Amount £
Barclays Current Acct	7,160.99
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,290.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,451.14</b>

1435.2 Payments:

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

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
100951	K Barker – salary Sept	295.10
100951	K Barker – expenses Sept	41.21
100952	HMRC – Clerks tax	53.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>389.71</b>

1435.3 Other finance matters:

1435.3.1 Budget Report

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

1435.3.2 Budget/Precept 2021/22

The Clerk to draw up the budget/precept for 2021/22 and circulate it prior to the October meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

1436 Planning

1436.1 Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications.

1436.2 Other Planning Matters:

1436.2.1 Appeal: CB/20/00314/FULL – Site at Brackenhill Farm, Eversholt Road – creation of two detached dwellings

The Parish Council noted the objection from Tingrith Parish Meeting and agreed to support their objections with the following comments:

Eversholt Parish Council object to the planning application for the partial redevelopment of the site to create two detached dwellings and support the objection comments submitted by Tingrith Parish Meeting:

‘Although it is located closer to the Rads End settlement, which is part of Eversholt Parish, the proposed Brackenhill Farm development site is part of the Green Belt within the Tingrith Parish boundary, permission has previously been given for the conversion of an agricultural building to two semi-detached single storey bungalows. This was permitted under Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order. i.e. conversion of an existing building. This has not taken place and the agricultural building still stands. The current application is not a conversion of an agricultural building but a complete demolition and new build of two large houses with a footprint over four times the original. This is clearly a new development outside the Rads End settlement envelope and encroaches further into the Tingrith Parish Green Belt. Central Bedfordshire has demonstrated a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land and there is no requirement to nibble away at the edges of the Green Belt in this area. This is not regarded as ‘affordable housing’ and is therefore not a way for local people, who have been priced out of the property market in this area, to move back in. If granted, this proposal would create an unacceptable precedent for erosion of the Green Belt in a way that is not sustainable or within the spirit of NPPF guidelines or of the adopted local plan policy’

1436.2.2 Planning application updates:  
Cllr Miller circulated a list of planning applications and their status. It was noted that a discharge of the planning conditions relating to the Old Piggery had been given. The Parish Council agreed to monitor this.

1437 Highways and related matters

1437.1 Highway Representative Report

Cllr Newport-Hassan said that she contacted Michelle Flynn, the footpaths Officer regarding footpaths 5 and 6 on the Greensand Walk being blocked by bamboo. Michelle has asked the Woburn Estate to remove it. 'No Cycling on footpaths' and 'Keep dogs under control' signs have been put up on the path down Higher Rads End.

Some strimming has been done on the footpaths and the Clerk was asked to contact CBC to thank the Contractor. The Clerk to ask CBC to re-instate the 'slow' sign at Granham Lodge, Higher Rads End. **(Action Clerk)**

There are some hedgerows that are expanding and encroaching onto the roadway which never seem to be cut back to their original position. Cllrs Collin and Crichton agreed to make a list of verges that are encroaching for the Clerk to report. A note to be put in About Eversholt to ask landowners to cut their hedges.

**(Action Cllrs Collin, Crichton)**

Cllrs spoke about signs in the village. It was mentioned that there is some confusion where to find some 'Ends' in the village as the signage is not sufficient. Cllr Collin said that he will take a look at the sign for Lower Rads End which is currently in an overgrown hedge. The road speed and signage at Water End and Witts End needs further consideration as there are disparities of speed at very short distances.

CBC Cllr Baker said that he will request new signs or upgrades if possible. He said that speed limit changes are more difficult to request as there are statutory consultations that need to be undertaken but he will look into it. The Parish Council agreed to look at signage throughout the village and submit some recommendations to CBC Cllr Baker.

Cllr Newport-Hassan said that the verge at the Old Piggery is being ruined by lorries parking on the verge. CBC Cllr Baker said that it is illegal for a vehicle to damage a highway verge. Cllr Newport-Hassan said that she will talk to the developer and ask them to reinstate the verge. The Parish Council to monitor.

1438 Other Village matters

1438.1 Recreation Ground lease

Cllr Richardson said that due to the current regulations, the lease is on hold. He said that he will raise it with the Village Hall Committee when appropriate. He said that costs incurred by the Parish Council need to be looked at and a decision made as to how much contribution to ask for from the organisations involved.

1438.2 Trees on the Recreation Ground

Cllrs discussed whether a survey of the trees on the Recreation Ground should be undertaken. Cllr Richardson agreed to find out what the current regulations are and obtain a quote. Cllr Richardson spoke about a possible extension to the cricket pavilion and said that, in his opinion, the cedar tree would not be disturbed by any extension. The lower branches may need trimming but permission may be required from CBC for any work on the tree. **(Action Cllr Richardson)**

1438.3 Refurbishments

1438.3.1 Benches

The Clerk said that the grant of £200 has been received. Cllr Miller said that the wood is on order. The benches will be painted black.

1438.3.2 Recreation Ground railings - refurb/painting

Cllr Miller said that some railings have come apart and need fixing. He said that he will look into it. **(Action Cllr Miller)**

1438.4 Bench in memory of Robin Smith  
Cllr Miller said he is awaiting an update on pricings and will send out a proposal and costs shortly.

1438.5 Speedwatch Scheme  
The Chairman said that the first speed watch took place and it went well. There were 53 vehicles in total with 2 going over 36 mph who did not slow down when seeing the speed watch sign. Another session will be held in due course.

The Parish Council raised the question again of implementing 20mph speed limits throughout the village.

1438.6 Dog Bin  
The Clerk to re-request a dog bin along Tingrith Road outside the Old Cottage.  
**(Action Clerk)**

1438.7 About Eversholt  
Thanks were expressed from the Parish Council to Cllr Crichton for producing the August edition of About Eversholt. Cllr Crichton said that she is happy to produce the editions for now and will look to get more people involved so that someone else can take over in due course. She said that she has asked the Print Room for quotes for using recycled paper and printing in other formats.

1438.8 Covid -19  
Cllr Richardson said that the Village Hall Committee is adhering to all the current regulations for the hall. A track and trace system has been set up and sanitisers and signs put in the hall.

1439 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports  
Parochial Charity – Cllr Richardson said that the Charity has undertaken superb work during lockdown helping those in need.

Swimming Pool – Cllr Miller said that the pool is currently being filled and work is nearly complete. A 'soft' opening may be held for the village.

1440 General correspondence: Clerks and Councils Direct

1441 Date and place of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
7.30pm Village Hall or via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.45pm