



EVERSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Eversholt Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom Video Conferencing

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

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

- 1455 Apologies for absence – Cllr Gabrys, Cllr Creamer
The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Cllr Creamer who had confirmed that he wished to remain as a Parish Cllr and he will endeavour to attend more meetings.
- 1456 Declaration of interests – Cllr Richardson – Village Hall, Eversholt Parochial Charity,
Cllr Miller – Eversholt School
- 1457 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2020 were approved. Cllr Newport-Hassan 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.
- 1458 Matters Arising
There were no matters arising.
- 1459 Reports and representations
1459.1 Central Beds Councillor J Baker
CBC Cllr Baker said that residents in Milton Bryan have been lobbying him to get the road between Milton Bryan and Eversholt and up to Tyrells End to the C100 on the gritting schedule. CBC have refused the request as it apparently does not meet their criteria. CBC Cllr Baker said that he will look at the criteria and send a copy to Cllr Miller.

CBC Cllr Baker said that the C100 will be surface dressed from Froxfield to Berry End. He said that he will ask for the work to extend to Water End.
- 1460 Public Forum
There were no reports from members of the public.
- 1461 Finance
1461.1 Bank Balances:

Bank Account	Amount £
Barclays Current Acct	6,063.52
Barclays Business Premium Acct	3,290.61
TOTAL	9,354.13

1461.2 Payments:

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Amount £
100956	K Barker – salary Nov	239.40
100956	K Barker – expenses Nov	40.84
100957	HMRC – Clerks tax	39.40
100960	F & W Creamer – replacement of damaged manhole	60.00
	TOTAL	379.64
	Postdated cheques	
100958	K Barker salary – Dec	295.30
100958	K Barker – expenses Dec	29.52
100959	HMRC – Clerks tax	53.20
	TOTAL	378.02

1461.3 Other finance matters:

1461.3.1 Budget Report

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

1461.3.2 Budget/Precept 2021/22

The Chairman proposed a budget of £7,879.00 and taking in to account advertising revenue of £425.00, a precept of £7,454.00 for 2021/22, which equates to a 0% increase over 2020/21 and a decrease in council tax of -1.5% for a Band D property. This was seconded by Cllr Newport-Hassan and agreed by all. The Clerk to send the precept request form back to Central Beds Council by the middle of January 2021. **(Action Clerk)**

Regular Expenditure	2021/22
Clerks Salary (inc Tax)	3,643.00
Clerks Expenses	500.00
Councillors Expenses	50.00
Payroll Service	290.00
Printing for About Eversholt	1,400.00
Donations	665.00
Subscriptions	130.00
Audit Fees	70.00
Insurance	174.00
Village Expenses (inc tree inspec/maint)	457.00
Recreation Ground Lease	500.00
TOTAL	7,879.00
Less Income from advertising	425.00
TOTAL PRECEPT	7,454.00

RESERVES	Recreation Ground Drains	Recreation Ground Metal Fence
	1,500.00	1,500.00

1462 Planning

1462.1 Planning Applications:

1462.1.1

CB/20/04198/FULL – Witts End Farm, Witts End – redevelopment of site and erection of 5 dwellings. The Parish Council object to the application as it is over development of the site. Five dwellings in this location is a cause for concern. There is the possibility of each dwelling having a minimum of two vehicles (possibly more), access to the site is very narrow and on a blind bend and as there is no footpath, pedestrians walk along that stretch of road to the school.

Under section Q there are strict guidelines about the development of farm out buildings.

1462.1.2 CB/20/04224/FULL / CB/20/04225/LB – Church Farm, Church End – ground and first floor extensions and internal alterations. The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

1462.2 Other Planning Matters:

1462.2.1 The Old Piggery
Cllr Newport-Hassan said that the developer did undertake some minor repairs some time ago but the road and verge on either side of the road has been left in a mess. The Clerk said that she has reported the issue to Enforcement Ref 346557. CBC Cllr Baker said that he has tried contacting the developer without success. The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Proctor at CBC to inform him that the shoulders of the road have been damaged by heavy vehicles, it is believed that the driveway and gate do not have enough standing area off road and the verges on both sides of the road have been affected.

1462.2.2 Planning application updates:
Cllr Miller circulated a list of planning applications and their status.

1462.2.3 Planning responsibility review

- Cllr Gabrys - Potters End, Berry End
- Cllr Miller - Hills End and Froxfield
- Cllr Richardson - Church End and Brook End
- Cllr Newport-Hassan - Tingrith Road and Lower Rads End
- Cllr Crichton - Witts End, Water End
- Cllr Creamer - Tyrells End
- Cllr Collin - Higher Rads End

1463 Highways and related matters

1463.1 Highway Representative Report

1463.1.1 Encroachment of verges
A list of issues with verges to be drawn up by Cllr Collin and Cllr Crichton. **(Action Cllrs Collin/Crichton)**

1463.1.2 Signs and speed limits
A list of issues with signs and speed limits to be drawn up by Cllr Collin and Cllr Crichton **(Action Cllrs Collin/Crichton)**

1463.2 Development Issues

- Gateway in hedge
- Hedge Witts End – partly removed
- Curtilage outside Chestnut Cottage
- New gateway and partly removed hedge – Lower Rads End
- Damage to highway along Higher Rads End
- Pole Barn – window

The Parish Council discussed the development issues and agreed that the Clerk should email Enforcement. The Clerk to stress that CBC need to understand that the Parish Council do not know if the developments breach the rules or not and the email is only an enquiry. However, if the rules have been breached, the Parish Council would expect the appropriate action to be taken. Three of the issues relate to hedges being removed and the Parish Council would like feedback from CBC on this so in future the Parish Council will know what is acceptable. **(Action Clerk)**

1464 Other Village matters

1464.1 Recreation Ground lease

Nothing to report.

1464.2 Trees on the Recreation Ground
The Chairman said that the survey will be done in December.

1464.3 Refurbishments

1464.3.1 Benches

Cllr Miller said that the wood for the benches is expected shortly and this will need painting and fitting.

1464.3.2 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. There will be a cost in the region of £200 for paint and brushes etc. He said that he will find out if there are any companies who are willing to donate materials. Some of the railings need welding repair work. Cllr Miller said that he will look into this. **(Action Cllr Miller)**

1464.4 Bench in memory of Robin Smith

Cllr Miller said that he needs to confirm the wording and design and will then circulate details of the bench.

1464.5 Speedwatch Scheme

Nothing to report.

1464.6 Dog Bin

The Clerk said that she will re-confirm the location for the dog bin as CBC were unable to find the location. The bin should be in place shortly. **(Action Clerk)**

1464.7 About Eversholt

Cllr Crichton said that the next edition is with the printers and awaiting the print run but there is a delay due to lack of staff. She suggested that the editions could be available as a pdf and printed off or it could be put on whatsapp or the website.

1464.8 Covid -19

Nothing to report.

1465 Village Committees – Representatives/Reports

Swimming Pool – Cllr Miller said that the swimming pool refurbishment is almost complete.

Parochial Charity – Cllr Collin agreed to be the second Representative on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk to inform the Parochial Charity. **(Action Clerk)**

1466 General correspondence: There was no correspondence

1467 Date and place of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 26th January 2021
7.30pm Village Hall or via Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.55pm