

CRANBORNE AND EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th February 2019
in The Cecil Memorial Hall, Cranborne.

PRESENT: Cllr. Dr. J. Turner (Chair), Cllrs Mrs Batten, Isaacs, Mackenzie, Packman and Vigar. Cllrs. Hayward, Campbell, Chandler and Quinlan. District & County Cllr Butler.
Clerk Mrs S Fairchild, clerk designate Ms W Hopkins.

1. Open Forum. There were no members of the public present.
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Morse and Stirling.
3. Disclosure of Interests. Cllr Mrs Vigar for item 5.2 and 7.7, Cllr Campbell for anything Cranborne Estate related.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 15th January 2019 were accepted as an accurate record and duly authorised. Cllr Campbell drew the Chairman's attention to two mistakes in the minutes which have now been corrected.
5. **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 3/19/0183/FUL – Conversion of traditional Agricultural Barn to C3 dwellinghouse (change of use from agri to C3 dwellinghouse) at West Farm, Romford, Verwood.
No Objections
 - 5.2 3/19/0171/TCA – T2 Cupressus – Remove, T4 Hawthorn – re-pollard to previous points at Crane Lodge, Cranborne
No Objections
6. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**
 - 6.1 Cllr Butler reported on the new Dorset Council, Cranborne & Alderholt ward, £10m savings, how council tax will be harmonised and children's services.
7. **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**
 - 7.1 Chairman's report. The Chairman advised members that he and the clerk have received letters from the Cranborne Estate to advise that the footpath from Penny's Lane to Holwell will be improved and work will commence on the 4th March for about 10 days. He also said that at a later date the Estate have advised that the lower footpath behind Hibberds Field will also be improved making a circular path. He has concerns regarding a circular path which he feels will open up the opportunity for motorcycles to use the track. The Chairman said that he feels the top path is adequate enough and that there is no need to make the route circular. The clerk said that the path is to be accessible to wheelchairs and pushchairs meaning the entrance will have to be large enough to accommodate these meaning motorbikes and other motorized vehicles could get through. Are the Estate restricting anyone at all? Beatrice Mason, Rural Property Manager at the Estate

says in the letter that the pathway will be made permissive for bicycles. The Chairman advised that the residents of Hibberds Field had signed a petition in 2017 against the path and that Beatrice should be advised about this.

The Chairman reminded councillors that the clerk has sent an email to everyone to advise that there is an online survey about the Somerley Household Waste site and urged everyone to complete it.

7.2 ROW. No update.

7.3 Playarea. Cllr Quinlan said that as previously seen by the members, the quote from Alvian Ltd totaled £3442.00 + VAT and that he had looked at other ways locally to repair and maintain the equipment at a cheaper cost. However, as the clerk had pointed out by email, if the parish council carry out the repairs themselves and there is an accident you have to be very cautious re liability. Whereas, if the installer/fitter is an assured playarea company then any problems would come down to him. Therefore in the interest of the parish council being protected he proposed to go ahead with the works. The clerk will email Richard DeFee regarding the large climbing logs to ask if the estate can help.

Proposed : Cllr Quinlan, seconded : Cllr Mrs Isaacs, all agreed.

Action Clerk

7.4 Website. No update.

7.5 Highways – SID. The clerk has emailed the Community SID update newsletter to all members. The Chairman asked at the last meeting for proof that SID's work and the newsletter had confirmed that they do. The members had a discussion re the purchasing of our own SID and the costs involved which the clerk advised were approx. £3000 plus VAT. A discussion was held and agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a SID. This will entail Highways conducting a speed survey initially in order for the SID to be authorised by CC. Clerk to action survey.

Proposed : Cllr Mrs Isaacs, seconded : Cllr Mrs Mackenzie, all agreed.

Action Clerk

7.6 Flytipping. The Chairman said that there has been flytipping at Holwell Farm and Westworth which has now been removed.

7.7 Annual Parish Council Project.

Edmondsham War Memorial – no update.

Bus Shelter – The clerk advised that the planning department at EDDC have now replied and confirmed that the parish council will need to apply for planning permission before a bus shelter can be erected. Also, Kevin Ridge has been asked to provide a quote to build a bus shelter.

7.8 Transport. Cllr Hayward advised that he attended the last No 97 bus meeting and that the agreement, which has been emailed to all, is now ready for signing. This year's contribution is a lot less than last year's and our budget more than covers the

£991.61 needed from this council. Clerk to sign and return. All agreed.

Proposed : Cllr Mrs Isaacs, seconded : Cllr Mrs Batten.

Action Clerk

7.9 Land Registry. No update.

7.10 Local Plan Review 'Options' Consultation. Cllr Quinlan has drafted a response from this council and this has been emailed to and seen by all members. Cllr Quinlan asked that if everyone is happy with the document then he would ask that it is passed to CCllr Butler and Gavin Fauvel. The clerk said that she has received an email from Alderholt PC asking if this council had any views on the proposed development in Alderholt and said she would also forward this document to them.

Proposed : Cllr Quinlan, seconded : Cllr Mrs Vigar, all agreed.

Action Clerk

7.11 Broken Fingerpost, The Square. The clerk advised that she has now heard from Dave Watson who has advised that the CC's insurance will pay for the repair of the fingerpost. Clerk to advise Kevin Ridge to go ahead with the work.

Action Clerk

7.12 BT Exchange Garden. The clerk updated the members on the work so far at the exchange garden. Mike Hill advised by email that a new door has been fitted to the exchange and the bird feeders were currently being constructed. The clerk has emailed him again to ask if the fence has been replaced along with the planting and the pruning work but as yet he has not replied.

7.13 Document Storage, Village Hall. Cllr Quinlan said that the parish council records are currently stored in a very small cupboard upstairs in the village hall. He proposes that the parish council contributes £500 to buy lockable cabinets together with the village hall to be placed in the committee room for storage of PC and the hall's records. A discussion was held on whether the council wanted to see cabinets in the committee room. It was asked as to how long our records have to be kept, something that the clerk is investigating for the new clerk. Clerk to contact DAPTC for information on record keeping. Defer until March meeting.

Action Clerk

7.14 Proposed Base Station, Damerham Road. Cllr Quinlan asked for an update on this at the January meeting. The clerk has been in contact with Sinclair Dalby who acted for Telefonica and they passed on our request for an update. Chris Dalby has emailed back saying that he has heard back from them but that it was not very helpful. Telefonica has not received a build instruction and has not been given an indication of any timetable so they just don't know and cannot update us.

7.15 Telephone Kiosk, The Square. Cllr Mrs Packman asked at January's meeting if the kiosk could be re-painted and the window pane be replaced. The clerk has reported this to BT Customer Services and they are currently waiting for pictures of the telephone box before they will commit to re-painting. The clerk will keep emailing.

- 7.16 Engagement with Planners. Cllr Campbell asked for this to be discussed because he feels that we should be finding a way to engage with the planners rather than going against them. Cllr Quinlan said that he would be interested to meet with them also and asked if Cllr Butler could help in providing a name they could approach. Cllr Butler said Lynda King would be the person to speak to. Cllrs Campbell and Quinlan to make contact. The clerk said that APC regularly meet with the planners re the proposed housing at Alderholt. Cllr Mrs Batten said she would be interested in going along but the clerk wasn't sure that the meetings were open to the public but she would inquire.

Action Clerk

- 7.17 Defibrillator Training. Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that she is arranging training for the 9th or 11th April at the sports and social club. The training will cost £50 and she wondered if the council would donate the total amount. All agreed very worthwhile.
Proposed : Cllr Mrs Vigar, seconded : Cllr Mrs Packman, all agreed.
- 7.18 New Clerk handover. Wendy Hopkins, the new parish clerk, is due to take over completely from 1st April. However, the yearend accounts cannot be done until after 31st March. Wendy is not confident enough to do the accounts alone and therefore both clerks require the council's permission for the current clerk to stay on another month until the end of April. This would be to get the new clerk through the accounts and to be in the background if any problems arise during Wendy's first month.
All agreed.
- 7.19 Cranborne Village Hall. Cllr Quinlan's report has been emailed to all members. He also advised that it has been noticed that the bins are being used by other people.
- 7.20 Edmondsham Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that the panto is currently on and that the water heater is to be installed.
- 7.21 CASC. Ongoing.
- 7.22 DAPTC. Cllrs Mrs Batten and Isaacs both attended the last meeting which covered the new Dorset Council.
- 7.23 Police. No Update. Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that the Church window has been shot at and reported.

8. **FINANCE**

- 8.1 To approve the following payments :-

£390.80 – Ms Wendy Hopkins, clerk designates salary, month 1, February 2019.
Proposed : Cllr Mrs Packman, seconded : Cllr Campbell

8.2 Request for funding from Life Education. A letter has been received from Life Education asking for a grant and everyone agreed that they do a very good job at the first school. £200 was donated in September last year even though the letter had arrived in May but due to investigations into Life Education at the request of the council nothing was donated until later. All agreed worthwhile cause. Defer until April.

9. **FOR REPORT ONLY**

Cllr Quinlan – both himself and Cllr Vigar had cleared out some old toys from the village hall and taken them to the tip. The workers at the tip wouldn't let them tip there as they said they were a commercial enterprise even though they explained it was a village hall. Eventually got dumped at the Wimborne tip.

Clerk – gave the 'OK' for the pre-school annual duck race, Saturday 30th March and informed councillors of the Roundtable event hosted Simon Hoare MP on Friday 1st March in Blandford. Cllr Mrs Isaacs confirmed she will attend.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.