

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM
IN ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL**

Present: Councillors:
R Alexander (Chairman) D Hares
M Glover D Hayes
D Panikkar

In attendance:
Councillor C Harriss Wycombe District Council
Mr N Phillips Community Impact Bucks
Mrs K Hillhouse Hastoe.

Clerk: R Norris

Action

Item 1.1 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Councillor McGrail. Councillor White was absent.

Item 1.2 Open Forum. There were no members of the public present so nothing was discussed under this item.

Item 1.3 Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest from the Councillors present at the meeting for items on the agenda.

Item 1.4 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2016 were unanimously approved and duly signed.

Item 1.5 Road Safety Issues. The meeting discussed the parking issue at Terrick that they had been notified of and agreed that it didn't come within the power of the Parish Council. The Clerk is to raise the matter informally with the local police. Regarding the parking on the verge along Ellesborough Road, Councillor Hares is still to discuss the matter with the owner of the vehicle. The Clerk reported that he had raised the matter of repairs to the signs on the Terrick Roundabout with the Local Area Technician (LAT). Also following the accident just north of Malt House Farm on Chalkshire Road, the Clerk is to report the damaged sign to the LAT. Lastly the meeting discussed the problem of pedestrians in the road on the bends past the church and on the hill on the Missenden Road. The conclusion was that the signage is inadequate to direct pedestrians to the footpaths. The Clerk is to raise the matter with the LAT to see if better signs directing pedestrians onto the footpaths may be installed.

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Item 1.6 Clerk's Report. The Clerk reported that because of the large amount of leaves in the Parish Hall car park he has asked for the Community Service workers to clear it. Also TfB were

unable to help with repainting the lines for the disabled parking, but the Clerk may be able to borrow the necessary equipment for us to carry out the work on a self-help basis. With regards to the Church Hill Charity, the Clerk had completed the Charity Commission Annual Return. Finally, he had received the official quotation from the notice board company which was for £1724.99 + VAT for the notice Board and the magnets. The charge for delivery would be £50.00 + VAT or for delivery and installation, £350.00 + VAT. The meeting agreed that the quotation was acceptable and we would proceed with the delivery and installation option. The Clerk was to place the order. (Clerk's Note: the order has been placed and accepted and the proof drawing checked by Councillor Hares)

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Item 1.7 Planning. Councillor McGrail in his absence had submitted briefing notes for the meeting. The only item of interest was that an application for a 2 storey extension at Jade Place on the Wendover Road had been refused because it would block light to a neighbouring property. There were 2 other applications but they did not merit any comment.

Item 1.8 Finance. The meeting checked the statements for the savings account and the current account and its cashbook reconciliation which were all in order. The meeting discussed the budget and the proposed precept. The Chairman noted that our cash assets were some £35000 and suggested that there was no need to raise our precept from the figure for the previous year. The meeting agreed unanimously with this and thus the precept for the year 2017/18 will be £19,617.67. The following payments were approved:

Payments made since last meeting:

T J Alexander (Bugler)	800051	£30.00
Ellesborough Parish Hall (Hire 16 Nov)	800052	£200.00
Ellesborough Parish Hall (Hire 4 & 16 Dec)	800053	£56.00
J & S Landscapes (Dog Bins and RoW)	800054	£154.97

No payments were made:

(Clerk's Note: The precept figure has been sent to WDC)

Item 1.9 HS2. The Clerk reported that he had received a request for a donation to support the Wendover Society in its fight for the longer mined tunnel, but since then Parliament has rejected the proposal and there is no point in continuing to fight HS2. However, the Society is going to continue to monitor HS2 to ensure that it meets all of its obligations during the construction phase. The meeting agreed to pledge a donation of £500 but the Clerk was to contact Bob Lewis of the Wendover Society to see if donations were still required and how the Society's actions would benefit Ellesborough.

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Item 1.10 Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents. The Clerk distributed the brochures and magazines that he had received since the last meeting.

Item 1.11 Footpaths, Stiles and Gates. Councillor Panikkar reported that she had obtained a quote of £270.00 from a contractor to put a gate in the fence between the playground and the adult fitness equipment area. The meeting agreed that this quotation was acceptable and Councillor Panikkar was to authorise the work to be carried out.

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Item 1.12 Affordable Housing. In order to not detain Mrs Hillhouse and Mr Phillips, this item was discussed as the first item. Mr Phillips and Mrs Hillhouse briefed the meeting on the reasons why the housing needs survey that had been carried out was not acceptable to the Planning Department of WDC. The response to the survey had been 31%, which is quite high, however, a number of the responses were incomplete – only 20% were satisfactory. Another comment was that the survey was out of date and the survey only identified a limited need for affordable housing. The Chairman said that the need was there when the previous survey was carried out some years before and the latest survey showed that the need was still there and asked if the survey was sub-standard. Mr Phillips rejected this saying that it was very similar to other surveys that had been carried out and which had been accepted. Of 313 distributed, 60 had been returned. The Chairman asked if the report had included all the data that had been collected from the survey. Mr Phillips would see if this was the case. Mrs Hillhouse was going to meet with WDC to try and determine exactly what they required for us to progress the project. Because it will require use of the Rural Exception Site procedure, Mrs Hillhouse believes this is the reason that WDC are being very robust in their requirements for the project. Mr Phillips agreed to look at the data that had been collected by the survey and see if any of it had been omitted from the report and both he and Mrs Hillhouse agreed that they would report back to the Clerk within 14 days on their findings and the meetings with WDC. Lastly, the Clerk is to contact the owner of the land which has been offered to the Council for the project to offer a meeting with Hastoe.

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Item 1.13 Matters of Report. The Chairman asked the meeting if anyone had any projects that they would like to see carried out in the Parish during the coming year. Councillor Glover's dream list included remodelling the Butlers Cross junction to include a pond and a cricket pitch on the 100 acre field. But apart from these he supported the suggestion for a defibrillator in an old style phone box where the public phone is currently. Councillor Panikkar suggested that because of the poor bus service, the provision of a community car should be investigated. However, because of the small size of our parish, there would not be enough drivers to manage it and the costs associated with it would be quite high. However, as both Princes Risborough and Wendover have community vehicles, for a financial contribution they might be willing to make their vehicles available to our parishioners. The Clerk is to contact the Princes Risborough and Wendover Clerks to see if they might be amenable to the idea of sharing. The provision of cycleways along Nash Lee Lane and the A4010 up to the nursing home were also put forward. Councillor Harriss suggested contacting British Cycling to see if they would be interested in assisting with funding. Councillor Glover raised the matter of the annual village party and suggested that it be held on Saturday the 8th of July. This date was agreed. Councillor Panikkar asked about the Fields in Trust applications and the Clerk stated he was still actioning them. The matter of the Best Kept Village competition was raised and after a little discussion about the lack of interest from the village it was agreed that we

would not enter the competition this year. Finally, the Chairman asked about the fish and chip van coming to visit, and as nothing had been heard the Clerk is to follow this up.

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Item 1.14 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 21 March 2017 at 7.30pm in Ellesborough Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 21.20 hrs.

Signed

Councillor Robert Alexander
Chairman
Ellesborough Parish Council