

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM  
IN ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL**

Present: Councillors:  
R Alexander (Chairman) D Hayes  
D Hares D Panikkar  
  
Parish Clerk: R Norris

**Action**

**Item 4.1 Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Councillors White and McGrail. Councillor Glover was absent.

**Item 4.2 Open Forum.** There were no members of the public present so nothing was discussed under this item.

**Item 4.3 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 4.4 Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 May 2017 were unanimously approved and duly signed.

**Item 4.5 Road Safety Issues.** The Clerk reported that he was still trying to make contact with the police with regards to the issue of speeding within the village. In a recent conversation with a policeman he had discovered that the best person to make contact with was PC Lee Turnam who is the Rural Speed Monitoring Officer. Hopefully a message has been passed to him to contact the Clerk but if nothing is heard within the next week the Clerk will make a further attempt to contact him. He will raise the issue of using the speedwatch equipment if it is still available, the use of a dummy speed camera and any other ways of reducing the speed of vehicles within the village. The appearance of the Terrick roundabout and the damage to it was discussed. The Clerk is to take the matter up with the Local Area Technician. The Chairman will investigate to see if there had been any outcome from our contact with the police regarding the parking of a vehicle across the pavement at Terrick Cottages. The last item discussed was the 40mph advisory speed limit for the bend at the main entrance to the Chequers. This type of speed limit is usually set well below the actual speed that vehicles are able to negotiate the bend but 40 mph is well above the speed at which cars could successfully get round this bend. The Clerk is to ask the LAT if the calculation for the limit on this bend can be checked.

**RN, RA**

**Item 4.6 Clerk's Report.** The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from the National Grid informing us about work on the overhead electricity line running through the parish across Nash Lee Lane and then the A4100 before running along the north side of North Lee Lane. The work will not involve any interruption to power supplies and all the concerned local landowners will be contacted so the meeting just noted the information. Also received was a letter about the round 2 consultation for East West Rail. The clerk is to examine the consultation material to see how

Ellesborough is affected and also to ensure that Ms Bonham of Dodds Farm is aware of the consultation. Lastly, the Clerk is to contact Bucks CC about noise abatement on the south side of the proposed Stoke Mandeville by-pass and to remind them to include Ellesborough in any discussions about how HS2 will affect traffic in our parish and the surrounding area.

RN

**Item 4.7 Recreational Facilities.** Councillor Panikkar reported that she was still investigating the replacement of the basketball frame on the playing field. The monies that have been promised by Ellesborough Aid are still available and a company has given her the option of making a bespoke board to replace the current one. She will continue to progress the matter. The allotment fence will be replaced in August with the work being carried out over 2 weekends. With regards to the vacant allotments, various options were discussed from using black plastic to keep the weeds down to spraying them with weed killer. The Clerk is to ask Steve Webb for a quote to spray the allotment with Roundup.

RN

**Item 4.8 Planning.** Councillor McGrail had advised in his brief, that there was nothing of import in the current applications. The Clerk reported that he had had 2 responses to the request for help with producing a local plan and he will pass their names onto Councillor McGrail.

RN, MMcG

**Item 4.9 Finance.** The bank statement, the reconciliation statement and the expenditure against budget were all checked and found to be in order. The following payments were approved:

J & S Landscapes (Grass Cutting May 17 )	800069	£577.59
Ellesborough Parish Hall (Hire 16 & 25 May)	800070	£32.00
Open Spaces Society (Annual Subscription)	800071	£45.00
J & S Landscapes (Grass cutting June 17)	800072	£585.47

The following payments were made:

Mr H White (Dunsmore Grass Cutting 2016)	800073	£80.00
Mr L Phillips (Dunsmore Grass Cutting 2016)	800074	£80.00
Hares & Son (Barbeque for Village Party)	800075	£449.40
Thames Valley Air Ambulance	800076	£100.00

**Item 4.10 Clothing Bank to Support the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.** The meeting discussed the request to have a Clothing Bank in the hall car park to help raise funds for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance. However, the consensus of opinion was that the car park was not big enough. Nevertheless, all agreed that this was an important service and hence the meeting decided that a donation of £100.00 should be made to the Air Ambulance. The Clerk is to arrange for the payment to be made.

RN

**Item 4.11 Clerk's Pay and Conditions of Service.** The Clerk stated that he thought that the current salary was adequate for the work being undertaken. Accordingly there was no further discussion under this item.

**Item 4.12 Footpaths, Stiles and Gates.** Councillor Hares stated that no further work was required to the church path. The poor condition of the map on the sign at the crossroads was discussed and the decision was that the map and the Perspex cover should be replaced. Councillor

Hares will action this.

**DH**

**Item 4.13 Field in Trust.** The Clerk advised that he had progressed this but discovered that the minimum criteria required that the site must have a tangible link to WW1. However, Councillor Panikkar thought that this was not the case. The Clerk is to contact Fields in Trust to see if it is necessary and if so is there any other way that we can put the land into trust.

**RN**

**Item 4.14 Affordable Housing.** The next part of the project is to carry out the survey to establish if there is a need within the parish. Wycombe DC have put forward some amendments which have been incorporated into the survey. The best dates for it to be circulated are to distribute it on 1 Sept with a closing date of 30 Sept. The Clerk is to investigate whether or not it would be possible for the parish magazine distribution team to deliver the survey. Also to advertise the survey Councillor Hares will look at the cost of producing a banner. Lastly, the Clerk is to arrange a date for the project to be promoted in the village hall. (Clerk's Note: The hall has been booked for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept for the promotion meeting)

**DH, RN**

**Item 4.15 Community Transport.** Councillor Panikkar stated that after discussions with the Risborough Community Bus organisation, they could extend their service to include Ellesborough. The service would be 3 times a week with a booking service available and it would be free to bus pass holders and children (U16) otherwise the charge would be £2.00. Councillor Panikkar will notify them of our acceptance of their offer which will cost some £500 per year. There will then be a need to advertise the service and its timetable.

**DP**

**Item 4.16 Matters of Report.** The Chairman stated the the website was still not working properly with some of the links going to strange sites. The Clerk is to liaise with Councillor White to get it working correctly.

**RN, AW**

**Item 4.17 Next Meeting.** The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 19 September 2017 at 7.30pm in Dunsmore Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

Signed

Councillor Robert Alexander  
Chairman  
Ellesborough Parish Council