

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH 2019 AT 7.30PM
IN ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL**

Present: Councillors:
D Panikkar (Chairman) A White
M McGrail

Parish Clerk: R Norris

Action

Item 2.1 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Councillors Alexander, Hayes, Glover and Hares. Buckinghamshire County Councillor D Carroll also sent his apologies

Item 2.2 Open Forum. There were no members of the public present so nothing was discussed under this item.

Item 2.3 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 2.4 Minutes. The minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2019 were unanimously approved and duly signed. The clerk asked when the minutes should be published as 2 months elapse between the meeting and the minutes being signed. The meeting agreed that the minutes should only be published after they have been signed.

Item 2.5 Road Safety Issues. Following the Clerk's letter to the Police Commissioner, the Chairman and the Clerk had a very productive meeting with PC Lee Turnham discussing road safety and speeding and the notes from this meeting had been circulated to all the Councillors. Because of the cost involved, Ellesborough could not afford to have Average Speed Cameras and so the discussion centred on the use of the new generation of Vehicle Activated Signs (VASs) and speedwatch equipment. Whilst the new VASs are much more user friendly and can have their data downloaded easier and in a more useable format, the meeting considered that as we already have VASs that at a cost of about £3000, replacing them could not be justified. However, the meeting felt that having the speedwatch equipment available would be of considerable benefit. Accordingly, the Clerk is to investigate the purchase of the unit. Also, because other Councils already have this equipment, the Clerk is to contact them and see what their experience is of using this equipment to reduce the speeding problem in their locations. **RN**

Item 2.6 Recreational Facilities. Councillor Panikkar reported that there were no current problems with the recreational areas. However, the charity Ellesborough Relief in Need had asked if there was any way in which they could assist in providing

equipment in the village. The Chairman considered that we didn't require any further play equipment but that some of the benches in the parish need replacing. Councillor Panikkar will notify the Chairman of Ellesborough Relief in Need.

DH

Item 1.7 Finance. The meeting noted that the current and savings accounts balances were £11,806.58 and £35,393.80 respectively, a total of £46,400.38. The following payments were approved or made:

JW Mowing Services (Dog Bins, Dec, Jan)	800145	£144.54
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	800146	£567.75
JW Mowing Services (Dog Bins, Feb)	800147	£64.24
Sign Wizzard (Banner)	800148	£46.27

The following payments were made:

Rex Norris (Annual Salary)	800149	£4,200.00
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	800150	£1,050.00
Rex Norris (Office Provision)	800151	£360.00
Parish Notice Board Company(Sign Deposit)	800152	£259.50

Item 2.8 HS2. The Clerk had circulated the letter from Greatworth Parish Council and a re-write that he had done. The meeting considered that whilst the Greatworth letter was emotive and lacking in fact, it would serve just as well, particularly as HS2 would do as they have always done and just ignore it. HS2 have consistently failed to give accurate information when asked for it and have no concept of the damage they will do to the environment. The possibility of damaging the water supply out of Coombe Hill is a good example. The Clerk will advise Greatworth Parish Council that they will support their co-ordinated letter.

RN

Item 2.9 Planning. Councillor McGrail briefed the meeting on planning issues since the last meeting. Wellwick house continues to have extensive work carried out on it, the Manorstead application has been approved and an application has been made for 60 Chalkshire Road which potentially involves the use of a still which may create a nuisance because of the smell, but apart from that there was nothing else of significance.

Item 2.10 Affordable Housing. Hastoe had advised the Clerk that they were just clearing up a few loose end with the landowner and that their architect is now progressing the plans and then they will be instructing the surveys required for a planning application. Once they have a viable design Isobel Wright will be setting up a consultation event in the parish for people to view and comment on the plans. The meeting was concerned that the Parish Council should be involved before any public consultation. The Clerk is to write to Isobel Wright advising her of this and asking for timescales.

RN

Item 2.11 Clerk's Report. The Clerk distributed some documents that he had received.

Item 2.12 Provision of K6 Kiosk for the Defibrillator. The Clerk reported that the supplier was having problems with the contractor that was supposed to change over the kiosk. The Clerk is to contact the supplier and see if we can arrange the for the changeover to be carried out using local tradesmen.

RN

Item 2.13 Visit by the Fish and Chip Van. Both the Chairman and the Clerk had used the van and the feedback from the staff was that they had been pleasantly surprised by the response and had sold over 50 meals. The Chairman advised Councillor Mcgrail that saveloy was on the menu!

Item 2.14 Meeting Day. Because of the absence of Councillor Glover, this item could not be discussed but the Chairman will contact Val Finch to see if there is a better day for meeting.

DP

Item 2.15 Matters of Report. Councillor White reported that the Pond Trust had been and inspected the pond in Dunsmore and recommended the actions necessary to improve the water quality in the pond. The residents of Dunsmore have raised £150 towards the cost of the planting and asked if the parish Council would match that figure. The meeting agreed that it would do so.

Councillor McGrail suggested that as it was a Parish Facility, the Council might wish to contribute towards the cost of the refurbishment that is being planned for the Parish Hall. However, before doing so, the Council should be made aware of the situation regarding the hall's finances. Regarding the cost of employing a solicitor to help with the application to register the land on which the hall sits, he suggested that a local one should be contacted to see what their charges would be. The Clerk is to action this.

Lastly, there appears to be an unauthorised building to the south of Chequers in the woods bordered by Missenden Road and Longdown Hill. The Clerk is to report it to Wycombe DC.

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Item 2.16 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, will be on 21 May 2019 at 7.30pm in Ellesborough Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.42hrs.

Signed

Councillor Debra Panikkar
Chairman

Ellesborough Parish Council