

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 15th JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM
IN ELLESBOROUGH PARISH HALL**

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

Parish Clerk: R Norris

Action

Item 4.1 Apologies. Apologies were received from Councillors Alexander and Hares.

Item 4.2 Open Forum. HS2 were represented by Vernon Loo and a representative from the main contractor. Hastoe were also present with Isobel Wright updating the meeting on the affordable housing project. Accordingly, items 4.8 and 4.10 were dealt with first.

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 meeting held on 21 May 2019 were unanimously approved and duly signed.

Item 4.5 Road Safety Issues. The Clerk confirmed that he now has the speedwatch equipment and when he returns from holiday he will start organising the training and bringing it into use. Councillors reported that there had been a lot of interest from parishioners, many of whom were willing to help.

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Item 4.6 Recreational Facilities. There were no discussions under this item.

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Item 4.7 Finance. The following payments were approved:

JW Mowing Services (Grass Cutting May 19)	800159	£641.34
A Weston (Internal Audit)	800160	£30.00
JW Mowing Services (Grass Jun19 + Notice B)	800161	£759.74
Unipar Services (Sentinel Equipment)	800162	£4226.40
Open Spaces Society	800163	£45.00

The following payment was made.

Chiltern Brewery (Village Party)	800164	£99.50
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The Clerk presented to the meeting the latest bank statement for the current account which showed

a closing balance of £25,082.92 and a reconciliation statement showing a balance of £21,240.65. The savings account will be approximately £35,443 which is the balance from the last meeting of £35,420.43 plus 2 months interest of about £22.00.

Item 4.8 HS2. Vernon Loo, the Community Engagement Officer for the part of the HS2 line from Missenden to Birmingham confirmed that they are still working on the assumption that the project is going ahead. Final confirmation will come in November if the Notice to Proceed is signed off by the Government. Vernon confirmed that when work starts on the earth works, all material will stay on the route. Only contaminated material will be taken away and none of that has been identified in the Ellesborough area. Whilst the traffic plan for the area has still to be produced, there are 2 local routes that HS2 work will affect. Firstly, because of works adjacent to the cottages on the approach to Wendover where the road crosses the Wendover bypass and the railway, there will be traffic lights controlling the flow of traffic. The concern of the meeting was that this may increase the amount of traffic going through Dunsmore, but also that this has not been discussed with the councils of the parishes that may be affected by changes in traffic patterns. Vernon also stated that the amount of traffic that HS2 may generate has still not been determined and the traffic plan is still to be produced. Moreover, the figures given in the original documents are effectively worthless as everything is having to be reworked. The representative from the main contractor produced a drawing of the proposed alterations to the western end of Nash Lee Road and Terrick roundabout. The meeting firmly rejected this proposal as it would not solve the problem of the narrowness of the road outside the Terrick cottages. Furthermore, the proposed alteration to the north end of Chalkshire Road and the roundabout to improve the flow of traffic was unnecessary as any traffic wishing to head in the direction of Princes Risborough would already have turned at the Butlers Cross crossroads. So not only would the parish have to put up with the disruption that the works would cause, but when completed they would have little or no improvement on the traffic flow. The only solution to the problem would be to build a new road to the north of the cottages as was proposed in the Council's petitions to the Houses of Commons and Lords. We understand that this would involve negotiating the purchase of land or compulsory purchase, but this could still be done within the required timescale if action were to be taken now. There is to be a meeting between HS2 and Bucks CC next week to discuss this problem. The Chairman is to talk to Bucks CC to see if Ellesborough may be represented at this meeting.

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Item 4.9 Planning. Councillor McGrail reported that there had been no contentious applications or planning issues since the last meeting.

Item 4.10 Affordable Housing. Isobel Wright informed the meeting that Hastoe had finally agreed all terms with the landowner and the Option Agreement was in the process of being drawn up. Furthermore, the Architect was also preparing drawings and plans for what may be a linear development of 2- and 3-bedroom homes which will most probably be similar to those at Kimble. Isobel will advise on timescales and particularly on a consultation event for parishioners to see what is being proposed. This might take place in September.

Item 4.11 Clerks report and Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents. The Clerk had nothing to raise under this item.

Item 4.12 Provision of K6 Kiosk for the Defibrillator. The Clerk advised the meeting that he had disconnected the electrical power from the existing kiosk so it is now ready for removal which he and Councillor Hares will do before the new one is delivered. However, despite numerous reminders, the company that supplies the kiosk has failed to give a delivery date. The Clerk will chase them again on his return.

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Item 4.13 Village Party. Despite the unfortunate lack of Councillors at the party due to other commitments, Councillor McGrail reported that the party went quite well. Not only did the barrel of beer get finished, but all the food went as well. Attendance was possibly the same or perhaps a bit better than last year. The meeting thanked Councillor Glover for organising the event. The meeting considered that next year's event might be held on the playing field using the marquee that we should acquire from Alan Westray but we may have to hire toilets and a generator.

Item 4.14 Matters of Report. Councillor Glover reported that the refurbishment of the village hall had been started. The soffits and facias have been done and a survey of the building has been carried out. Paul Clements will replace the panelling in the autumn and false ceilings will be installed to improve the building's insulation. The cleaning is now done fortnightly by contractors

Item 4.15 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 16 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Dunsmore Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.36 hrs.

Signed

Councillor Debra Panikkar
Chairman
Ellesborough Parish Council