

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM  
IN DUNSMORE VILLAGE HALL**

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

Parish Clerk: R Norris

**Action**

**Item 5.1 Apologies.** Apologies were received from Councillors Alexander and Hares.

**Item 5.2 Open Forum.** Mark Garmon-Jones was in attendance to talk about a planning application that he has submitted. Also present was Nicholas Strathon who has volunteered to help with updating the Village Design Statement.

**Item 5.3 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 5.4 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 were unanimously approved and duly signed.

**Item 5.5 Road Safety Issues.** The Chairman told the meeting about the time spent that afternoon using the speedwatch equipment for an hour between 1700 and 1800 hrs. Some 26 motorists were caught exceeding the equipment speed setting. The Clerk will process the recordings and pass the information onto the police. The Chairman has seen signs advertising a community speedwatch area for Wendover and will ask where they obtained them from when she attends the HS2 meeting with them on Wednesday. There was some discussion about the wording of the letters that go out to motorists and the Clerk will ask PC Turnham if we can see examples of the letters.

**DP, RN**

**Item 5.6 Recreational Facilities.** The only problem of note was some inconsiderate parking by people attending the first practice of the Risborough Rangers football team. The Clerk has raised this with their chairman and will see if they manage to communicate our concerns to their member.

**RN**

**Item 5.7 Finance.** The following payments were approved:

JW Mowing Services (Grass Cutting Jul 19)	800165	£641.24
M Glover (Expenses Village Parties)	800166	£225.96

Payments made: None

The Clerk presented to the meeting the latest current account reconciliation statement showing a balance of £18,307.06 whilst the savings account currently stands at approximately £35,470.00. The Councillors discussed the state of our reserves and the Clerk advised that because of our success in obtaining grants, despite our outgoings on the Speedwatch equipment and other items, our reserves remained roughly the same year on year. The discussions then turned to the fund raising by the Church for improvements to the servery, the installation of a toilet and improving assess up to and through the west door. Ellesborough Relief in Need had made a significant contribution to the church and Councillors felt that the improvements would make the church into a much better asset for the village. Accordingly, Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should make a contribution and determined, bearing in mind that our precept is set at £18,000, that the sum of £2,500 was a reasonable and justifiable figure. The Clerk is to arrange for the payment to be made.

**RN**

**Item 5.8 HS2.** The Chairman reported that she and the Clerk had met with Nicola Gotzheim from the main HS2 contractor, however, not much has changed. We still don't know if there is any progress with our alternative proposal for easing the problem with the Terrick Roundabout. There are rumours about a Bucks CC plan but we have yet to see it. The numbers of HGV movements that HS2 will cause has also yet to be determined. However, there is to be a further meeting this Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, between HS2 and representatives from Wendover, Kimble, Stoke Mandeville and Ellesborough Parish Councils, where hopefully we will learn much more about how HS2 will affect Ellesborough.

**Item 5.9 Planning.** Mark Garmon-Jones briefed Councillors on the planning application that he had submitted to provide accommodation for a relative requiring care. Approval of the application would enable this to be provided in a self-contained unit adjacent to the main family home. The Council felt that the application should be supported and the clerk is to draft consultee comments for consideration by Councillors Panikkar and McGrail.

The Village Design Statement (VDS), which was one of the first to be written in the country, now needs to be updated. Nicholas Strathon who was involved with the production of the original has volunteered to undertake the task and briefed the meeting on how he would do this with the help of a small sub-committee. Councillor McGrail would be the link between the Parish Council and the sub-committee.

Regarding other planning issues, the Council had supported the revised application by the Chiltern Brewery but there were no further applications requiring comment. However, although we had response from the WDC Planning Enforcement Team, nothing further has been heard about our report of the unauthorised cabin in the woods to the south of Chequers. The Clerk is to contact them to see what is happening with this.

**RN**

**Item 5.10 Affordable Housing.** In an e-mail, Isobel Wright has responded that hopefully the Option Agreement will shortly be finalised. She is also meeting with the architect on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss the plans. She is planning to attend the November meeting to give us some positive news.

**Item 5.11 Clerks report and Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents.** The clerk has received an email asking about any allowances that the Council was paying to the Chairman or Councillors. After a somewhat humorous discussion, the meeting agreed that Ellesborough had no need for making arrangements for allowances. The Clerk is to advise accordingly

**RN**

**Item 5.12 Provision of K6 Kiosk for the Defibrillator.** The Clerk advised the meeting that further to disconnecting the electrical power from the existing kiosk, he had now removed it and will shortly be laying the plinth to support the new kiosk. However, he had still been unable to obtain a delivery date from the supplier. He will continue to press for this.

**RN**

**Item 5.13 Devolution.** The Clerk reminded the meeting about the background to this and confirmed that he considered it to be to our advantage to continue with accepting the devolved services. The Councillors agreed with this and the Clerk will advise Bucks CC accordingly.

**Item 5.14 Community Emergency Plan.** Bearing in mind the size and dispersion of our parish, the lack of significant infrastructure and our lack of resources of any sort, the Council considered that for any emergency, we would rely completely on the professional emergency services. Hence, we had no need to prepare an emergency plan, which to be effective should really be exercised. The Clerk is to advise Bucks CC.

**RN**

**Item 5.15 Matters of Report.** Councillor Glover reported that he has a meeting of the Parish Hall Committed the next evening and will report the outcome by email to the other members of the Council.

**MG**

**Item 5.16 Next Meeting.** The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Ellesborough Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.56 hrs.

Signed

Councillor Debra Panikkar  
Chairman  
Ellesborough Parish Council