

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON-LINE ON MONDAY 20th JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Joined: Councillors:  
R Alexander (Deputy Chairman) M Glover  
A White M McGrail

Parish Clerk: R Norris

**Action**

**Item 4.1 Apologies.** Apologies had been received from Councillors Panikkar and Hares, Councillor Hayes is unable to attend on-line.

**Item 4.2 Open Forum.** Mr R Nicholson joined the meeting to observe only.

**Item 4.3 Declarations of Interest.** There were no Declarations of Interest from any of the Councillors present.

**Item 4.4 Minutes.** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2020 were unanimously approved. The Clerk will arrange for the Chairman to sign them subsequent to the meeting.

**RN, RA**

**Item 4.5 Road Safety Issues.** Mr A Young had written to the Council regarding signs for the footpath leading up to the church to try and prevent pedestrians walking in the road on the bends past the church. The meeting agreed on the need for signs. The Clerk is to agree the wording with Mr Young and Councillors McGrail and Hares and arrange for the signs to be made and erected. The Clerk reported that he had asked when Speedwatch might be resumed but as yet had no answer. Councillor White reported that the parking at Coombe Hill was better and that the number of visitors had reduced.

**RN**

**Item 4.6 Recreational Facilities.** Since the last meeting, the new red tractor had been installed in the playground and as there had originally been a real red tractor in the playground when it first opened, the Chairman thought that it merited some recognition. As David Harper had been involved in the start up of the playground, the Clerk is to ask him if he would produce a small article for the next issue of the parish magazine. The allotment project has gone well with lots of produce being distributed around the village as well as improving the look of the allotments. The letter from Mr Newman was discussed and the problem with the goals being used and moved around by visitors from Aylesbury. The meeting agreed that the field was a public facility and that access could not be restricted. However, to make it less attractive the goals had been padlocked together and subsequent to the meeting have been chained to the fence to prevent their unauthorised movement. Whilst access cannot be controlled, parking can and the meeting agreed to the provision of a lockable bollard on the entrance to the lane. The clerk is to ask Mrs North for her permission to install this and then arrange for its installation, but it will only be used when necessary.

**Item 4.7 Finance.** The Chairman informed the meeting that he had carried out the checks on all the finance documents and there were no discrepancies. The savings and current

account balances as per the reconciliation statements were £35,590.30 and £15,952.56 respectively. The following payments made since the last meeting were approved:

A E Weston (Internal Audit)	800194	£30.00
Steve Webb (Grass Cutting May 20)	800195	£661.01
R Alexander (Flowers)	800196	£56.00
Steve Webb (Stump remove, War Mem, Hall Sign)	800197	£120.00
Steve Webb (Footpath Clearance)	800198	£60.00
Playdale Ltd (Playground Equipment)	800199	£1915.80
BALC (Annual Subscription)	800200	£147.34
Steve Webb (Grass Cutting Jun 20)	800201	£661.01

Payments made: None

The Chairman had checked and signed the forms for the Annual Return and the Clerk will submit them. Councillor McGrail agreed to carry out the next financial check. **RN**

**Item 4.8 Planning.** Councillor McGrail had checked the planning web site and whilst there are 6 applications running, there were none meriting discussion. There is a lack of planning activity because of the Covid situation.

**Item 4.9 Affordable Housing.** Because of the sensitive nature of the project, this was discussed in camera and a separate minute will be sent to the Councillors as an annex to the minutes.

**Item 4.10 Clerks report and Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents.** The Clerk reported the contractor for the K6 Kiosk for the defibrillator had been in contact with him and was now forecasting 4 to 6 weeks for delivery. The clerk will continue to monitor and progress the delivery. **RN**

**Item 4.11 Covid 19.** Councillor McGrail reported that the volunteer system had worked well and that many small groups had now established themselves to help those requiring assistance. Consequently, the system was virtually running itself. With regards to the food caddy bags the meeting agreed that distribution was not really something for the volunteers but that some could be sent out with the food distribution from the allotments and the rest will be advertised in the next issue of the village magazine for collection from the Clerk.

**Item 4.12 Dunsmore.** Councillor White informed the meeting that the new bench had been put in place with a mixed reaction of like and dislike. Work has been started on the repair to the end wall of the church and when complete there will be a request for reimbursement of the expenditure incurred. **RN**

**Item 4.13 HS2.** The meeting was very disappointed with the reply from Jackie Copcutt of Bucks CC regarding the improvements to Terrick but appreciated the support given by David Carroll our County Councillor. The meeting agreed that the Chairman will respond expressing our dismay at any lack of progress particularly as HS2 should have been able to provide the figures for HGV movements by now. **RA**

**Item 4.14 Matters of Report.** Councillor Glover reported that there was yet no decision on when the hall would reopen. In the meantime, further improvements are being carried out. The soffits are being replaced and the entrance hall is to be reworked to the same standard as the main hall. Councillor White informed the meeting that Dunsmore Village Hall had reopened but with specific requirements on cleaning after use. Councillor McGrail asked if a reply had been received about the redundant posts on the Ellesborough Road. No reply had come from the Local Area technician and the Clerk will chase him for a response. **RN**

**Item 4.15 Next Meeting.** Subject to any restrictions imposed because of the Coronavirus, the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 September 2020 at 7.30pm in Dunsmore Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.38 hrs.

Signed

Councillor R Alexander  
Deputy Chairman  
Ellesborough Parish Council