



## East Ilsley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Virtual Full Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 7.30pm on Zoom**

Minute Ref: 004/120722/VPRM

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr. Mike Pembroke, Cllr. Stephen Meadows, Cllr. Nick Watkins, Cllr. Mark Browne, Cllr, Dominic Robertson
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Cllr. Andrew Sharp
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Fenella Woods (Clerk & RFO)
<b>Guest Speaker (s):</b>	1
<b>In Attendance:</b>	0 Member of Public
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b>	19.32pm
<b>Meeting End Time:</b>	20.50pm

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- 043/22 Cllr. Pembroke welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for converting to a virtual meeting due to the Clerk testing positive for Covid on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Apologies were received and **accepted** from Cllr. Sharp. Quorum was achieved.
- 044/22 There were no declarations of interest received, nor any requests for dispensation.
- 045/22 There were no questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda, nor any representations from anyone who had declared an interest.
- 046/22 The minutes of the Planning Recommendation Meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were read and **approved** as an accurate record. Cllr. Pembroke will sign the minutes for the file when we next meet face to face.
- 047/22 There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Planning Recommendation Meeting dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Most actions had been completed; however, the investigation into ways to further support GreenFest was ongoing and the planting of a replacement tree in the High Street was postponed until the winter.
- 048/22 All members of the Council present resolved to **adopt** the revised Councillor Code of Conduct written by the Local Government Association and supported by NALC and SLCC (NALC = National Association of Local Councils, SLCC = Society of Local Council Clerks). The Clerk will upload to the website, under the 'Policies' section.

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- 049/22 All members of the Council present **agreed** to the purchase of two new lidded litter bins for the playground and the Clerk advised that a Members' Bid grant from West Berkshire Council via our District Councillor, Carolyne Culver has been successful and 50% of the cost has been awarded to us. Thank you to Carolyne and West Berkshire for helping us purchase these replacement litter bins.
- 050/22 All members of the Council present **agreed** to enter into a contract with Triangle Management to empty the new bins in the playground. Previously the old open top bins had been emptied by the Clerk, the trustees of the Millennium Green and other kind volunteers. The new bins feature a locking system on the lid so a professional company is now required to do this. The cost was £57.00 per quarter, paid up front and the schedule would start with one empty a month, reviewed quarterly.
- 051/22 The Winter Service Plan for 2022 from West Berkshire Council had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was **agreed** that all areas that required gritting had been allocated a route and that the recently installed grit boxes on Church Hill would aid pedestrians' route to school on icy mornings.
- 052/22 Cllr. Culver joined the meeting at 20.03pm and delivered a short report to the Council:
- Successful Members' Bids have just been announced, with the full £5,000 shared between various groups in the ward (including East Ilsley!). Since Carolyne's tenure began, a total of £19,000 has been awarded to our area.
  - The recent Executive meeting at the Council have focussed on the Adult Social Care strategy. There are a number of local carers who care for somebody but do not get paid for what they are doing. This was raised to the Executive to see what can be done to highlight this issue.
  - There is a Full Council Meeting taking place on 19<sup>th</sup> July and three motions will be raised. These are fair taxation, the deportation of migrants to Rwanda and the future of the Royal Berkshire Hospital (in terms of the location, the site and building structure).
  - A project looking at 'The Customer's Journey' when dealing with West Berkshire Council is starting, particularly highlighting how residents communicate with the Council. Carolyne is feeing back concerns from local residents and Parish Councils.
  - The Community Orchard in East Ilsley is looking really good, the trees are regularly watered and the area is strimmed regularly as well. Volunteers are needed to help with the watering.
  - A Level 3 Heatwave warning has been issued for next Monday and Tuesday. Advise if to stay indoors, keep hydrated and look out for each other.
  - Carolyne has recently resurrected the Community Support Group which was started during the pandemic with volunteers from each village meeting on Zoom to share ideas and support residents. This time it is to help with the cost of living crisis.
- The Council thanked Carolyne for her report and efforts for the village and surrounding areas.
- 053/22 Geoff Armstrong joined us at 20.05pm to discuss moving forward with the Pen Meadow Development in accordance with the housing need identified in East Ilsley. Geoff updated the new Councillors on the history of the original survey conducted in 2020 which generated 8 needs for affordable housing in the village. The development would consist of 12 / 14 houses in the far corner of Pen Meadow near Fidlers Lane and the remainder of the meadow, including the site of the historic Sheep Fair would be in the control of the Parish Council. A vote was cast and **all** Councillors were **in favour** of

supporting Manor Oak Homes with the application to West Berkshire Council that the site **was** an exception site and that those identified in the survey would have access to the properties (i.e., first port of call for East Ilsley residents). It is very early days; building work is a long way off and the development needs to undergo a range of consultations, approvals, discussion, and complexities before anything happens. For now, the Council are **satisfied** that Pen Meadow meets the requirements of an **Exception Site** and that this is an area where the housing needs of **local people** could be met. It was **agreed** the Clerk would write to Manor Oak Homes advising them of the outcome of the vote.

054/22 The Clerk had sent the June Finance Report to all Councillor and there were no issues raised. The only piece of correspondence received was from Laura Farris MP, who wanted to invite representatives from Parish Councils to join her at a Round Table event in West Ilsley on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Sadly, no members of East Ilsley Parish Council were free that day (holiday / work commitments / harvest) and it was **agreed** to ask Cllr. Sharp if he can attend on our behalf. The Clerk advised she had attended an online meeting regarding the Local Council Award Scheme and was interested in putting East Ilsley forward for the Foundation Level award. This will be investigated and progress will be reported at the next meeting. Councillors were **in favour** of pursuing the award.

055/22 There were no further questions or comments from members of the public.

With there being no further business, Cllr. Pembroke thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 20.50pm.

<b>Actions from the Meeting:</b>			
	Description	Assigned to	Completed
1	Upload new Councillor Code of Conduct to the website	Clerk	✓
2	Place order for the 2 new bins	Clerk	✓
3	Inform Triangle that we accept the contract for bin emptying	Clerk	✓
4	Claim back 50% of cost via WBC Members' Bid	Clerk	Once delivery has been received.
5	Write letter to Manor Oak Homes advising outcome of vote with Pen Meadow	Clerk	✓
6	Request that Cllr. Sharp attends the Round Table meeting with Laura Farris MP	Clerk / AS	✓
7	Proceed with gathering evidence to support our bid for Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme	Clerk	Ongoing

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