



East Ilsley Parish Council

MINUTES of the VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL Meeting

Held on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Minute Reference: 009/15092020/VPCM

Councillors online: A Sharp (AS) (Chair), Tracey Murray (TM) (Vice Chair), Stephen Meadows (SM), Mike Lewis (ML), Carolyne Culver (CC - District Councillor)
F Woods (Clerk)

MOP: 3
Guest Speaker: 1
Press: 0
Meeting start: 19:30pm

Item	Detail	Action
1	<u>Welcome</u> AS welcomed all to the meeting, apologies were received from Brendan McGrath and were accepted. We are quorate.	
2	<u>Approval of Minutes</u> The minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 1 st September 2020 were approved and accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3	<u>Matters Arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Compton Rainbows would like to extend their use of the Recreation Ground on a Monday evening and all Councillors present were in agreement of this.	
4	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were none.	
5	<u>Questions or Comments from the Public</u> There were none.	
6	<u>Report from our District Councillor (Carolyne Culver)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation that both the Pirbright and Ilsley Farm Barns are not on the next Western Area Planning Committee Agenda. Next meeting scheduled for 14th October, hoping they will be on there.• Northbrook Street has re-opened for vehicles in the morning and evening. Many people requested it to stay fully pedestrianised but local businesses requested it to re-open for deliveries.• WBC have voted to allow public participation in remote meetings using a function that allows members of the public to ask a question and receive a live response.• A query was raised over whether East Ilsley can have any Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and if there was a grant to aid with the purchase. CC will ask if other villages have introduced this. The infrastructure of the electricity would need to be assessed and potentially introduce solar panels to generate more power.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A West Ilsley resident has had their application to install solar panels rejected, they will write to the Secretary of State and CC will support. • West Berks Climate Action Network would like to inform people about Home Insulation as there is a grant scheme available. This also includes conversion to Air / Ground Source Heat Pumps and windows. • 30mph sign on Fiddlers Lane that was knocked over has now been fixed. • Planning White Paper: WBC have gone through it and created an initial response which has been approved. Concern over how CIL money will be allocated (based on value of houses when sold and not received until all homes have been purchased). • Not all residents get the letters from Highways England re any road closures in the area. CC will publish on village social media pages. • A fence at our Allotment is falling over - request to check and fix. 	
7	<p><u>Manor Oak Homes - Housing Needs Survey</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were joined tonight by Geoff Armstrong who created the Housing Needs Survey distributed in the village. • 78 surveys were returned and 8 new dwellings were required in different formats. • They will prepare a scheme and present to us and WB prior to submitting a revised planning application. • Affordable Housing was highlighted as a need and they will seek a Housing Association to take this on. Concern was raised that if a national association was chosen, houses might not go to villagers. It was commented upon that potentially there could be an East Ilsley Housing Association that manages this and give priority to the residents. • Potential for private investors in the village to assist with the purchase of the houses for rental. • Geoff will explore various avenues and report back to us. Thank you Geoff for joining us. 	
8	<p><u>Review of the Planning White Paper</u></p> <p>Cllr. Culver had already advised that WBC were providing a response to the proposed changes. We are concerned that letters are not sent to home owners anymore advising them of planning, if it is all online, this alienates those not able to access digital content. The issue with receiving CIL money based on sold values and only receiving when the whole development is sold is also a potential problem. It was agreed that we would prepare our own statement and circulate to all interested parties.</p>	Clerk
9	<p><u>The Pond</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nick Watkins was welcomed as our new Flood Warden, thanked for his report and he provided an update on his hand over with the previous flood warden. • Two quotations have been received for the Pond Excavation project, one for £20,549.00 and the other for £14,352.00, however the lower quote did not include costings for removing the silt from 	

	<p>the land once dried out, and this could add another £4,000 on top of the price.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not have the funds to pay for this work by ourselves. The Clerk has engaged the legal team at HALC for advice on how we can get additional support from WBC / Highways as the gullies and pipes under the road filter into the pond. • The last test of the silt was in 2006, it was proposed that we sought a new test to determine the toxicity and contents to decipher who was responsible for the run off into the pond. The levels of toxicity are not deemed to be excessive as we have fish and ducks present year round. • It was agreed that advice would be sought from other villages who have a pond and how they maintain them. • Potential to set up a working party who can help with initial winter clearing of the pond until we can determine how we can raise the funds to pay for the work. • It was agreed that it was unlikely major work could be started on the pond this year, due to lack of funds, waiting for legal advice and the rainy season due to arrive at the end of next month. • We will increase the risk rating for the Pond. • Nick Watkins will create a plan of how best to move forward. 	<p>Clerk N. Watkins</p> <p>Clerk N. Watkins</p>
10	<p><u>Land Purchase by 11A Churchside</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11A Churchside have continued with their investigations into purchasing some land from us to extend their garden. • The area identified would not impact the recreation ground in any way as it is unused and beyond the fencing. • 11A Churchside have drafted a letter to seek help from a solicitor to lift the covenants placed on the selling of the land. • All Councillors were in favour to support the potential land purchase as long as assurances were received that the removal of the covenants and the sale of the land (at market value) would not be detrimental to our ownership. A letter advising them of this will be drafted. 	<p>Clerk</p>
11	<p><u>Risk Register</u></p> <p>All Councillors approved the new risk register which now features a matrix for a risk factor. It was requested to increase the Pond to 40 due to the work not being carried out this year. All were in favour and the Clerk will seek signatures when safe to do so.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
12	<p><u>Asset Register</u></p> <p>All Councillors approved the new asset register and were happy that all items were accounted for. This will be amended when Phase 3 of the Playground is installed early next year and the Clerk has submitted to our insurance company.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13	<p><u>Litter Picking Kits</u></p> <p>All were in favour to purchase 5 x Litter Grabbers (£5.00 each) and 5 x Bag Hoops (£6.22) and a box of disposable gloves (£8.50) using the Council Credit Card to allow the volunteers to litter pick at the convenience. They will be left in the container. A Risk Assessment</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	and Disclaimer Form will be created and given to each volunteer. They will use the hi-vis vests already in the container.	
14	<p><u>Clerks Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The finances were all checked and agreed. • The Clerk has performed the annual village walk-about and various issues need to be resolved. It was agreed that we would ask Pete Goddard to complete the following: Fill the holes in Prestwell Field and the hole on Sunrise Hill Footpath, Use the strimmer to deal with the nettles on the footpath and Sunrise, the kissing gate at the back of Churchside and the nettles down the path. CJM Services have been approached to quote for the dog poop bin post to be fixed and for the gate and brick pillar by the recreation ground. A plan will be put in place to clean and stain the Main Noticeboard before the winter and to apply new cork backing to the noticeboard outside the school. Agreed to install spring hinges on the 2 gates at the recreation ground and add no dog signs. The bus shelter also needs some TLC. • Lots of emails have come in regarding dog poop in the Millennium Green, as we are not the owners it was agreed to write to them informing them of this. • War Memorial Update: The faculty has been submitted to the Diocese of Oxford and is waiting for review. Quotes for the restoration have been received for £1600 and the Clerk is applying for a grant to the War Memorials Trust for assistance. ITV Meridian will do a filming piece once work has started, • Website Update: All set to go for 23rd September, Clerk has completed some forms for the transfer of the gov.uk website and TEEC are managing the hand over with Hut Six Digital. 	Clerk
15	<p><u>Further Questions or Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk will speak to the owners of the 'hot tub' about how they empty it. • It was proposed that we could make a saving on our annual courtesy lights payments by changing the bulbs to LED. Cllr. Mike Lewis will investigate and update us. • Although Parish Council Meetings are exempt from the 'rule of six' (NALC confirmation) we will continue to meet on Zoom to keep the school safe and public participation is working well online. 	

The Meeting closed at 21.30pm and the chair thanked everyone for their attendance and for working with us on Zoom.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th November 2020, at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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