



East Ilsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Minute Ref: 016/09032021/VPCM

Members Present:	Cllr. Andrew Sharp (Chairman), Cllr. Tracey Murray (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Brendan McGrath, Cllr. Stephen Meadows, Cllr. Mike Lewis and Cllr. Mike Pembroke
Members Absent:	0
Officers Present:	Fenella Woods (Clerk & RFO)
In Attendance:	Cllr. Carlyne Culver and 3 members of public
Meeting Start Time:	19.32pm
Meeting End Time:	21.06pm

1. Cllr. Sharp welcomed all to the meeting; all members of the council were present and we are quorate.
2. There were no declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the clerk.
3. Both applicants of the planning applications were present online. They each gave a brief outline of the purpose of their applications in preparation for the discussions in item 9.
4. The minutes from the Parish Council Meeting dated 9th February 2021 were **approved** as an accurate record.
5. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 9th February 2021 but the Clerk advised the council that the educational information on being a responsible dog owner was in the **process** of being put together but not yet ready for distribution.
6. Report from Cllr. Carlyne Culver: The annual budget meeting of WBC took place on Tuesday 2nd March. Both the Green Party and Liberal Democrat Party walked out of the meeting as their amendments were not put to debate and the conversation ceased. No money was sought for Berkshire Youth or the Foodbank and no further discussions took place. There is currently no case work for East Ilsley, but there is in surrounding villages which is being actioned. The CIL Bid grant for East Ilsley has been approved. The Pirbright Development is still not on the Western Area Planning Committee Agenda for next week. It was noted that residents have been caught out by additional CIL charges due to forms being completed incorrectly, a number of West Berkshire residents have been caught out with bills for thousands of pounds due to incorrect

Initial:

paperwork. A cross party campaign is being created to highlight these issues and to support residents with form completion.

7. Manor Oak Home were due to present to the council their plans for Pen Meadow based on the housing needs survey. Unfortunately, there was no one in attendance online, despite confirmation emails. This will be added to the next agenda Update: The presenter had Wi-Fi issues on the evening of the meeting and was unable to log on. A slot on the next agenda would be much appreciated.
8. The clerk informed the council that WBC had requested volunteers to assist with any 'surge testing' in the village should one of the new variants for C-19 be discovered here. The Emergency Response Team have shown their **support** and we have 12 names to put forward should we need to start up this service. Full training, PPE and equipment will be provided via WBC when the time comes.

9. Planning Applications

21/00319/HOUSE: Garden Office installation at Hobland House. Full Council reviewed this application and spoke with the applicant. **No objections** given and all were **in favour to support** the application. The clerk will complete the Parish Observation Sheet and send back to the Planning team.

21/00134/FUL: Retrospective Planning for Outdoor Wooden Structure for undercover seating at the Crown and Horns Public House. Full Council reviewed this and spoke with the applicant. **No objections** given and all were **in favour to support** the application. The Crown and Horns were commended for the phenomenal support they have offered the village since the start of the pandemic and it was agreed that this outdoor seated area will allow them to sustain their business as we start to move forward with less restrictions. The clerk will complete the Parish Observation Sheet and send back to the Planning team.

10. A report from our Flood Warden, Nick Watkins was received and circulated prior to the meeting. Nick discussed the alarms being set off at the pumping station in Haydon Lane due to high levels of ground water today, and the continuous pumping of water from the Crown and Horns as their cellar had flooded. This was contributing to the pond filling up. After a check around the village, water is gathering on various fields and any amount of heavy rain could cause problems with village flooding. Water is flowing down the culverts and riparian owners have checked their properties and will keep an eye on the flow. The Flood volunteers are on alert should we need to respond to an emergency as heavy rain is forecast this week. Generators have been prepped and we are ready to go should we need to offer assistance. The CIL funding has been approved, and two contractors have confirmed the prices quoted in September 2020 remain the same. However, we must caveat the price for the removal of silt as this is an unknown quantity until work on the excavation starts. We had hoped to start soon with the excavation but the field we were going to use for the drying process is now out of action until the autumn as it is growing season. It was agreed that an **extraordinary meeting** was needed to discuss other options for silt drying, secure a third quotation for comparison and for a decision to be made to award the contract. The council thanked Nick for his diligence and comments.
11. Full Council **approved** a donation to the Newbury branch of Citizens Advice Bureau as they have suffered with fundraising during the pandemic but have managed to maintain their contact with residents and support them. It was **agreed** to donate £175.00 via the Good Exchange which will match fund the amount. This would form part of our s.137 spend for 2021/2021 of which we have scope to pay this amount. The clerk will arrange the online payment.

12. The new Active Travel Plan for West Berkshire was discussed and councillors were informed about the 'Heat Map' that can have comments and suggestions added to it. A number of sites were located in our village that require work to make them safer for active travel and it was agreed that these would be put on one document and **shared with residents** to find out their thoughts and allow them to give further ideas before we present before the end of the consultation period in July.
13. The clerk advised that we had received a revised 'Settlement Boundary Plan' from WBC and there were some proposed amendments to the boundary. It was agreed that more information was needed, which will be sought from WBC and discussed at the extraordinary meeting scheduled for April. West Berkshire Council has recently received a section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 Statement and plan for the Compton Estate, in the parishes of Compton and East Ilsley, submitted on behalf of the landowners, Beeswax Dyson Farming Limited and forwarded to us for review. It was agreed to make contact with James Dawson for some further information before we comment on it. We would also compare existing PROW's with the plan and ensure all are visible on the CA17 notice. This would again be reviewed at the extraordinary meeting in April. Most tenants at the allotment will continue for another year, the clerk will prepare the agreements and invoices for April 2021 / 2022. We may have 2 plots become vacant and we have 2 people on the waiting list so we hope that all allotments will be taken by April 2021. The annual payment for the ICO certificate will leave our account on 1st April via direct debit at the discounted price of £35.00. The clerk is making headway on preparing for the internal audit, post 31st March 2021. All were in favour to purchase 2 x pop up gazebos for £89 each as part of the emergency response equipment.
14. Future considerations: Cllr. Murray reminded us that Mr Jeffs has his 90th birthday coming up in April and it was agreed to place a poster saying 'Happy Birthday' from EIPC in the next issue of the EIC. An extraordinary meeting will be planned in early April to discuss the Pond quotes, Manor Oak Homes, Settlement Boundary and Dyson PROWS.
15. There were not further questions from members of the public.

With there being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.06pm.

Actions from the Meeting:			
	Description	Assigned to	Completed
1	Manor Oak Homes presentation rescheduled to next meeting	Clerk	✓
2	Parish Observations Sheets for Hobland House & Pub	Clerk	✓
3	Donation of £175 to Citizens Advice Bureau via Good Exchange	Clerk / AS / TM	✓
4	Prepare Heat Map amendments and share with residents	Clerk	
5	Purchase 2 x Gazebos	Clerk	✓
6	Set up extraordinary meeting for early April	Clerk	

Signed:

Date:

Initial: