

Minutes of the of meeting of the parish council held at Evenley Village Hall, on Monday 16th March at 7:30pm

Present: cllr Mike Baul (MB), chairman Cathy Ellis (CE), cllr Jean Morgan (JM), vice chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl (JPB), Cathy Knott (CK) clerk and two members of the public.

35/20 Apologies and welcome

Apologies accepted from cllr Sue Ricketts (SR), cllr Charles Reader (CR) and cllr Spencer Burnham (SB). The chairman welcomed everyone, thanking them for attending during this unsettling time. CE added that a support network is being set up in the village and a notice will be going out to all households with the next church newsletter giving contact information if you need help with shopping, walking the dog etc.

During this time, it would also be beneficial to join the parish council mailing list so that you receive up-to-date information quickly. If you would like to join, please email clerk@evenleypc.org.uk saying 'yes please'.

36/20 To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held on 17th February 2020. The minutes were approved and signed.

37/20 To note any matters from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Cllr JM advised she is performing weekly checks on the defibrillator.

30/20F – costings for feeding the Green will be £120 + VAT.

Action: SB

30/20H – CE has spoken to Paul Cantrell (Highways England) about HGV signs and has put him in touch with Helen Howard (Northants Highways) so that they can liaise over the best way to proceed.

Rt. Hon Andrea Leadsom MP has offered to write to Highways England on our behalf following up on issues raised at our meeting last October and will look into the safety of the Evenley roundabout.

All other matters are either on the agenda or being dealt with.

38/20 To receive declarations of interest related to business on the agenda

Chairman CE for item 46/20 College Farmhouse.

39/20 Finance

- a. Financial statement
- b. Payments received
- c. Approval of invoices for payment

Account	£
Community	8,331.76
Business Saver	20,649.80
National Savings	5,833.36
TOTAL	34,814.92

Receipts since the last meeting	£	
Allotment rent for plots 5,6,8,8A,9,10 & 11	170.32	
Lawrence Furnishings (newsletter advertising)	60.00	
HS2 Groundwork claim 3 funds	1,680.00	
Invoices approved		VAT £
C. Knott (Feb salary)	520.00	0
C. Knott (Feb expenses)	82.41	6.24
Evenley Village Hall (hire)	34.00	0
SSE (electricity direct debit)	90.22	4.50
Aylesbury Mains Ltd (streetlight damaged lantern – Layers Cl)	91.00	18.20
Aylesbury Mains Ltd (reported faulty streetlight – Bicester Hill)	45.50	9.10
Steve Thorburn (delivery of newsletters)	50.00	0

The Brackley Building Co (electrical cupboard on the Green)	1,285.00	257.00
Invoices relating to HS2 funding projects approved		
Black Forge Art (second invoice – 25 % pre manufacture of village sign)	1,200.00	240.00

40/20 To receive updates and recommendations from planning representatives

Cllr JBP gave an update on the following applications:

S/2019/2469/FUL	Detached dwelling and Associated Works Location Willowbourne, 5 Bicester Hill Evenley NN13 5SD	EPC: No objection SNC: site visit complete
S/2019/2502/ADV	Four identical, non-illuminated signs Location: Roundabout At Oxford Road Brackley	EPC: No objection Application withdrawn
S/2020/0027/FUL	Conversion of barn to a dwelling Location: The Old Barn, Church Lane, Evenley	EPC: No objection with comments SNC: more information requested
S/2020/0062/FUL	Dining Room-replace French double doors and 2 side windows with a set of bifold doors and a new brick faced lintel. Kitchen and Lounge - replace existing double doors with similar doors within same openings. Location: 3 Spencer Close Evenley	EPC: No objection SNC: Approved
S/2020/0303/FUL	change of use from agricultural land to a dog training area, increase height of fence to 1.52 m and hard standing area for vehicle parking. Location: land north of Cottesford Road, Evenley (off A421 opposite Bowling Green Cottage).	EPC: No objection SNC: consults dispatched

41/20 To provide comments on the West Northamptonshire strategic land availability assessment methodology consultation

It was agreed that the general concept seems a reasonable way of evaluating sites. The clerk will respond.

42/20 To provide comments on the South Northamptonshire Part 2 Local Plan Modifications Consultation

Cllr JM has looked at the modifications and can see nothing that affects Evenley. Some relate to Towcester Town Football Club premises (Bell Plantation) and there are some changes relating to the provision of affordable housing. Provision of bungalows is reduced. The clerk will respond.

43/20 To establish final costs for installing electricity on the Green

Chairman CE reported that the cupboard housing the electricity cabinet has been built. Western Power has supplied the electric and British Gas has connected it. We are just waiting for an electrician to fit one phase 3 socket along with three double sockets. Councillors asked MB for a year-end analysis and to confirm the amount Evenley Matters will be contributing towards final costs.

The cupboard will be painted cream and the 'no parking on the grass' sign has been attached to the back of it. Locks will be put on the doors.

44/20 VE Day planning update

Plans are still ongoing. We will follow guidelines and make a decision nearer the time as to whether the event will still go ahead as planned.

45/20 To accept councillors reports on the following areas:

- A Allotments (CR)** all plots are tenanted and all tenancy agreements are up-to-date. Rent letters have been sent out. Manure for plots will be available once cllr CR is back up and running.
- B Pocket Park (CR)** the annual clean up and AGM took place last month and it is all looking good. The Friends of Pocket Park are writing to the Whitely family regarding their concerns over the new path which is blocking the drain. It was agreed that the clerk should find out who owns the ditch. **Action: CK**
- C Street lights (SB)** two faulty streetlights have been reported but only one was found to be faulty. It was agreed that a councillor should check faults before reporting them to Aylesbury Mains.
- D Village Hall (JPB)** significantly funded by the HS2 grant, the small meeting room/kitchen annex has been redecorated and had new flooring fitted; the new sky light will be fitted tomorrow. The kitchen and changing rooms have both been redecorated. A new boiler and heating system has been installed although we are experiencing pressure loss which is being investigated. It is suspected we have an underground leak in the existing pipework which could prove both expensive and disruptive to repair. The changing room and kitchen have been redecorated. The village hall AGM will be on the 8th June.
- E Website (MB)** CE asked if the photos could be refreshed at some stage.

- F Village Greens, planting and trees (CE/SB)** the electricity cupboard has been built and the new litter bin has been installed near to it. Once cllr CR is in better health, he will relocate the old bin. A lot of debris from recent storms will be cleared. Kim Golding is fixing a date in September to remove the humps on the Green. CE is looking into costings for more appropriate 'no parking' signage (possibly to be attached to the back of benches). **Action: CE**
- G Newsletter (CE)** Lawrence Furnishings won't be advertising in the newsletter for the foreseeable future. It was therefore agreed to ask Forge Coffee, The Red Lion and Barnowl Farm Shop if they would like a space to advertise. **Action: CK**
- H Hs2 & Highways (SB & CE)** SNC is replacing two street/road signs on Bicester Hill and Church Lane that are rotten. Chairman CE has spoken to Paul Cantrell (see item 37/20). CE, Brian Sinclair and the clerk attended a meeting on 18th February in Westbury to receive information from HS2, Eiffage Kier and Fusion on their landscape strategy and construction and traffic updates. The information can be found on the community website at: <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home/noticeboard/hs2-notice.html>
The HS2 liaison meeting has been cancelled due to Covid-19.
- I Local Government Reorganisation (JM)** elections have been postponed until May next year.
- J St. George's Church** newsletters will include information about a support network in the village for people isolated/affected by Covid-19.

46/20 Correspondence received

- Invitation to the chairman to Brackley Town Mayor's Civic Dinner on Friday 3rd April 2020. Councillors unable to attend.
- Letter from NS&I regarding changes to interest rates.
- Emails regarding dangerous driving – the clerk will ask the Police what action they can take and if there is anything the parish council can legitimately carry out to help the situation. **Action: CK**
- SNC sets final budget – information circulated via village email.
- Parish council elections postponed – information circulated via village email.
- HS2 Community Drop in event on 18th March postponed - information circulated via village email.
- Coronavirus information – the clerk advised that she is receiving regular updates from NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and at the moment, we should take a 'business as usual' approach whilst taking normal and common-sense hygiene precautions.
- Email received from a resident asking for matters to be raised regarding the pizza van, tables on the Green and Forge Coffee Shop application for a licence – councillors discussed each issue and agreed that the clerk should respond to the resident. **Action: CK**
- Complaints from residents regarding demolition, building work and disregard for planning regulations at College Farmhouse – the clerk has contacted SNC planning department and building control.

47/20 Councillor questions

- Cllr JPB reported that the speed of cars in the village is horrendous at the moment.
- Cllr JM advised of the blocked drain on Bicester Hill near the Old Piggeries site, saying there still appears to be a lot of activity there. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Belinda Whitely at Warren Farm to ask for a site meeting to discuss concerns about what is happening there. **Action: CK**
- Chairman CE advised that a village sign is being designed (funded by HS2) which will be located on the village Green. The sign will be a montage of images from around the village. A picture was shown on the big screen of how it is looking so far and CE asked councillors and residents for their input. Regarding a post for the sign, it was agreed to get costings for oak and steel before we make a decision. **Action: CK/CE**

48/20 Public Participation session (Members of the public are invited to address the council through the chairman)

A resident advised that John and Anne would like to donate four trees to the parish council. Chairman CE publicly thanked them for this kind donation.

49/20 Close

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The minutes of a council meeting are a public record of who attended and the decisions that were made.

The annual parish meeting will be held on Monday 27th April 2020 (TBC) at Evenley Village Hall.

APPROVED