

Minutes of the Meeting

Held at the Old School, Englishcombe at 7:30pm, Monday 21 November 2011

Present: Cllrs: Brian Huggett (Chairman) Simon Adams
 Sue Barber Nicola Jeffries
 District Cllr Veale (until Agenda item 9)
 Clerk: Kathryn Manchee

In attendance: 5 Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Bland and Cllr Gray.

2. PARISHIONERS MATTERS.

- None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Huggett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 7.1

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – The minutes of the 17 October meeting having previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Jeffries, Seconded Cllr Huggett.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

None

6 PLANNING

6.1 Results, correspondence and consideration

The clerk reported that Twinstead House's planning application had been approved and the planning application for 1 Rose Cottages had been withdrawn.

6.2 Neighbourhood Planning Consultation. The clerk explained that neighbourhood planning is about devolving planning responsibilities to a more local level than ever before. District Cllr Veale expressed concern with the coalition's national planning policy. As BANES has invited the Chairman and the Clerk to attend an event on this subject it was felt not appropriate to consider responding to this consultation until after this event. Council agreed that if a response is required it will be delegated to the Chairman.

6.3 Core Strategy The Chairman attended the pre hearing meeting on 18 November. The hearing proper starts on 17 January and Englishcombe parish council, represented by the Chairman, will be speaking on a number of occasions. The inspector is assessing whether the core strategy is sound. He has already indicated he will be looking at the number of houses to be built and the plans for jobs. The Chairman will report on the hearing at the next parish council meeting on 30 January. The clerk reported that she had received a consultation on the gypsies and travellers site allocations development plan and issued a circulation pack of this at the meeting. As the deadline for responses is before Englishcombe's next meeting the parish council agreed to delegate the response to the Chairman.

7 FINANCE

7.1 Millstream Funding

Clerk reported that the council's budget of £500 for Millstream would soon be breached if paid all expenses incurred and refunded VAT from British Trees and Shrubs invoice to Millstream as well as the lease payment. Note VAT will be reclaimed and kept by the council next year. After some debate it was agreed to increase the parish council's budget for Millstream set up and initial running costs to £1000 (from £500). Once the project is fully up and running it will be self funded except the annual lease charge of £150. Proposed Cllr Adams, Seconded Cllr Barber. Approved. The Chairman was excluded from the vote due to his prejudicial interest.

7.2 Consider and Approve Payments

Payments to Ratify

October 17	Cheque No 699	Chair's Expenses	£64.00
October 31	Standing Order	Clerk's Salary October	£151.62
October 31	Standing Order	Sweeping Ashley Lye October	£198.05

Cheques were also raised for £476.40 for British Trees and Shrubs (this paid out of Millstream funds) and Brian's expenses for £61.97. Invoices for both these payments circulated at the meeting and payments will be ratified at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Jeffries, Seconded Cllr Adams. Approved

7.3 Financial Report A copy of this was circulated prior to the meeting. The balance of funds as at 21 November is £8530.20 but £1250 of this Millstream funds so actual available funds = £7280.20. Forecast against Budget. As we are now over six months through the financial year the clerk compared the forecast against the budget showing the variance in £s. Total receipts forecast to be £12 up at year end as compared to budget. Total Payments forecast to be down by £1640. Overall this means that the deficit is forecast to be £283- £1652 less than in the budget.

7.4 Donation to the Chapel It was proposed Cllr Barber, seconded Cllr Jeffries that £400 be donated to the chapel. Approved.

7.5 Donation to Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial a Ride As this service is not used in Englishcombe it was agreed that a grant would not be made. Clerk to advise Dial a Ride.

7.6 Next Year's Budget. It was agreed that in the budget there would be a contingency for Millstream of £250 and £500 for the Diamond Jubilee.

8 HIGHWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY & ALLIED MATTERS

BA11/15 footpath Washpool to previous site of White Bridge. BANES have removed the bridge and replaced by stepping stones. BA11/15 is in the wrong place on the definitive map. BANES to send the parish council the paperwork to start the process to correct this.

Fly tipping occurring in Kilkenny Lane. A security camera has been installed. The parish council does not know about this camera so the Chairman will investigate.

The painted slow sign is now nearly obliterated. Concerned parishioner should contact Council Connect.

Ice in the winter at Inglesbatch is an issue as the road was not gritted last winter. Chairman reported that it should be gritted as it is on a bus route so if it isn't gritted this winter the Chairman will raise with BANES. Chairman also to investigate whether a road being on a school bus route qualifies it for gritting.

A parishioner raised the informal gritting arrangements Combe Hay has with BANES. The chairman explained that Englishcombe have requested to take part in a winter maintenance pilot scheme where the village will have snow wardens, a supply of grit and a spreader. If we get accepted onto this scheme we will need a warden for Innox Grove. The scheme won't include Inglesbatch and Kilkenny Lane.

Parishioner would like to request a no fly tipping sign for the lay-by in Kilkenny Lane. Chairman said the parish council does not have an issue with this.

8.1 Traffic Counts. Nothing to report

8.2 Wilmington Lane. Nothing to report

8.3 Speeding A parishioner requested give way signs at top and bottom of Padleigh Hill. The Chairman suggested that the parishioner raise this at the PACT meeting at Wellow on 28 November.

The chairman then brought forward the District Cllr's report

11 District Councillors Report District Cllr Veale now on the early years, children and youth scrutiny panel. BANES is opposing the proposed boundary changes. Bollards at Nailwell not resolved. Chairman reported that the issue had died down. With reference to the problems with recycling Cllr Veale has been assured that all sites take the same goods for recycling. Issues may arise however depending on the staff on duty. Cllr Veale then left the meeting

9 Millstream Project. The Chairman read out a report on behalf of Cllr Bland who thanked everyone for their hard work at the planting weekend with special thanks to Andrew Scurlock for his work with the digger. It was good to see lots of young people involved in the planting. Now have 10 donations for commemorative trees and hope to plant these in the next couple of weeks. These trees will be from a local specialist.

10 Parish Councils Airport Association Latest correspondence circulated.

12 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Changes Consultation It was decided not to respond to this consultation.

13 Recycling at Keynsham Already reported on under agenda item 11.

14 2012/2013 Meeting Dates.

30 January 2012

26 March 2012

Thursday 26/04/2012

14 May 2012

18 June 2012

16 July 2012

24 September 2012

19 November 2012

28 January 2013

15 Report by Clerk. Clerk reported that she will be on annual leave from 22 December to 3 January.

Chairman's Report. The vacant derelict property on Padleigh Hill will be inspected by building control. The parish council would like to see enforcement action taken.

16 CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Correspondence requiring action. The clerk reported that the Little Silvers Definitive PROW map modification will go ahead.

The clerk reported that the Open Spaces Society has asked the council to request of a local farmer to replace a gate on this Little Silvers PROW. Clerk to send an acknowledgement e-mail.

The Chairman reported that the gate between Locksleigh and Inglesvale now open.

Election review – the parish council will not be attending the one day event but will respond back with positive comments about the polling station and staff at the Old Schoolroom.

16.2 Correspondence for note

COUNCILLOR'S CIRCULATION LIST 2011/18 20 October 2011

Landcare Catalogue

CPRE Avonside Newsletter

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Next meeting Monday 30 January 2012 7.30 pm