

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
ELLESBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillors:
D Panikkar (Chairman) N Gordon
S Withey M McGrail
H Holman D Hares

Parish Clerk: R Norris

11 members of the public were in attendance

Action

Item 6.1 Apologies. Apologies had been received from Councillor Glover.

Item 6.2 Open Forum. Three questions had been sent to the Chairman and these were read out. Members of the public addressed the meeting about the condition of Dunsmore pond and the affordable housing project.

Item 6.3 Declarations of Interest. There were no Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda.

Item 6.4 Minutes. The minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st of September 2021 were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

Item 6.5 Road Safety Issues. Councillor Withey had contacted PC Turnham to discuss the 4 different VASs that were discussed at the last meeting. He will come back to her with the preferred option. The Speedwatch results had been analysed by Alan Cripps, the co-ordinator and showed that it was having an effect. The Clerk confirmed that he would include a brief on this in the next parish update to see if more volunteers would come forward. Lastly the Chairman told the meeting that HS2 had paid for 2 traffic surveys to be carried out on North Lee Lane. The results will be used to put a case forward to improve safety on North Lee Lane.

Item 6.6 Recreational Facilities. Councillor Holman reported that the application for the matting is progressing through the funding approval process and we are now awaiting to hear comments from the Community Board. The repair to the equipment in the playground has been passed to the manufacturer for action.

Item 6.7 Finance. Councillor Withey had carried out the pre-meeting financial check and there were no discrepancies in the figures. The savings and current account balances as per the reconciliation statements were £35,633.90 and £15,640.59 respectively. The following payments made since the last meeting were approved:

Breakthrough Communications (Subscription)	800247	£774.00
Steve Webb (Grass Cutting Sep 21)	800248	£810.08
Buckinghamshire Council (May Election Cost)	800249	£869.82
Open Spaces Society (Subscription)	800250	£45.00
M Glover (Email Addresses Cost)	800251	£10.63
TEEC (Website Cost)	800252	£108.00
Rialtas (Accounts Software Support)	800253	£148.80

Steve Webb (Grass Cutting Oct 21)	800254	£624.42
R Norris (Playing Field Hedge Cutting)	800255	£228.00
R Norris (Allotment Water Supply)	800255	£54.69
R Norris (Office Provision Mar 21 – Oct 21)	800255	£720.00

Payments made:

Bucks and MK Ass'n of Local Councils (Training)	800256	£158.00
R Norris (Expenses 14 Mar 21 to 15Nov 21)	800257	£209.08

Item 6.8 Planning. Councillor McGrail's brief showed no applications of concern to the Council. Comments about vehicles had already been made regarding the Molloway House application, and the application for the Guide Centre has been approved. Buckinghamshire Councillor Clive Harriss is investigating the works going on at Green Meadows.

Item 6.9 Affordable Housing. After the last meeting a report on the affordable housing situation had been posted on the parish website. Since then there have been no further developments except for Hastoe to confirm that they do not intend to hold another parish consultation.

Item 6.10 Clerks report and Correspondence, Circulars and Consultation Documents. Resulting from the last meeting, the Standing Orders have been reissued and now contain the full Buckinghamshire Code of Conduct and our Communications and Social Media Policies. However, we now require 2 Councillors to manage the Council's Facebook Page. Councillors Hares and Withey volunteered to do this. Regarding meetings for the coming year, the Clerk asked if the main hall or the meeting room should be booked. The unanimous response was for the main hall.

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Item 6.11 Dunsmore. Councillor Gordon had investigated further re the notice board and consideration is now being given to repositioning it.

Item 6.12 HS2. The Chairman reported that we were still holding regular meetings with HS2 and had made some progress with the traffic survey which EKFB have now agreed to fund. Unfortunately, because of other HS2 works the road was closed over the weekend of the survey period and EKFB agreed to fund another survey for a complete week. We will be given the results when they become available.

Item 6.13 Fields in Trust. Councillor McGrail has passed all of our documents to the solicitor in Wendover who are looking at them free of charge at the moment. When they have completed their investigation, they will advise us on the best way to proceed.

Item 6.14 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. The meeting agreed to ask Councillor Glover if he will act as the Parish Council contact with a sub-committee that should be set up to manage the parish's plans for this event. There are already plans for a nationwide Sunday Jubilee Lunch but other things might also be arranged during the 4 day holiday. The Clerk is to ask for volunteers for the sub-committee in the next parish update with a 2 week closing date for them to come forward. Because of the proximity of the dates, the previously planned Village Party will be cancelled.

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Item 6.15 Electric Vehicle Chargers in the Parish Hall Car Park. The meeting discussed this but did not consider the proposal suitable for Ellesborough mainly because we didn't wish to have the carpark being used purely to charge cars.

Item 6.16 Appointment. The meeting unanimously agreed to confirm the switch of responsibilities between Councillors Gordon and Withey. Hence, Councillor Gordon is now responsible for Footpaths and Rights of Way and Councillor Withey responsible for Transport and Road Safety.

Item 6.17 Matters of Report. Councillor Glover had informed Councillors that the broadband connection for the Parish Hall should be up and running on the 29th of November. The Chairman raised the move of the Parish Notice Board to Elm Close alongside the post box. The meeting agreed that this should go ahead and the Clerk is to order the new legs required. It was also noted that the name plate for Elm Close still hadn't been repaired. This was reported on the 6th of May by Buckinghamshire Councillor Steve Broadbent. The Clerk will raise this with James Tunnard, the Local Area Technician. The Chairman had been to see the problem with the footpath at Hampden Chase, which for historical reasons runs through the garden very close to the house. The sensible solution would be to reroute it around the outside of the garden where there is already a path. Councillor Gordon will visit the site and report back to the Council.

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Item 5.19 Next Meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.34 hrs.

Signed

D Panikkar
Chairman
Ellesborough Parish Council