

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016 at 8.15pm in the VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Mrs Bridewell, Mr Holgate, Mr Nash, Mr Smith and Mr Woods (Chairman)

**Apologies:**

**In attendance:** Mrs Cowdry

**AGENDA**

**1. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**

Mr Woods declared his interests in Item 8 – Planning Applications 16/02344 and 16/02349 as an adjacent landowner and was granted dispensations.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

**3. Matters arising**

- a Playing Field Benches – Mrs Bridewell suggested that Mr Nash speak to Mr Colin Read (Village Hall Treasurer) about the reduced price paid for the benches and refunding any balance to the Hall. This was agreed.

Mr Dave Sanders who had done an excellent job in erecting the new benches and flagstones had been offered £50 ex gratia payment but he had declined to accept any payment.

- b Highways:  
i - the brickwork under the concrete slab near the entrance to Manor Orchard had not yet been fixed and the nearby drain was partially blocked.  
ii – the deteriorating verge opposite Moss Cottage had again been reported to Wiltshire  
iii – “Slow Children” sign. Mr Woods had requested Wiltshire to take action but it would not be in this financial year.

**4. Points from the public**

None.

**5. Treasurer’s Report**

Mr Nash reported:

- a Balances -           Lloyds Bank £1,394.34  
                                  Nationwide   £ 147.23

- c Payments authorised/ratified –  
Kernon Countryside Consultants       £300.00

- c Precept – Mr Nash would study the Precept guidance from Wiltshire. The Precept for 2016/17 would have to allow for unexpected expenditure such as the emergency repairs to the bus shelter steps as well as normal expenditure: insurances, St Andrew’s Churchyard maintenance and grass cutting. 2017/18 would include £200 for Mr Dave Roberts’ safety checking.

- d Audit – The Council had received a clean bill of health from the auditors.

## **6. Highways**

Temporary closure of the Road C60. This had not been requested by the Council.

## **7. Correspondence (see Annex) - to discuss and agree action**

Wiltshire Precept Guidance – It was agreed that Mr Nash would study this and report back when the Budget and Precept 2017/8 were discussed.

## **8. Planning Applications – to agree action:**

Mr Woods declared his interests as an adjacent landowner and was granted dispensations to participate [see Item 1 above].

- 16/02344 and 16/02349 – Slurry lagoon and silage pad. Mr Woods reported the latest developments.

Residents' strong objections had been expressed at meetings and in writing and reported in the Wiltshire Gazette.

Mr Woods was instructed to continue to take the Council's objections forward including taking external farming, legal and other advice as expedient. It was still not known when the Planning Committee hearing would be but it would not be on 27 October.

Following Mr Kernon's advice to Wiltshire planning officer, Mr Jonathan James, the latter had now commissioned Mr Tony Coke to report on farming aspects. His report was not yet on the Wiltshire website.

The Council expressed its thanks to Mr Woods for his hard work in this matter.

## **9. Reports of meetings**

"All village" open meetings on the slurry lagoon and silage pad continued to endorse the very strong objections and actions of the Council, residents and third party objectors. More details were on the Wiltshire website.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Mr Holgate suggested that when the slurry lagoon and silage structure planning applications finally finished the Council should return to the issue of lack of high-speed broadband.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.14pm.

## **ANNEX**

- 1 Wiltshire Council Precept Guidance.