

**MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 8.15pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mr Holgate, Mr Nash and Mr Woods (Chairman)

Apologies: Mrs Bridewell and Mr Smith

In Attendance: Mr Atkins and Mr Hanson

AGENDA

1 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations Requests

Mr Woods declared his possible interest in Item 9, Governance, as he currently used his own equipment for PC work. His written request for a dispensation and vote in this matter was granted.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed and signed.

3 Matters Arising

- Broadband, latest news – Mr Woods thanked Mr Holgate for his previous suggestion of sharing experiences with the rollout of the new fibre broadband. This had provided some interesting, varied and valuable information. Several residents were due to be connected by BT in the week commencing 11 February.
- Playing field update – Mr Woods having received an ongoing dispensation at the last meeting gave an update. He had contacted Mr Nigel Charles who had advised that herring bone parking would be less efficient than facing parking. He had also not favoured trying to join the Perfo area to the existing playground hard surface to create an in and out loop entrance and exit. Mr Woods had also contacted Wiltshire who had advised that tarmacking the access would be a street works matter and could only be done by contractors with the requisite licences. Despite the access being long standing modifications would need to be approved by Wiltshire. Planning permission might be needed for both the access and any Perfo matting. He also reported that Mrs Bridewell had indicated that she was against spending PC money on the playing field suggestions. PC funds might, in any case, be used up for data protection compliance and computer etc equipment (see Item 9), so that the Council would not have any spare money to spend on this.

4 Questions/Points from the Public

None.

5 Treasurer's Report and approval of payments

Mr Nash reported:

- Lloyds Bank balance - £1163.68
- WALC payment - £42 for the WALC/NALC data seminar attended by Mr Woods.

Mr Woods advised the meeting of potential new IT equipment costs (see Items 7&9).

6 Correspondence and Consultations (see Annex) – to agree action not otherwise on Agenda

NFA.

7 Reports of Meetings

- WALC /NALC briefing on Data Protection – Mr Woods reported on the day seminar on new EU data protection rules he had attended in Warminster. The upshot seemed to be yet more red tape and the need for the Council to acquire a dedicated laptop and peripheral equipment. The cost might be covered by a NALC grant (see Item 9). Councillors and others might have to authorise use of their email addresses and other details but the rules had not yet been finalised.

8 Planning Applications

- Wiltshire Waste Recycling (17/05091/WCM) – Permission had been granted without reference to the Council’s objections.

Mr Holgate would use the “My Wiltshire” contact point on Wiltshire’s website to report that plastic and other material was still blowing from the site onto Etchilhampton Hill. Everyone present was urged to use this contact point to report A342 road safety and other concerns so that there would be a clear record of future problems logged up at Wiltshire. The more members of the public used this contact point to show widespread concerns the better.

9 Governance

- The WALC/NALC Transparency computer grant application form (see Annex) had been approved by Mrs Bridewell and Mr Smith and was approved by the Council for submission to WALC by Mr Woods. WALC had confirmed that purchases did not have to be made before the application for a grant.

10 Other Business

Mr Woods reported that the local Neighbourhood Police team had a new member, Georgie Brown, joining Sam Burnside.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm

ANNEX

1 – Computer grants application WALC/NALC form