

**DRAFT MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mrs Clark, Mr Hanson, Mr Nash, Mr Smith and Mr Woods (Chairman)

Apologies:

In attendance: Mrs Cowdry, Mr Rodwell (part)

AGENDA

1 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Mr Woods declared his interest in Item 8 as a neighbouring landowner and his existing dispensation to talk and vote was re-affirmed.

2 Formalities re Appointment of Mr Peter Hanson as Parish Councillor

Mr Hanson was welcomed as a new Councillor. He agreed and signed the Code of Conduct, his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and agreed to send his Declaration of Interests to Wiltshire and copy the Clerk.

3 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed

4 Matters Arising

- a Playground Equipment Safety Report - There was no further report from Mr Roberts yet.
- b Parish Stewards' Jobs - The Stewards had been and cleared some gullies but not that opposite 1-3 The Mixon nor had they swept the track between the Posts. These items remained on their jobs list
- c Finger Post – Coate junction – No action yet from Wiltshire
- d Defibrillator – Mr Nash reported that he had obtained details of the maintenance arrangements from Mrs Sarah Hopgood who had agreed to continue to monitor the machine.
- e Signage outside 1 Church View – Mr Turner had agreed to take this forward and was authorised to incur the requisite expenditure.
- f Bungalows at 13-15 Church View – Mr Woods had contacted Aster about the front gardens of these bungalows. His inspection revealed that only No 13 might need help. Aster had now started renewing all the front fences and they would need to clear up the materials they had deposited in No 13 before any assessment could be made.
- g Mr Woods had contacted Wiltshire Highways Engineer about the state of the A342 north of the rubbish dump.

5 Questions/Points from the Public

None.

6 Treasurer's Report

- a Invoice for £360 grass cutting from D Stevens was approved
- b Mr Nash reported Lloyds Bank balance at £3,310.97. There were no other payments invoiced for payment.
He gave a breakdown of the current year's expenditure and likely expenditure for next year including an increase in reserves for emergencies. These were all discussed and agreed.
- c The Register of Assets and Risk Register were also considered and approved.

- d The Council then discussed and agreed its Budget and Precept for 20/21 for Mr Nash to send the relevant forms to Wiltshire. The Precept was set at £3,750.00.
- e Papers from Lloyds Bank re new bank mandates for the new Councillors were still awaited.

7 Correspondence and Consultations

- a BT Telephone Kiosk - No further action to report since the response to the consultation showing why the kiosk should be kept open.
- b VE Day celebrations 8-10 May 2020 - Mr Woods reported a very poor response to the flyer delivered to every household. There was divided opinion on having some event on 8 May, VE Day itself, as most meaningful as distinct from the next runner, 9 May. It was agreed to send a reminder sometime in January to see if there was now more interest.
- c To agree action on items not otherwise on Agenda (See Annex) – Mr Hanson pointed out that the two organisation documents from the police had two different names for the officer covering the village. Mr Woods would investigate.
- d Other points in the Annex – NFA

8 Planning Applications

- a Council's Response to 19/10845 – Manor Farm, All Cannings. Retention of works to re-surface existing farm tracks – Mr Woods declared his interest and his dispensation (see Item 1, above) was noted. The Council agreed to object to the application as strongly as possible and Mr Woods was instructed to take the whole matter forward as he saw best to achieve rejection- though the Council and residents remained sceptical about the conduct and likely outcome of the planning process on this matter.

9 Reports of Meetings

None.

10 Other Business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

ANNEX

1 – Wiltshire Briefing Note 19/037 – Special Educational Needs