

**MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Mrs Clark (in the Chair), Mr Hanson and Mr Nash

Apologies: Mr Smith and Mr Woods

In attendance: Mr M Harris and Mr Rodwell

AGENDA

1 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Mr Woods' request for a dispensation - see 2 below - was accepted.

2 Apologies for absence and approval of Mr Woods' dispensation request

- a Mr Woods - The Council approved Mr Woods' dispensation for absence request and it was signed by the Chair.
- b Mr Smith – apologies.

3 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

4 Matters Arising

- a Playground Equipment Safety Report – the latest report from Mr Roberts was due at the end of December 2021.

Mr Nash was thanked for organising the removal of the oak tree.

Agreed - try to recover some costs by advertising logs for sale though they would need seasoning before use.

- b Parish Stewards' Jobs – the Council suggested extending the clearing of debris and verge channels to allow water to escape into all gullies up to Double Hedges as there were gullies up to that point.

Noted - a number of jobs already listed not yet fully done.

Agreed - to carry forward.

Agreed - try to get all visit dates from Wiltshire eg hand work, vector etc in advance for Council to see what they actually do.

- c Defibrillator – the Chair reported that Mr Woods still had not received anything from Community Heartbeat despite numerous reminders on the latest developments.

- d BT Kiosk – it was noted that the kiosk had been cleaned up and a new light bulb fitted without any notification to the Council.

Agreed - Mr Woods' suggestion that a thank you note should be sent to the parishioner concerned who had spotted the workman and got the bulb changed.

5 Questions/Points from the Public

Noticeboards. The Chair reported that Mr Turner and Mr Hopgood had been asked for estimates for repairing/replacing the boards by 4 Manor Farm Cottages and by the Phone Kiosk. These were awaited.

Mr Hanson very kindly offered to mend the noticeboards if estimates were too high.

A parishioner asked about advance notices of meetings. This would be examined.

6 Flooding

The importance of urgent action having been impressed on the Wiltshire Engineer, Mr Dobson, many times, Mr Woods was preparing a further strong reminder to officials incorporating notes received from Mrs Clark and Mr Hanson.

Mrs Clark and Mr Hanson reported that the ditching from Coate corner to Broadlands Lane/Heath Knapp had only reached Shortlands. The rest of the work together with the explanation of the situation on the whole route from the ditch at the foot of Etchilhampton Hill to Heath Knapp was awaited. This would pick up a complaint from a resident about the continuing blockage of the gully opposite 1-3 The Mixon and would be covered by a note from Mr Woods to Mr Dobson and Mr Whitehead.

Vacuumping/vactoring of gullies from Apple Tree Cottage to 4 Manor Farm Cottages had been done but the two gullies opposite the Village Hall and the layout of the pipes to Manor Farm were still outstanding.

7 Wiltshire Waste – Fire at A342 Dump

The Council agreed that it should be informed of the results from the air pollution monitor following the fire. The terrible state of the A342 outside the dump was unacceptable and the potholes very dangerous. These points had already been brought to Mr Whitehead's attention together with previous incidents of polluted air reaching Etchilhampton.

Mr Whitehead would be asked for a situation report from the Health and Safety Air Quality team.

8 Lydeaway

No reply had been received to Mr Woods' latest email of 14 October 2021 to Ms Tamara Reay. The Council agreed to await developments.

9 Treasurer's Report

Mr Nash took the Council through the records/paperwork needed for the setting of the Precept for 2022/2023.

- a He reported that the expenditure to date had been £3,328 (including VAT) and the bank balance stood at £3,473.92 credit.
- b The Budget was considered.
- c It was agreed to request a Precept for 2022/23 of £3,000. This would be an increase in Council Tax of £3.46. The RFO and the Chair signed the appropriate forms to be sent to Wiltshire.

10 Governance

Standing Orders – The Council ratified the updated versions, previously circulated.

11 Traffic Survey

Mr Woods had reported that a speed restriction looked like a "no-hoper".

Regardless of the monitor attached to the "Village Only" sign which was assumed to be a method of surveying the traffic on the C60, Mr Woods had subsequently learned that Etchilhampton could not have a satisfactory survey outcome as the C60 was a 60mph road.

12 Correspondence and Consultations

It was agreed that no further action was needed on the items not otherwise on the Agenda. (See Annex)

13 Planning Applications

- a 2021/04263 – Tichborne Farm. This had been approved by Wiltshire
- b Trees. Wiltshire had been notified that Councillors had no objections to:
 - 2021/03876 – Opposite 8&9 - approved
 - 2021/06485 – 3 Church View - approved
 - 2021/09361 – Westhaven - approved
 - 2021/09363 – Church Holding - approved
 - 2021/10343 – Two Trees (technically Stert)
- c Oak Tree in Playing Field – approved and now removed

14 Reports of Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting had been held on 24 May 2021. The Notes of the meeting would be considered at the next APM.

15 Other Business

Note – Mr Woods had asked that the Council should thank Mrs Clark for standing in for him.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

ANNEX

- 1 – Wiltshire Council's updates on Covid-19 – circulated to Parishioners
- 2 – Buses Consultation
- 3 – Various Police Notices
- 4 – Wiltshire Note on Mental Health
- 5 – Wiltshire Council - Climate Change Survey
- 6 – Wiltshire Briefing Notes on:
 - Substantive Highways Scheme Fund Bid Application Process for Funding (21/12)
 - Renewable Energy Policy (21/21)
 - Christmas waste collection (21/26)