

**MINUTES OF ETCHILHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

**Apologies:** Mr Hanson and Mr Woods

**In attendance:** Mrs Cowdry and Mr Moore

**AGENDA**

**1 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations**

Mr Woods' request for a dispensation – see 2 below – was granted.

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

Mr Hanson and Mr Woods had sent their apologies.

The Council agreed Mr Woods' dispensation for absence request and it was signed by the Chair.

**3 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting**

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

**4 Consideration of appointment of new Clerk**

The Council discussed the potential vacancy for a Clerk. It was agreed to prepare a job description.

**5 Matters Arising**

a Highways – Mrs Clark gave an update following the meeting with WC Highways Engineer, Mr Perrott, on 15 February. He had actually sent a positive response to Mrs Clark's email of 6 April and it was agreed to wait and see what really happened. He was asked to let the Council know when the gully tanker would be visiting the village.

b A parishioner had suggested exploring whether Etchilhampton might qualify for a 40mph speed limit. Although the Council had looked into this before to no avail it might be that the situation had changed. It was agreed to keep under review.

**6 Questions/Points from the Public**

a Noticeboards. The repairs to all 4 noticeboards had now been completed by Mr Hanson. The Council thanked him for his excellent work.

b The gale damaged Bus Shelter. The damaged bus shelter at The Mixon had also been repaired by Mr Hanson. The Council thanked him for his prompt and efficient work.

**7 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Mr Hanson was formally appointed as the Council representative on the Jubilee Group.

a Jubilee Group. It was reported that the Jubilee mugs had now been ordered with Etchilhampton personalisation. There was a minimum order of 72 with each mug costing £3.79 (total £272.88).

As in previous occasions the village children would receive a free mug each with the rest being offered to the village at cost. The proceeds would go to St Andrew's Church and the bellcote repair.

- b Beacon - The Council would co-ordinate with Stert regarding the location, timings and transport to and from for the less able.
- c Oak tree – This would be supplied by Mr Will Corke as a 7yr old, 3m tall oak tree for £250 plus VAT plus £50 plus VAT for delivery, tree tie and mulch.

It was agreed that the planting would take place on 2 June during the tea ceremony on the playing field.

- d It was hoped that Mrs Robertson, the oldest resident of the village, would be able to cut a celebratory cake and that Mr Woods would initiate the planting ceremony in recognition of his contribution over very many years as unpaid Clerk to the Council.

## **8 Treasurer's Report**

- a The RFO's reported on the latest invoices for payment/ratification:
  - Community First membership had been paid by Standing Order - £40.
  - The invoice from SafetySigns4Less for dog fouling signs which are now in situ was ratified - £12.00
  - The VAT reclaim for 2021/22 had been received - £483.44
  - The Precept for 2022/23 had been received on 25 April - £3,000
  - The Bank balance stood at £6,270.46 credit.
- b Mr Nash would scan and send the completed Annual Accounts to the Council for consideration at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May as part of the Annual Governance Statement/External Audit.

## **9 Correspondence and Consultations**

No further action was needed on the items not otherwise on Agenda. (See Annex)

## **10 Planning Applications**

- a 2022/02589 – 6 The Mixon. Row of Field Maple trees - remove/shorten limbs leaning towards the road and reduce height of remaining limbs by 6m-8m.

No objections had been received.

## **11 Reports of Meetings**

None

## **12 Other Business**

- a The date for this year's APCM and PM Meetings was confirmed for Tuesday 24 May - 6.30pm Annual Parish Council meeting to be followed at 7.45 by the Annual Parish meeting.
- b It was suggested the possibility of a "no entry" sign to be put up by the village hall to deter vehicles from attempting to go down the middle path. The Council agreed this was a good idea and would ask Mr Hanson to decide on a visible but discreet location.

There being no further business the meeting finished 8.15pm

**ANNEX**

- 1 – New Police Crime Plan
- 2 – Wiltshire Recycling Services updates on Industrial Action
- 3 – Ridgeway National Trail
- 4 – Wiltshire Council News
- 5 – Wiltshire Council Briefing Note (22-10) on Electric Vehicle Charging Points
- 6 – Police Notice - Remote Access Scams