

**MINUTES OF THE 123rd ANNUAL MEETING FOR  
THE PARISH OF EFFINGHAM**

**KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWNS LANE  
8.00PM TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2018**

<b>Present</b>	Councillor Pindar, Chairman, Effingham Parish Council. 9 Effingham Parish Councillors Councillor Iles 40 Registered Electors 1 CPRE representative And the Parish Clerk
<b>Apologies</b>	Clr Moss
<b>Minutes</b>	The minutes of the 4th April 2017 Annual Meeting were approved as a true record and duly signed by Clr Pindar.
<b>Chairman's Report:</b>	
<b>BH HofE Appeal</b>	<p><b><u>The Berkeley Homes / Howard of Effingham Appeal</u></b></p> <p>The recent successful appeal was the main area of discussion during the 2017/18 Annual Meeting. Residents were keen to understand what options were left available to Effingham Parish Council &amp; Guildford Borough Council to challenge the decision, along with understanding why the appeal was allowed.</p> <p>The only method of challenging an Appeal decision is by Judicial Review, which is currently being considered by legal experts working on behalf of EPC &amp; GBC. The deadline for applying for a Judicial Review is the 2nd May 2018, and if there are grounds it is hoped GBC will take a lead on this.</p> <p>The Appeal Inspector &amp; Secretary of State allowed the Appeal due to the interpretation of "weight".</p> <p>For example - the weight (in decision making) of providing a new school was considered greater than protecting Green Belt &amp; wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Effingham Parish Council are puzzled by the Appeal Inspector's interpretation of The Property Data Survey commissioned by the Education Funding Agency from 2013 (regarding The Howard of Effingham School) where it suggested 66% of the building elements were in "good" condition, 23% of the building elements in satisfactory condition with only 11% being reported</p>

<p>ENP</p>	<p>as poor - these results appear to suggest that a rebuild is not a priority, although the Appeal Inspector stated that "the existing school premises are not fit for the purpose of meeting modern education" - and allowed the greatest possible weight to this. Guildford Borough Council's 2003 Local Plan was also a factor in the decision making process, as land supply is currently at 2.1 years rather than the required minimum of 5 years. Residents were saddened that the Appeal Inspector had given so little consideration to current infrastructure, and that the following would greatly suffer -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion and pedestrian safety on local roads</li> <li>Waiting times for Medical and Dental appointments</li> <li>Parking at local railway stations</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Hogger noted that there were plenty of unresolved matters resulting from the Appeal, which all needed satisfying before any building could start, along with the provision of new Playing Fields to Sport England standards.</p> <p>Cllr Pindar considered this Appeal decision to have National issues for rural villages &amp; the protection of the Green Belt. Effingham's Neighbourhood Plan would be used to influence any final planning application, should a Judicial Review be not possible or unsuccessful.</p> <p><b><u>The Effingham Neighbourhood Plan</u></b></p> <p>Cllr Hogger advised that Guildford Borough Council would be formally adopting Effingham's Neighbourhood Plan this evening.</p> <p>It is planned to revisit the Village Plan that was side stepped after the 2012 Localism Act &amp; Neighbourhood Planning. Local residents and developers were advised to be mindful of Effingham's Neighbourhood Plan when submitting applications to GBC.</p> <p>Link to webpage:  <a href="https://www.effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/">https://www.effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/</a></p>
<p>Wisley Appeal</p>	<p><b><u>The Wisley Planning Appeal</u></b></p> <p>It is feared that the Wisley Appeal is looking likely to succeed, especially after the Appeal decision in Effingham. The decision date is likely to be on or before 6th June 2018. The M25/A3 Wisley Junction improvement plans are still unresolved, although appearing much improved from earlier versions.</p>

<p><b>GBC LP</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Guildford Local Plan</u></b></p> <p>The Regulation 22 examination will start at 10.00am on Tuesday 5 June and will be held in the Council Chamber, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey GU2 4BB. Because of the number of objections to the plan, the inspector will be grouping similar objectors together to make group representations.</p> <p>Effingham Parish Council is not looking to get involved with the process.</p>
<p><b>Services &amp; Precept</b></p>	<p><b><u>Parish Council Services &amp; the 2018/19 EPC Precept</u></b></p> <p>The Parish Council will be consulting with residents to establish what their precept payments should fund within the village. This is part of a long-term plan, and should be completed by the end of 2019. Currently a significant percentage of spend goes towards maintaining the public facilities at the King George V Playing Fields and the parish council will want to know if residents think this is a sensible &amp; desirable use of precept. The parish council are concerned that as austerity continues to affect County &amp; Borough Council budgets, that parish councils will need to step in to fulfill shortfalls in services such as grass cutting, traffic sign cleaning etc, but only with the express instruction by residents.</p> <p>There were further discussions regarding the KGV Hall, and S106 payments &amp; rebuild plans.</p> <p>Residents were keen that facilities offered in any new school building project would not be duplicated at the KGV Hall. Cllr Hogger was keen to point out that improvements at the KGV would be for the whole community and not for specific groups or organisations.</p> <p><b><u>Other Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Community Fund</u></b></p> <p>Community Fund Grants during 2017/18</p> <p><b>Eff Cricket Club</b> - removal of asbestos from Eff Common  <b>Effingham Volunteer Drivers</b> - insurance, mobile phone, CRB  <b>EVRT</b>- mini kitchen, hall seating &amp; toddler play equipment  <b>EPFA</b> - picnic benches  <b>1st Effingham Scouts</b> - car park improvements  <b>Royal British Legion</b> - wreaths  <b>St.Lawrence Church</b> - Great Village Harvest Festival &amp; gazebos for Church Fete.  <b>EFFRA</b> - Heritage Open Day.</p>

	<p><u>Future events</u></p> <p>St.Lawrence Church Fete - 2nd June 2018  Heritage Open Days (EFFRA) - 15th September 2018  EPC/GBC Commoners Day - 30th September 2018</p> <p><u>Sir Paul Beresford (MP for Mole Valley)</u></p> <p>It was suggested that Sir Paul Beresford should be invited to meet with the Parish Council asap to discuss the recent BH/HofE Appeal result &amp; the resulting issues.  (Invitation was accepted by text during the meeting)</p> <p><u>Henry Smith Charity</u></p> <p>There was an update given by Brendan Kelly.  Thanks were given to Michael Bray who had recently stepped down from the charity after 12 years of service. The charity has been run by a group of four volunteer trustees since 2007 (currently Gill Walker, Terry Driscoll, James Brennan &amp; Brendan Kelly).  The account balance is valued at £2437.41 as at 31.03.2018. During 2017 the charity made several grants totally £597.00 and additionally handed out Christmas Vouchers to 11 households totaling £2100.00.  Looking forward the Charity is continually seeking:  More voucher recipients  More cases for making grants  And to undertake more promotions</p> <p>Further details - please contact the parish clerk - Jon Short (in total confidence)</p> <p>clerk2010@effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk  01372.454911</p>
<p><b>HS Charity</b></p> <p><b>Village Magazine</b></p>	<p>Cllr Hackett gave an update on progress of the proposed Village Magazine for Effingham &amp; Little Bookham. After a very successful first meeting of interested parties, further volunteer supporters and contributors are being sort.  Further details are available from the parish clerk:  clerk2010@effinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk</p>

**Residents  
Q&A**

**Question by residents:**

A resident voiced concerns regarding East Horley's Neighbourhood Plan, and proposed development around Effingham Junction Station & New Marsh Farm.

Cllr Pindar then closed the meeting after thanking his fellow Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk & local residents, for all their hard work throughout the year.

He concluded that the Parish Council is now returning to the Village Plan, with a desire to enhance resident's day to day lives.

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