

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 19 JULY 2011
AT KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE, EFFINGHAM**

PRESENT

Cllr Pindar in the Chair
Cllrs Bowerman, Brazil, Hogger, Lightfoot, Nicholls, Peskett, Symes and Wetenhall
Cllr Barker and 6 local government electors

97.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

98.11 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Bowerman declared a personal interest in the planning application for Lower Farm Road, the road in which she lived.

Cllr Symes declared a personal interest in the planning application for Heath View, the road in which he lived.

99.11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 21 JUNE 2011

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

100.11 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (not elsewhere on the Agenda)

Re St Lawrence Primary School hedge: no response had been received to the Parish Council's letter. Clerk to ask Mr Gibbs again.

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101.11 MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

A resident who had asked a question at the previous meeting explained that his interest in EVRT/Parish Council matters arose because he was an Effingham resident, a local elector, aware of approximately £80,000 of the precept spent on KGV in the last 4 years and keen to see that the money was well spent. A question he had asked which remained unresolved would be put to the EVRT AGM.

The question for the current meeting concerned the leases being drafted by EVRT for user groups: if the Custodian Trustee is not a party to them, will they be legal?

The Chairman explained that legal advice on this was being sought and when clarification was received he would let the resident know.

Another resident was concerned about the clarity of the terms of the leases, and referred to a previous agreement. There was discussion about the role of the Custodian Trustee and the Charity Commission; also the level of rent being considered.

104.11 HIGHWAYS – Grit bins

(Item brought up the agenda by agreement to allow Cllr Barker to attend another meeting.)

Cllr Nicholls had asked for clarity on the issue of stationing Parish Council-owned grit bins on Highways land at the most recent Guildford Local Committee meeting. Cllr Hogger reported that she had been informed that the SCC Executive Committee would receive a report on grit bins at the end of July. If this was not favourable for us, the original plan of using private land should be revived. A 'grit bin group' will meet in August and just get on with it. It was commented that use of the media for issues such as this could simply make SCC officers defensive. The Clerk will ask for the result of the SCC Executive debate.

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(Return to normal agenda order.)

102.11 PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

11/P/01011 White Cottage, Lower Farm Road

Cllr Bowerman declared a personal interest. A resident had concerns but had written to GBC. No comment.

11/P/01103 Homeleigh, Guildford Road

No comment.

11/P/01142 Burnside, Heath View

Cllr Symes declared a personal interest. The Parish Council agreed to write noting concerns about the height which seemed excessive, lack of internal structure, effect of actual ground level, and proximity of the tree.

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11/T/00136 Willow Barn, Effingham Common

No comment.

11/P/01187 6 & 7 Effingham Place

Clerk to ask GBC to check the original landscaping plan against the original 1990s approval and, if the provisions there were contravened, the Parish Council would object.

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Results / progress on previous planning applications

10/P/01582 White Cottage, Lower Farm Road	Appeal dismissed
11/P/00147 St Lawrence House, Effingham Place	To appeal
11/P/00150 Charon, Lower Farm Road	To appeal; Parish Council objected
11/P/00607 32 Woodlands Road	Refused
11/P/00658 Inglehurst, Outdowns	To planning committee
11/P/00691 2 Ranmore Meadows, Crocknorth Road	Approved
11/P/00702 Hooke Field, Heathway	Approved
11/P/00704 Howard of Effingham School	Approved
11/P/00747 T W White & Son, Guildford Road	Part granted, part refused

Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

The Parish Council had met and submitted comments to two consultations: 'Who needs Housing?' from GBC and 'Planning for Traveller Sites' from Government.

103.11 GREEN SPACES AND VILLAGE AMENITIES

Parish Council vacancy and EVRT Trustee vacancy

The wording of the advertising leaflets and follow-up letters were amended and agreed. Cllr Pindar will check the EVRT text with the EVRT Trustees. Alyson Reay offered to help with publicity.

AP

Policy on Press and Media

A dummy version had been circulated for comment. It was agreed to debate this more fully with the Editorial Group. The Clerk will set a date.

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Joint copyright of publication on Effingham Common.

It was agreed the Parish Council will hold the copyright jointly with Effingham Local History Group.

104.11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Current Highways and Transport matters

No other issues for decision

Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters

Damaged safety barriers, Guildford Road

The Parish Council wanted to know whether Cllr Barker had received costings for the repair of the barrier by the pedestrian crossing, and whether the driver of the car that hit the barrier was being required to contribute via insurance.

Beech Avenue: alleged bridleways

Cllr Wettenhall and Jessica Page had spoken against the officer's recommendation at the Guildford Local Committee. The bridleways were supported on the Chairman's casting vote and will go to public advertisement.

Parking charges outside Effingham shops

Cllrs Hogger and Pindar had spoken at Guildford Local Committee against the suggestion that on-street parking charges on The Street outside the village shops could be considered. The Committee decided to reject the proposal, and went on to reject all SCC's

new on-street parking schemes within Guildford borough. This decision has now been called in by SCC's Executive Committee.

Proposed double yellow lining on Lower Road

The Local Committee decided that the proposals will go to public consultation despite local protests at the lack of initial consultation in the immediate area on the details of the scheme. Cllr Hogger had convened a meeting with affected residents and a governor of the Howard School to discuss the issues. It was hoped that the Howard School would provide information about its work to revise the School's Travel Plan.

St Teresa's traffic count / traffic survey

This had finally been completed in June. The Clerk will ask the school for the findings.

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Bus shelter, Effingham Common Road

Repair of the bus shelter had been commissioned through GBC's specialist contractor.

105.11 REPORTS

Police and safety community issues

No report

Allotments

The annual meeting had taken place and had gone well. A group of volunteers will meet to discuss self-management of the allotments. Cllr Symes has offered to do a cost and revenue analysis.

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Schools

Cllr Symes attended the St Teresa's prize-giving and much enjoyed it.

EVRT

Cllr Plindar had held two meetings informally with EVRT Chairman Mark Jones. Funding of projects and concurrent grant-aid funding had been discussed, and also the use of the Section 106 funding (from the Red House development on Lower Road) for playground and adult fitness equipment. EVRT now has a website. The AGM will be in October. Mark Jones would provide another tour for councillors if needed, as not all had been able to attend the recent tour on 16 July. Cllr Peskett suggested that cycle racks could be funded by a concurrent function grant.

Home Farm Estate

The walk for parish councillors had been very useful and informative.

Friends of Effingham Common

No specific report, but work is progressing towards Commoners' Day on 25 September. Neil Johnson has offered to help put up marquees, and the Clerk will confirm times.

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Smith's Charity

The trustees had decided not to make a distribution of summer vouchers, so that more money would be available for other projects which might arise.

Effingham Local History Group

Cllr Peskett noted the tour of the village connected to Barnes Wallis being marketed by a leisure company, and felt the village could profit more from the connection.

Local government / admin matters / website

The Clerk gave her leave dates. The Parish Council's copy of the book given to Barnes Wallis for his 80th birthday will be filmed by Mayavision, as part of a programme to be broadcast in November.

106.11 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of items received by the Parish Council was circulated.

107.11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

New signatory to bank account

Cllr Hogger agreed to be a signatory in place of Cllr Crouch, who has retired from the Parish Council.

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Bank reconciliation, first quarter

This had been circulated and was signed as accurate.

Report of the Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor had provided amplification of his original report, as requested by the Parish Council. However since it had not been available for long enough before the meeting, it was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting on 30 August. The Clerk will inform the External Auditor of the position.

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Victim support

With regret it was decided it was not possible to support a request for funding from Victim Support, because it had not been budgeted. It was agreed to consider budgeting grants for local charities in the Parish Council's next budget.

Cheques for approval and signature

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

EDF Electricity	155.00	Authority to pay Local Govt Act 1972 s111
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108.11 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 30 August 2011.