

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2010
AT KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE, EFFINGHAM**

PRESENT

Cllr Pindar in the Chair
Cllrs Clark, Crouch, Lightfoot, Nicholls, Symes and Wetenhall
4 local government electors

116.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Driscoll, Hogger and Jones. Cllr Barker and PCSO Culross had also sent apologies. It was agreed that the Neighbourhood Police should send someone to future meetings (as advertised to residents). The Clerk to write.

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117.10 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No changes submitted at this time.

118.10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 31 AUGUST 2010

These were approved and signed as a true record.

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

No matters arising.

120.10 PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

10/P/01582 White Cottage, Lower Farm Road

Erection of detached two storey 4 bed dwelling with integral garage following demolition of existing dwelling. It was agreed to object on the basis that the height and bulk of the proposed structure dominated the site unduly, and was inappropriate in a setting characterized by gaps between properties. It should be questioned whether the curious roof structure was a prelude to further expansion. If approved, the Parish Council suggested a condition preventing further extension.

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10/P/01600 TW White & Sons, The Crossroads

Replacement of rotten doors and windows and glazed lantern, overcladding north and west elevations of showroom one and rendering of brickwork to showrooms two and three. It was agreed to comment that the cladding if permitted should be in keeping with the local setting, which included the adjacent Listed building; that inappropriate signage should be controlled; that a condition on an earlier consent which pointed out that the parking of vehicles for sale on the highway was an offence should be reiterated.

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10/P/01601 TW White & Sons, The Crossroads

Display of internally illuminated fascia signs. The Parish Council had objected on two previous occasions to illuminated signs and maintained its objection.

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10/P/01611 4 Dog Kennel Green, Ranmore Common

Erection of a front dormer window. No comment.

10/P/01621 Friars Elm, Dog Kennel Green, Ranmore Common

Consultation under the Electricity Act 1989 -Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009 to re-conductor the existing low voltage overhead line with an Aerial Bundled Conductor (ABC). No comment.

10/P/01645 6 Manor Gardens

Two storey side extension. No comment.

10/P/01661 The Squirrels, Effingham Common Road

Erection of brick wall and wooden gates and fencing to enclose rear garden. It was decided to comment that the brick pillars and the boundary treatment were felt to be visually inappropriate as too high and formal in this open rural setting adjacent to the

common. Something more unobtrusive for example a hedge would be preferred.

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10/P/01670 Ladram, Links Way

Single storey rear extension. No comment.

10/P/01279 The Long Barn, High Barn Road

Detached two storey six bedroom dwelling with detached single storey garage and staff accommodation following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding (amended plans following revised design received on 17/09/10). This application had arrived on the day of the meeting and the implications were not fully understood. It was agreed to investigate it further before commenting.

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Results / progress on previous planning applications

10/P/01280	3 Mount Pleasant	Approved
10/P/01282	6 Effingham Place	Approved
10/P/01310	St Lawrence House, Effingham Place	Refused
10/P/01419	St Teresa's School (CLEUD)	Permitted Development. There was a reiteration of concern about the School's intentions. It was agreed to write to the Governors asking for more information and expressing the Parish Council's concerns; also requesting information on performance of the Travel Plan.

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Other planning matters

Elmbridge Borough Council's Core Strategy Post Submission Consultation: *Setting a local housing target (including provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople) and other minor amendments following changes introduced by the Government*

It was noted that Elmbridge is much further ahead in their Local Development Framework than Guildford. Concerns about this had been expressed to a member of GBC Executive Committee at a recent Joint Communities meeting. GBC has decided to wait for further government guidance before proceeding with planning for future housing / accommodation needs.

Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

Motorway Service Area

Cllr John Butcher of Elmbridge DC has taken up the issue of the circumstances in which an Elmbridge planning sub-committee withdrew its objection to a recent application.

Joint parishes group: planning applications by Gypsies and Travellers

This group had now held its meeting with GBC officers and elected members. Further information is awaited.

121.10 VILLAGE GREEN SPACES AND AMENITIES

Current GSVa matters

Chairman's half-yearly report

This was not yet complete. It was suggested that it include information about the Village Plan and Village Care initiatives, issues around the next budget, the Home Farm Estate and the change to the meeting format / Agenda.

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Agenda format for future meetings

It was agreed to start the PCSO session at 7.45 and include a slot for residents' issues after Matters Arising.

Current plans for Commoners Day (26 September)

The Clerk gave an update including publicity arrangements and the steps that had been taken to try to ensure the event went off as well as possible given all the unknowns. Cllr Nicholls kindly offered to act as a traffic marshall, since no PCSOs could be present. Cllr Wetenhall also offered help as needed. Cllr Symes thanked the Clerk for her efforts.

Clerk's position as a member of the Local History Group

The Clerk withdrew during discussion of this item.

The Clerk had suggested that copyright of an article she had written about village matters or village events (in her own time, but based on access to Parish Council papers) would be shared with the Parish Council. If eventually published in any way that involved sales, income arising would go to a community purpose. This was agreed. The Clerk will write to herself.

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GBC consultation on Statement of Licensing Policy

This had been studied and no response was required.

Grass-cutting the verge in front of the shops

It was agreed to delegate the search for a suitable person to the shopkeepers, who could ensure that a good job was done. Within the budgeting process the Parish Council would consider what honorarium it would continue to contribute. The Clerk to ask Cllr Jones if he would let the shopkeepers know so they could begin the search.

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Reports and correspondence relating to GSVa matters

Bookham Fields

News of the likely appeal timetable (2011) had been circulated.

The Sir Douglas Haig pub

In the months up to Christmas, the landlady will run raffles to raise money for the 'social' rehabilitation of soldiers at Headley Court. She was keen to work with the Parish Council on community matters where possible, for example helping to publicise future Commoners' Days.

122.10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Current Highways and Transport matters

Invitation to join a rail-users' group of Effingham and nearby parishes

There were no volunteers. It was agreed to mention it to residents in the half-year report.

Surrey County Council's consultation on the Surrey Transport Plan

Cllr Symes kindly volunteered to look at this.

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Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters

BOAT 137

There have been no objections to the proposed width restriction, and the Local Committee will consider the Order on 22 September.

Lorries working on the MSA site

Traffic is going very fast; the speed limit is unrestricted; a near crash had been witnessed. It was agreed to write to Elmbridge / Highways suggesting a temporary speed restriction, with a copy to Cllr John Butcher.

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Footpath surveys

Still need completion by Cllrs Pindar, Nicholls, Driscoll, Jones and the Clerk. Please hurry up!

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Manure tipping, Sheepwalk Lane

Cllr Pindar reported a midden in creation. The Clerk to research land ownership and if necessary report.

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123.10 REPORTS

Police and safety community issues

No report.

Allotments

No further news.

Schools

A resident was concerned about possible diversion of footpaths leading to heavier use of the path beside Effingham Place, and described nuisances arising from the current level of use. It was explained that the Parish Council was not promoting this, it was just one of a number of issues discussed at a meeting with the Howard School. The residents had decided to send a member to parish council meetings on a rota, which was warmly welcomed.

EVRT

The Fireworks will take place on 30 October; tickets in advance will be cheaper than on the night. The information had been uploaded to the EPC web-site.

Home Farm Estate

The Clerk had met Sue Sturgeon and Chris Mansfield to explain why residents of Calvert and Chester Road requested a meeting about the management of grazing / garden licences. The final piece of land had been successfully repossessed; however it had been left in a poor state. The road surface was in a very poor state and there was confusion about what repair work was intended and when. It was agreed the Parish Council would press to know the current situation regarding timetable, the scale of work and the costs. **SM**

Friends of Effingham Common

The verge along Effingham Common Road had been trimmed, and the view of the Common thus revealed was much appreciated.

Smith's Charity

No further news.

Local government / admin matters / website

The Parish Room will be closed on 27 September. There is to be an electoral review of Surrey.

124.10 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence which had been received since the last meeting was noted:

East Horsley Parish Council	Agenda and Minutes, meeting of 13 September
GBC	Agenda and Reports for Planning Committee; also Standards & Audit committee
Guildford Environmental Forum	Newsletter, Sept 2010; advance notice that SCC Countryside Service is to consult on discontinuing non-statutory work
SCC Guildford Local Committee	Agenda and reports for mtg of 22 September
Surrey County Council	Surrey Highways weekly information bulletins
Surrey Community Action	AGM at East Horsley, Tuesday 5 October
Surrey Hills Society	Membership renewal
CPRE	Invitation to Loseley, meeting about Surrey Hills
SLCC	AGM details, Sunday 16 October
English Rural Housing Assn	Bulletin, Summer 2010

125.10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Current matters

Amendments to Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Still on hold.

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Cheques for approval and signature

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

BTS	£58.16	Authority to pay Local Govt Act 1972 s111
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Phone Coop	27.92	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
HMRC 3 months contributions £1167.21:		
Employers NI	216.39	Local Govt Act 1972 s112
Employees NI	227.19	
Tax	723.63	
CPRE membership renewal	29.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
Hattie Hyder	55.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s137
Effingham First Responders	25.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s137
1 st Effingham Scouts	200.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s137

Reports and correspondence relating to Finance matters

None.

126.10 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Wetenhall asked if GBC would supply clear information about what is considered to be permitted development; Cllr Lightfoot will send a link to a useful web-site. The Clerk also to investigate.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 26 October.