

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2010
AT KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE, EFFINGHAM**

PRESENT

Cllr Symes in the Chair
Cllrs Hogger, Jones, Lightfoot, Nicholls and Wetenhall.

37.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Clark, Crouch, Driscoll, Pindar and Barker

38.10 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Nicholls has provided further information for the Register of Interests.

39.10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23 FEBRUARY 2010

These were agreed to be a true record and signed.

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

Nothing raised.

41.10 POLICE AND SAFETY

PCSO's report

PCSO Culross was not present.

Reports on Police and Safety matters

Cllr Nicholls reported very low attendance at the recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting. There was discussion about possible reasons. It was felt that there might be a benefit for residents from combining the opportunity to meet the Neighbourhood team with the parish council meeting. It was decided to write to the police asking if PCSO Culross would like to make his report to all present at 7.30 before the rest of the Parish Council meeting, which would start no later than 8.15. The Clerk to write. **SM**

42.10 PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

10/P/00266 Inglehurst, Outdowns

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development to determine whether single storey rear and side extensions should constitute permitted development

No comment.

10/P/00306 The Vineries, Lower Road

Erection of side extension to provide garage with accommodation at first floor within roof space

No comment.

10/P/00324 Burnside, Heath View

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension

Cllr Symes expressed a personal interest, as a resident in the same street.

No comment.

2010/0027/SM Land at Chasemore Farm, Bookham Road, Downside, Cobham

The translocation of inert waste including soils from the Cobham Motorway Service Area to an area of some 28.3 hectares at Chasemore Farm for construction of earth mounds and associated landscape, restoration and reinstatement works, two temporary access arrangements, protection work at Railway Bridge, and improvements to Bookham Road to facilitate the proposed works with reinstatement to the satisfaction of the County Highway Authority. (by 19 April).

Cllr Lightfoot will examine the proposal and draft a proposed comment.

AL

Results / progress on previous planning applications

09/P/01843 The Long Barn

Refused

09/P/01930 The Squirrels, Effingham Common

To appeal. EPC did not comment.

09/P/02103 Upper Leewood Farm

Refused

10/T/00003 Upper Leewood Farm, Effingham Common Road (crown lifting of trees)

Will be approved with conditions. It was reported that the existing entrance to the field will probably be kept but may be extended.

Other planning matters

Mole Valley Local Development Framework

Proposals to build in the Green Belt around the Bookhams were discussed. It was agreed to object strongly as follows:

BK05 (Guildford Road): diminution of the green gap along the A246; support for the idea of a village green; infrastructure (schools, health service, roads) already overloaded.

BK06 (Woodlands Road): this represents an extension to the built up area of Effingham; diminution of green gaps between settlements; greater flooding likely to be caused by reduced permeability in this area; infrastructure overloaded as before; sewer capacity will not cope.

SM

Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

Elmbridge Borough Council's Core Strategy – proposed submission to Secretary of State

Cllr Lightfoot had read this and reported it was a good document; no concerns for Effingham.

Wisley 'airfield'

The planning application for a composting unit had gained approval. An access road from the A3 / Ockham roundabout is to be built, which it is feared will provide the opening for more developments.

Further HGV O-licence application at Newmarsh Farm

The Clerk reported that a Chessington-based demolition firm with an existing licence for a vehicle at Newmarsh Farm had applied to have its address re-registered at Newmarsh. The Parish Council had written, as to all previous applications, concerning the establishment of this site without due process. GBC is now collating a diagram of where existing licence holders say their pitch is, so that usage of space and number of applications can be monitored.

Spinney Copse, Outdowns

An unauthorised access had been created directly onto the A246. Both Highways and GBC Planning had acted with alacrity and to outward appearance the access has been closed up again.

Joint Communities Group

The Clerk had attended another meeting, at which a senior GBC Planner had explained his approach to two recent retrospective planning applications for Gypsy and Traveller settlements in Ripley.

Planning applications, Home Farm Estate

Cllr Nicholls reported he was aware of three residents who were unable to proceed with their plans for development because of planning constraints, which he felt were acting unfairly to hamper improvement of the area.

43.10 VILLAGE GREEN SPACES AND AMENITIES

Current GSVa matters

Mowing in front of the shops

Mr Gibb had indicated he would soon be hoping to hand over this job to someone else. There was discussion about who to approach, on a commercial or more voluntary basis. It was agreed to include this in the 'brainstorm' in April because it applied not only to this area.

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Community clean up

GBC had sent its annual offer of the loan of equipment. It was pointed out that the contract between EVRT and the Howard School provided for a litter pick in the Playing Fields every two weeks. Cllr Hogger volunteered to organise a community effort on 15 May if possible; meet at 10.00 at the KGV car park.

LH

Candidate for appointment by the Parish Council as an EVRT Trustee

Cllr Hogger reported that she and Cllr Pindar had interviewed John Blackburn. He had scored very highly on all counts and there was no hesitation in recommending him. It was agreed to nominate him as a Parish Council- appointed Trustee, to complete the rest of Cllr Driscoll's term. It was agreed the Chairman should write to John Blackburn.

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Reports on GSVa matters

Howard of Effingham – Foundation Status

The Clerk reported that the school believes it fully advertised the advertisement of the consultation result. The meeting with the governors was confirmed for 2.30 on 29 March. Councillors will meet beforehand to brief themselves.

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Proposed extension of all weather surface, KGV Playing Fields

Cllr Nicholls reported that the School had mentioned proposals for this were being discussed with EVRT, which Cllr Jones confirmed. The proposed area appeared to be much larger than the current, and potentially to affect the woodland. Cllr Nicholls regretted this would mean the extension of more ball games in the area, but nothing for the disabled or young or elderly users. Cllr Hogger felt there

needed to be a wider understanding of the issue; what was the School intending to do with its own land where this facility had been first proposed? Possibly the School was unaware of the potential community reaction, as with the idea of closing the footpath.

Beech Avenue verges

Cllr Wetenhall reported that the clearance and replanting had continued, and some areas looked shockingly bare. Pressure would have to be put on to tidy up the site. Residents would possibly help with a litter pick.

44.10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Current Highways and Transport matters

M25 Draft Orders

These only affected the M25 carriageway area, not the service station. There was no need to comment.

Dirtham Lane

The Local Committee had voted for the 30mph limit along Dirtham Lane and through the woods, having been given no other option. It was agreed to write formally asking for a Traffic Regulation Order, and to try to gain the support of Sue Sturgeon at GBC.

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Location of additional salt bins

A map of the previously suggested locations had been circulated. During discussion the number was reduced to seven. It was agreed that a precise location for the proposed bins should now be identified. This will form part of Cllr Wetenhall's forthcoming footpath survey and will be on the next Agenda.

JW

Additional bus shelter, Lower Road

GBC had written offering to co-fund a bus-shelter (£1,750 each for EPC and GBC) but it was agreed this could not be afforded. The Clerk to write.

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Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters

No further reports.

45.10 REPORTS

Allotments

The Clerk reported that the National Association of Allotment Gardeners would provide information to member councils on how allotments could be self-managing. A subscription was £55 and this was agreed. It was reiterated that this is a research phase, no decisions have been taken.

Schools

No further report.

EVRT

Cllr Jones reported that the new Trustee's responsibility will be funding and future financial planning. Mike Summers' role has been restructured. He will continue the book-keeping. Over 100 responses to the questionnaire had been received. The Executive Committee will analyse the responses and will share the results with EPC. The User Group Committee had three elected positions of which two had been filled, by Nigel Maycock Chairman of the Rugby Club, and Paul Grant of the Rugby Club. Cllr Nicholls objected to the over-representation of the Rugby Club. Cllr Jones said these people had taken the opportunity to stand for election where others had not. They had no decision-making powers. The opportunity to stand for election had been well publicised in the village.

The re-roofing project had been completed and had cost £70k.

There will be a Board of Trustees meeting next week. Cllr Hogger asked when the Trustees would be ready to talk to the EPC sub-group about future funding and the service level agreement (or similar) as this was becoming pressing. Cllr Jones said he would raise this with the Trustees.

Cllr Nicholls described a disagreement about use of the pitch after heavy rain, when the surface was badly damaged. There was a discussion about whether the appropriate person was making the decision to play / not play for the sake of a village amenity.

Home Farm Estate

No further news.

Friends of Effingham Common

No further news.

Smith's Charity
No further news.

Local Government / Admin matters

Cllr Hogger gave out copies of the Chair's Report for councillors to deliver as soon as possible. New replacement green cloths were in use, with thanks to Val Denehy for the hemming. It was agreed that instead of having name plates, Councillors would announce their names at the beginning of meetings where the public are attending.

46.10 CORRESPONDENCE

Receipt of the following was noted:

St Lawrence Church	Parish Magazines, March and April
Mr Andrew Bunch	Copy of letter concerning private rights of way, Woodlands Road
East Horsley Parish Council	Agenda and papers for meeting of 15 March
Guildford Environmental Forum	Newsletter, March 2010
Guildford magazine	March 2010
GBC	Agenda and reports for Planning Committee meeting, 1 March
	Proposed Taxi and Private Hire Licensing policy; consultation; comments by 28 May
SCC	Agenda and reports for meeting of 23 March
Surrey Community Action	Training courses, April to Sept 2010
Surrey Hills Society	Views, spring 2010
Clerks and Councils Direct	March 2010
SLCC	The Clerk, March 2010
NALC	DIS 726, 727, 728

47.10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Current matters

Parish Council Insurance

Three quotations had been obtained. It was agreed to confirm the Came & Co. quotation with the three-year tie-in.

Direct Debit for EDF electricity

It was agreed not to go over to the Direct Debit system, as this inevitably caused more problems than it was worth.

Request for funding from Victim Support

It was agreed this could not be afforded.

Approval of estimates for small repairs

The Clerk presented a schedule of repairs, each individually costed. It was agreed to approve these for action without further delay.

Cheques for approval and signature

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

		Authority to pay
2009-10		
Phone Co-op	36.39	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
Flashlight Photography	52.90	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
BTS Ltd	58.16	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
Sutton & E Surrey Water (allotments)	42.49	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908
Sutton & E Surrey Water (Parish Room)	39.74	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133
Lasertech UK Ltd	249.30	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
Osborne & Collins	64.39	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
S Morris reimbursement	965.13	Local Govt Act 1972 s.112
Nat. Assoc'n of Allotment Gardeners (memb)	55.00	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908
Colin Gibb	100.00	Highways Act 1980 s.96
2010-2011		
Trevor Markham	500.00	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908

GBC rates – Burial Ground	74.10	Local Govt Act 1972 s.214
GBC rates – Parish Room	946.27	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
Came & Co insurance	888.23	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133

Reports on Finance matters

None

58.10 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting, 8pm, 13 April. There will be a talk by an archaeology student after the meeting. Cllr Symes and Cllr Hogger gave their apologies.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 27 April