

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 29 MARCH 2011
AT KING GEORGE V HALL, BROWN'S LANE, EFFINGHAM**

PRESENT

Cllr Pindar in the Chair
Cllrs Clark, Crouch, Driscoll, Hogger, Lightfoot, Nicholls, Symes and Wetenhall
Cllr Barker
12 local government electors

Before the meeting formally began, the Chairman noted that since Cllr Driscoll had decided to stand down at the next election and could not come to the next meeting, this would be his last appearance. Cllr Driscoll was warmly thanked for his years of service to the village, not forgetting the enormous amount of practical help he had given the Clerk which had been hugely appreciated.

38.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

39.11 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Symes declared a personal interest in planning applications for Spindlewood and Burnside, both in Heath View near where he lived.

40.11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 1 MARCH 2011

At 32.11, the second vote should show 2 councillors abstaining and one having withdrawn in accordance with declaration of interest.

With this correction the Minutes were signed as a true record.

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

Risk assessment needs consideration.

42.11 MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Residents from the following roads had been invited:

Effingham Common Road, Middle Farm Close, Middle Farm Place, The Street, Yew Tree Walk

No issues were raised.

43.11 PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

11/P/00210 Spindle Wood, 6 Heath View

Erection of a two storey dwelling following the demolition of the existing bungalow. No comment.

11/P/00249 Orchard Cottage, Effingham Common

Erection of orangery on the south east elevation. No comment.

11/P/00250 Orchard Cottage, Effingham Common

Listed Building consent for erection of orangery on the south east elevation.

No comment.

11/P/00264 Burnside, Heath View

Replacement two storey 4 bedroom dwelling. Residents had expressed concerns about the drainage across the back of the property, the overall height, and the proximity of chimneys to the mature oak trees. No comment.

MO/2011/0274 Guildford Road, Bookham

Proposed installation of a 12.5 metre Replica Telephone Street pole with 6 No. antennas mounted within the top shroud of the structure with 1 No. equipment cabinet at ground level. It was decided to object strongly on the grounds that the Green Belt siting was completely inappropriate; also to point out that the area apparently to be covered included a large amount of uninhabited green space.

11/P/00383 Otters Lodge, Orestan Lane

Erection of a single storey rear timber framed, glazed conservatory replacing existing structure. No comment.

11/P/00394 Crosslands Forge formerly Kimberley Works, Beech Ave

Demolition of existing derelict building (being a former blacksmith's forge) and construction of a new house with associated modifications to existing means of access, boundary

11/P/00395 Conservation Area Consent for demolition of existing derelict building (being a former blacksmith's forge).

treatments and landscaping.

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11/P/00402 Crosslands Forge formerly Kimberley Works, Beech Ave

Demolition of existing derelict building (being a former blacksmith's forge) and construction of a pair of mews style cottages with associated modifications to existing means of access, boundary treatments and landscaping.

11/P/00402 Conservation Area Consent for demolition of derelict building (being a former blacksmith's forge).

It was decided to object to all four applications on the basis that these proposals did not enhance the nearby Listed Building within the Conservation Area and an area of high Archaeological importance. It was felt impractical to site dwellings next to a working garage. There were queries over the proposed access. The so-called forge was felt to be not derelict, but unused. There is a large well, now covered over, in the area. There was concern over losing business premises in favour of more housing. It was decided to alert the GBC Conservation team to the proposal.

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11/P/00411 The Beeches, Beech Ave

Two storey side extension with windows at ground and first floor level; single storey side extension with pitch roof, insertion of dormer windows; rear extension and insertion of dormer windows in main roof to rear with addition of roof lights following removal of porches, loggia, and single storey side extension. There was concern over why the applicants were re-iterating a proposal which had apparently previously been refused. It was agreed to research the position more fully, but to comment provisionally that if the proposals did represent an increase of over 40% on the original, the Parish Council would object for reasons of consistency.

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11/T/00057 King George V Hall and Field, Browns Lane

Application to:

crown reduce / thin one multi-stemmed Cherry (no.673 on plan)

Prunus 674 (dead) - monolith to ground level

Holly 675 - remove

Oak 676 - remove branch hanging above path

Larch 677 - Fell

Larch 679 - monolith to ground level

Larch 680 (dead) - fell

Horse Chestnut 681 - crown reduce by 40%

Willows 682 (dead) - monolith to 2.5m

3 Sycamores - 683 - fell

Ash 684 - remove deadwood over path

Oak 685 - crown reduce / thin by 30%

Multi-stemmed Elm and other elms along boundary - fell

Elms 691 (dead) - fell

Cherry 693 - crown reduce / thin by 20%

Horse Chestnut 694 - fell

(permission not required to remove deadwood) (Effingham Conservation Area)

It was noted that the tree surgeon's inspection was nearly a year ago. Examination of the trees listed in this proposal had raised some questions about the need for so much felling; about the timing of reductions, and the suggestion of re-planting. It was decided to inspect again and to authorise a comment by agreement after the meeting.

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Results / progress on previous planning applications

11/P/00224 Inglehurst, Outdowns (CLEUD) Refused

Other planning matters

None.

Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

None.

44.11 VILLAGE GREEN SPACES AND AMENITIES

Current GSVa matters

Forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting, 5 April

The Draft Minutes and the Agenda had been circulated.

Forestry Commission plans for Effingham

The Parish Council will comment on the draft proposals when these are finalised.

Reports and correspondence relating to GSVa matters

Archery event on Effingham Common

The archer who organised the longbow practice on Commoners' Day would like to run an archery shoot (for existing practitioners from the wider area, and local beginners) on 6 & 7 August. There would need to be safeguards for the wildlife. The Friends of Effingham Common including Adam Owen for GBC will consider this.

Replanting trees, Guildford Road

The idea of planting this season, owing to the difficulty of getting the necessary SCC paperwork done, has had to be abandoned. The Clerk will plead for a carry-over of the GBC concurrent grant aid.

Burial Ground shed

This too has fallen foul of long delays and will need special pleading with GBC.

Parking in the village during rugby events

A further meeting had been convened by Cllr Hogger. The Rugby Club had tried to address some of the issues identified at the January meeting, but readily accepted there was more to do. They are now discussing the maximum size of events and finding a further parking area.

£106 money from Grove House for flint wall renewal, The Street

Cllr Hogger reported that GBC officers had visited the site and were enthusiastic about the project, to include a phased programme of improving the green areas generally.

Superfast Broadband in rural areas

Cllr Pindar volunteered to complete the questionnaire.

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Breath of Life

Effingham First Responders are part of a St John Ambulance event to train 1,000 people in simple life-saving techniques on 2 April, and will value support.

Encroachment on the Common

An possible instance has been reported, which the Clerk will investigate.

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45.11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT

Current Highways and Transport matters

None.

Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters

Pedestrian barrier, A246

Cllr Barker had volunteered to fund a replacement safety barrier on the A246, and details of the incident that caused the damage have been forwarded to SCC. A costing for the replacement is awaited.

Flooding on Effingham Common Road

Highways and GBC have booked themselves a meeting to confer on-site about the possibility of tackling ditch clearance on private land to the west of Windy Ridge.

Orestan Lane

There is now standing water permanently at the low 'ponding up' point near The Plough. This has been reported.

Effingham Common Road white line

It has been confirmed that the whole road is scheduled to be surface dressed and line re-painted later in the season

Salt bins

Cllrs Hogger and Nicholls are in the process of approaching residents for permission to site these off SCC land.

Variation to Operators' Licence, Two Firs

The owners have applied to vary their HGV Operators licence so that they can run lorries which carry their goods internationally from the site. EPC cannot comment directly but GBC will point out discrepancies between information in the recent CLEUD and on the VOSA site about the lorries licenced to the site; also the activities which were refused permission by the CLEUD.

A246 Speed limit

The Local Committee voted to allow this to proceed to public consultation, with the right information!

Public Rights of Way

Cllr Wetenhall asked if James Browne, SCC Rights of Way Officer, could be invited to a meeting, and would like to know if there is an estimate of how many people use the footpaths.

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46.11 **REPORTS**

Police and safety community issues (reported before the start of the present Agenda)

PCSO Culross reported 4 crimes: thefts of a jet washer and of a SatNav system, 1 incident of criminal damage and 1 incident of public disorder (language causing distress and harrassment). PCSO Culross advised all not to fear crime but to be aware. The recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting had identified speeding on Orestan Lane, The Street and Effingham Common Road as issues to tackle. ANPR vans would be on site soon.

Cllr Wetenhall asked if speeding on Beech Avenue could be investigated. There had been a fatal accident on the A246. There is no news on catching the rapist in Merrow but PCSO Culross would report back on the investigation at a future meeting. Residents reported that heavy lorries in The Street and Orestan Lane were a nuisance; both the Police and GBC Environmental Health can be notified.

A resident asked about all the work on the village safety scheme. Cllr Hogger reported that the plans were worked out but SCC would not then fund it.

The new police post in East Horsley cannot be visited by the public, but there is a surgery at East Horsley Library on Wednesdays at 12.30 to 2.30.

There was discussion about parking on Sunday mornings. PCSO Culross had been amazed at some instances and had issued warning tickets. He has spoken with ELRFC. He will find out and report back whether a timed photograph showing a registration number of a vehicle parked obstructively would be sufficient to issue a warning. A resident explained how there needed to be passing places on Browns Lane, not traffic reduced to single lane along the whole length.

Allotments

The meeting for all allotment holders will be 24 May. Cllr Pindar can attend.

Schools

Ideas for the agenda of the forthcoming meeting were listed. The Clerk will suggest these. **SM**

EVRT

Nothing to report.

Home Farm Estate

There had been a meeting with officers, from which there was little to report. Capital funding of £95k for the road repair had been secured. The Clerk will ask Chris Mansfield for the date of his visit.

Friends of Effingham Common

The AGM will be on Wednesday 30 March. The first meeting of the Steering Group for the next Commoners' Day has been held.

Smith's Charity

No further news.

Effingham Local History Group

There are more keen new members. More information is appearing on the web-site. A discussion about whether this needs to be backed up elsewhere has been held. A sub-group has been set up to catalogue photos, documents etc being lent and given for the Group's use. A commando group is preparing organised raids on the Surrey History Centre, to extract the answers to an ever-growing list of questions.

Local government / admin matters / website

Parish Room: the 5 Year periodic test (electrical installation) of Parish Room has been completed. There are some minor matters that need attention.

Cllr Symes and the Clerk attended a GBC Reception held by the Mayor for Guildford Borough Chairmen and Clerks. There were talks about how the cuts were being managed, how the handling of welfare collections/payments will change, the review of GBC Assets and the 'Tell us Once' initiative, to save bureaucracy informing different bodies, banks etc after a bereavement. This becomes available in June but is being widely trailed in advance.

The Chairman and Clerk are to attend a conference on Localism.

GBC Engineering, Transportation and Projects Team is subject to review as part of the cuts. Various Clerks (including myself) who have worked with them have been asked to comment.

The Borough Remembrancer wanted information about key events in Effingham in the last year. He has been sent information about Commoner's Day.

The Chairman's Report has been processed.

Richard Deighton, East Horsley PC Clerk, has resigned and will be leaving in June. He has been a good support for Effingham and will be much missed. It was decided that the Parish Council will write to him with good wishes and to express its appreciation of his help. **SM**

47.11 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Effingham with Little Bookham	Parish magazine
Horsley Countryside Preservation Soc	Around & About Horsley (article about the old Iron Age road between Guildford and Leatherhead, which includes Lower Road
Guildford Borough Council	Planning Committee, 7 March
	Surrey Youth Games

Guildford Environmental Forum	Newsletter March 2011
SCC Guildford Local Committee	Minutes of Local Committee meeting of 8 December and 9 March
Surrey County Council	Agenda and papers for Council meeting, 22 March
Surrey Community Action	Spring Newsletter
Surrey Clubs for Young People	Invitation to explain services
Open Space Society	Article about diversion of a footpath on security grounds
NALC	DIS no 753 &754
SLCC	The Clerk magazine and training course info. Clerks & Councils Direct, March

48.11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

EVRT's bid for a grant from the precept for 2011-12

There was debate about EVRT's rejection of several clauses of the proposed SLA at a point which left no time for discussion. There was disappointment, the result being that there could now be no SLA, after such a great deal of work aiming to support EVRT's desire for more secure, longer-term funding. The frustration of not being able to meet to discuss aspects causing difficulty was considerable. It was felt EVRT had not recognised and/or accepted constraints on the handling of public money. It was agreed the Chairman would write regretting the position and proposing that if EVRT wished to bid by 18 April for funds for individual projects this was still a possibility, but safeguards for public money would still apply and the Parish Council will not discuss or negotiate by letter or e-mail. Precise bids will need to be agreed by the meeting in June. If this is not achieved the money will be reallocated. The letter will be sent in hard copy to all Trustees.

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Cheques for approval and signature

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

		Authority to pay
Phone Coop	28.74	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
I Dixon	187.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133
Sutton & E Surrey Water, Parish Room	40.36	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133
Sutton & E Surrey Water, Allotments	23.69	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908
Osborne & Collins	192.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133
Mole Valley Printing Society	33.60	Local Govt Act 1972 s.111
BTS Ltd	59.40	Local Govt Act 1972 s111
Colin Gibb	100.00	Highways Act 1980 s.96
HMRC (PAYE)	1167.21	Local Govt Act 1972 s.112
SM reimbursement	1,010.63	Local Govt Act 1972 s.112

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GBC Rates - Cemetery	77.50	Local Govt Act 1972 s.214
GBC Rates – Parish Room	23.39	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133
Nat. Soc of Allotment Gardeners	66.00	Smallholdings and Allotments Act 1908
Gerald Houlton	650.00	Local Govt Act 1972 s.214
Came & Co	877.41	Local Govt Act 1972 s.133

Reports and correspondence relating to Finance matters

Nothing further.

49.11 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 26 April 2011.

Risk assessment needs to be reviewed.