

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF EFFINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT 8pm ON TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 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 36 local government electors

109.11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Hogger. Also the Clerk (sick leave)

110.11 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Symes re Spindlewood application (neighbour); Cllr. Nicholls re Catholic church; Cllr. Lightfoot re Torluish, Effingham Common Road (neighbour); Cllr Pindar re 32 Woodlands Road (neighbour).

111.11 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 July 2011

The Minutes were signed as a correct record.

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

Indignation was expressed at the refusal by Surrey County Council to allow grit bins to be placed by the Parish Council on Highways land. County Councillor Bill Barker expressed his determination to get this decision changed.

113.11 MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

There was an animated discussion about recent events at EVRT, and a lack of confidence in the current trustees. It was generally agreed that a lack of communications was a major cause of unrest. It was pointed out that there was currently a vacancy to appoint a trustee. Councillors agreed that all trustees needed to have a strong belief in the future of EVRT, and the Chairman agreed that the criteria for selection of trustees would be published and implemented whenever a new trustee was appointed. It was agreed that the parish Council would seek a meeting with the trustees to discuss the issues that had been raised.

114.11 PLANNING MATTERS

New applications

11/P/01298 Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Lower Road

Demolition of existing church hall and garage and the erection of new church hall.
Reconfiguration of car park, pathways to the new church hall and existing church and soft landscaping
and

11/P/01299 Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Lower Farm Road

Conservation Area Consent to demolish church hall and garage

These applications were considered to be in the interest of the village, in that the demolition of the unsightly old hall would enhance the church building. The replacement hall would be an asset to the village. The council felt that parking spaces should be maximised because of parking problems in the village, and following a presentation by church representatives, noted with approval their intention to make an amended application for 35 spaces. It was agreed that if the development in the wooded area planned for the replacement hall should not go ahead for any reason, this area should revert to Green Belt and all planning consent should be rescinded.

11/P/011305 Warren Farmhouse, WarrenFarm, Guildford Road

Two storey rear extension. No comment

11/P/01331 Spindlewood, 8, Heath View

Conversion of loft space to provide studio with three rear roof lights and two solar panels

(revision to planning permission 11/P/0210

Despite the application stating trees to be retained, most have been removed thus exposing the house to the bridleway on the common. The proposal to put windows in the roof gives the appearance of a third storey which is out of keeping with the neighbours. Objection.

11/P/01368 The Garn, Lower Farm Road

Two storey rear extension and front entrance porch following demolition of existing conservatory.

The plan, elevations and dimensions are acceptable, but the front appearance, particularly full rendering, was not in keeping with the more farmhouse style of neighbouring houses, and was therefore opposed. It was also noted that although the application stated that the development was not visible from a public footpath, this was not correct as a much used footpath passes directly in front of the property. Objection.

11/P/01387 The Manor House School, Manor House Lane

Display of non-illuminated 'V' board advertisement at entrance to Lane.

This plan was seen as "street clutter" and unnecessary. The size of the board was too high and out of keeping, and a precedent for more advertising around the streets. Objection

11/P/01391 32, Woodlands Road

Erection of one detached three-bedroom house with integral single garage following demolition of existing garage building.

No comment

11/P/01397 TW White and Son, Guildford Road

Display of three externally illuminated fascia signs.

This is in the conservation area and thought to be distracting from the buildings around, and not to be in character or enhancing the area in any way. Objection.

11/P/01403 Home Farmhouse, The Street

Change of use of redundant milking shed to residential garden following demolition of redundant milking shed,
and,

11/P/01404 Home Farmhouse, The Street

Conservation consent: No comment

11/P/01408 6 Leewood Way

Two storey side/rear extension and front entrance porch following demolition of double garage

This development would add 6.5 m to the width of the building and 700mm to the height .It would have an undesirable effect on the street scene and general character of Leewood Way. Objection.

11/P/01416 Orestan House, Orestan Lane

Retention of detached car port. No comment

11/P/01457 Lawn View, Orestan Lane

Demolition of existing two bedroom bungalow and replacement with four-bedroom detached house. No comment

11/P/01494 Torluish, Effingham Common Road

Two storey side and rear extensions. No comment

11/T/00168 Effingham Place

Crown lift row of copper beech trees to a height of 5m and reduce lateral branches on mid to lower canopies of two beech (T3) along rear boundary of garden, fell cherry (T1) and laburnum (T2) and pollard weeping willow (T4) – Effingham Conservation Area, No comment

11/T00174 13, The Crossroads

Crown reduce Maple (P1) by approx.12 ft. And Crown thin (Effingham Conservation area). No comment.

Results / progress on previous planning applications

None reported at this meeting

Reports and correspondence relating to other Planning matters:

A government consultation on draft National Planning Policy Framework had been notified. Cllr. Symes will circulate his suggestions.

The Minton Group had requested an opportunity to present to the Parish Council their ideas for building a care home on the old school field off Church Street. Agreed a brief presentation could be made at the October meeting.

A resident had reported a lot of earth-moving at Summerdown Manor, and this had been referred by the Clerk to GBC enforcement for investigation.

It was noted that the proposed mobile mast on Mole Valley land on the A246 opposite Dagenham Motors had been erected, but the mast on High Barn Road had disappeared.

Since the last meeting, a presentation from Surrey Community Action on the development of parish plans had been held and thought to be very helpful.

Home Farm: Cllr.Liz Hogger had had another useful meeting.

115.11 GREEN SPACES AND VILLAGE AMENITIES

EVRT nominations. John Blackburn was reappointed and another trustee is to be found through the advertising process

Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Agreed this opportunity should be passed to EVRT

Opportunity to nominate a candidate for SCAPTC. Agreed to pass.

Commoners' Day; noted that in the absence of Sue Morris, Adam Owen had agreed to take charge.

Parish Plan: deferred for present during absence of the Clerk.

116.11 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT Current Highways and Transport matters

Cllr. Bill Barker is arranging from his discretionary budget for the damaged pedestrian barrier opposite Sibley's to be replaced. A quotation is awaited.

There had been an incorrect and embarrassing account in the local press about the re-planting programme for the trees on the southern side of the A246 opposite Grove House. Councillors were cautioned to be careful in their liaison with the press.

The position about the legality of using the access to and from Crosslands forge on to Beech Avenue had been referred to Highways department. Also a new access at Standard Hill to the A246 was being investigated.

The situation about grit bins to be placed around selected locations in the parish was further discussed, and councillors were asked to seek householders who may be willing to have a bin placed at the front of their properties.

Reports and correspondence relating to Highways matters

Cllr. Peskett agreed to contact Highways about the deteriorating and potentially dangerous state of the mini-roundabout opposite the Haig at the junction of The Street and Lower Road

117.11 REPORTS

Police and safety community issues

No report

Allotments

Some intruders had been moved on, and this was reported to the PCSO.

Schools

A meeting had been held with the Howard staff.

Concern was expressed about reports of the school's ambitious ideas for the future about re-building the whole school on the Van den Berg land and selling the existing premises for redevelopment as housing as an enabling development

EVRT

Cllr. Pindar reported on a meeting he had had with Mark Jones. Applications for concurrent grant funding were needed and required more accurate costings.

Home Farm Estate

Some road repairs had been carried out; further work had been delayed to the irritation of residents affected.

Friends of Effingham Common

Commoners' Day was coming up shortly.

Smith's Charity

No report

Effingham Local History Group

No report

Local government / admin matters / website

The Chairman would shortly be drafting his half-year report; he would welcome suggestions from councillors for items to include.

118.11 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of items received by the Parish Council was circulated. This included the agenda for the next meeting of GBC's Planning Committee on 6 September at which the application for re-development of Ranmore Manor would be debated. Cllr. Wetenhall would study the officer's report, and would attend the meeting.

119.11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The internal auditor's reply to the council's questions was noted. The Parish Council needs to see and agree proposed leases for EVRT tenants in order that it can have evidence to approve grants from tax-payer's funds.

The papers for concurrent grant applications had been passed to EVRT., and their response was approved, i.e. refurbishment of the all-weather courts and additional seating

Councillors agreed that as in the past there would be no provision of basic allowances for them and travel expenses would not be claimed except in exceptional circumstances; a return had to be made by 9 September which the Chairman would undertake.

Cheques for approval and signature

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Gill Bowerman for photocopies	£9.10
Elizabeth Hogger for purchase of back-up hard drive	£85.96
EVRT invoice 1 for 01/04/11 – 31/04/11	£3670.06
Mole Valley Printing Society	£28.80
The Phone Coop	£66.06
Sheena Sloan for cleaning on 1 August	£20.00
GR Houlton	£ 679 .00

120.11 PARISH BUSINESS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 4 October 2011.