

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Room in the Rodings on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 8.00 pm

### MINUTES

Present

Cllr B Stratton (Chairman)

Cllr A Parmenter

Cllr C Metson

Cllr I Milligan

Cllr D Mapes

Cllr P Lawrance

Cllr C Markey

Cllr M McEwen (EFDC & ECC)

Parish Clerk: Karen Weare

No members of the public

**61/19 Chairman's Welcome**

**62/19 Apologies for absence**

None.

**63/19 Approval of Minutes**

Cllrs agreed minutes of the previous meeting May 15th 2019 as a correct record.

**64/19 Declaration of interest in Agenda Items**

None.

**65/19 Public Representation**

None.

**66/10 Cllr Mrs McEwen Report**

1. EFDC Local Plan is with the Inspector but is taking effect as each part is passed. The green belt has been agreed but this does not prevent small developments which can override the Local Plan.

2. ECC Libraries Consultation has highlighted low footfall and is unsustainable. Local communities will be required to decide how to retain their library using volunteers or on a more "commercial" basis.

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3. Will be holding meeting with Cabinet Member for Highways and Fyfield PC regarding flooding. This Parish still has problems with flooding on B184.

4. There is a new person responsible for signposts.

5. In response to the Clerk's query about lack of progress in the LHP, it has a backlog of applications. Next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September.

6. In response to a Cllr's question about increasing number of deer, there are planned culling programmes but not in this area.

**67/19 Clerk's Report**

1. The Audit Exemption Certificate has been acknowledged by PKF Littlejohn. All the paperwork has been published on the website and noticeboard as required.

2. As a result of the verge contractor's concerns about verge damage, ECC have logged a case under CCC1249011 and an Inspector has been instructed to visit the location now and over the next 12 months.

3. School Lane, Beauchamp pothole reported. Clerk to advise Cllr McEwen reference due to serious nature of injury.

**68/19 Highways**

LHP application. EFDC speed survey undertaken. See 66/10/5.

**69/19 Heritage Finger Posts**

1. Expression of interest to Essex Heritage Trust for grant rejected as "not within remit".

2. Cllr Stratton to research EFDC supplier and cost of two arms for Two Swans post.

3. Clerk to research Highways Devolution Pilot.

**70/19 Parish Council Event**

Cllr Stratton will advise date at October meeting.

**71/19 Berners Roding Defibrillator**

Cllr Stratton to report at October meeting.

**72/19. Photographic Competition**

Cllr Parmenter to advertise in August Parish News with dedicated email address photorodings@gmail.com.

**73/19 Planning**

1. Applications decided by EFDC

a. EPF/ EPF/0733/19 Woodhouse CM5 0NU – double garage – revised EPF/0831/18) – granted.

b. EPF/0757/19 Brookside CM5 0NZ – LDC land as garden – lawful. Comments had been submitted for this application as the Parish Council was concerned that this would set a precedent for future development and were disappointed that it had not been listened to.

c. EPF/0749/19 Parsonage Farm CM5 0SZ approval of details for EPF/1311/18 - approved.

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2. New applications circulated between meetings
  - a. EPF/0925/19 Elms Farm CM5 0TE – change of use agricultural barn – technical no comments. Cllrs noted this application extended the site to the side.
3. New applications received
 

None.
4. Technical applications for information only
  - a. EPF/1109/19 Victory Lodge variation of conditions
  - b. EPF/1393/19 Two Swans CM5 0PL – machinery store – comments on LBC. Listed Building Consent not required as not within curtilage of Listed Building.
  - c. EPF/1366/19 (EPF/0851/16) Victoria Lodge approval of details

**74/19. Finances**

1. The Clerk reported that the Barclays' balances at June 5th 2019 were £7,719.52 (includes precept and VAT refund) and £10,031.71 (£5.00 interest for quarter). The Lloyds balance is nil.
2. ECC Verge payment received to Barclays account (error by ECC).
3. The Clerk was given authority to pay
 

a. HMRC	PAYE M2-3	£ 31.40	630
b. K Weare	salary & expenses May/June	£ 396.92	631
c. J Kenney	May verge cut	£ 803.88	632
d. Lloyds	transfer from Barclays	£1,000.00	633
4. Cllrs Stratton and Mapes authorised cheque 629, as replacement for 617 not received by Cipher Crystal, between meetings.
5. Cllrs Stratton and Mapes signed the authority to close the Barclays Savings account and transfer to Lloyds current for the Clerk to open a Lloyds savings account.
6. Insurance is due August 9<sup>th</sup> and the Clerk intends to set this up as the first online payment.

**75/19 Correspondence**

No action required.

**76/19 Information exchange/next agenda items only**

1. There are now 5 mobile homes on site at Elms Farm with at least 1 occupied.
2. No change in the situation at Nether Street Storage.
3. Pothole at Birds Green junction/entrance to Fishing Lakes 51.7561368 0.3008419 Clerk to report.

**77.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

October 9<sup>th</sup>  
 January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020  
 March 4<sup>th</sup> (APM) and 18<sup>th</sup> (APCM) 2020

**MEETING CLOSED 9.10pm**

Signed as a correct record ..... October 9<sup>th</sup> 2019