



Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

PO Box 9710, Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 9HF

Parish Clerk: Mrs Sarah Pinfield

Tel: 07840 146506 / Email: clerk@ehiparishcouncil.org.uk

Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 February 2023 at 7.30pm in Ellingham Church Hall, Ibsley BH24 3PJ

Present:

Cllr Errington (Chairman)

Cllr Blake (Vice Chair)

Cllr Loader

Cllr Thierry

Cllr Sampson

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Sarah Pinfield

6 Members of the public

MINUTES

1. 23/02/70 To accept and receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Burtenshaw, Taylor and Coundley

2 23/02/71 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests in relation to the agenda

None

3 23/02/72 To agree the minutes of the council meeting of the 29 January as a true and accurate record and any matters arising

It was **proposed** by Cllr Loader and **seconded** by Cllr Blake that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 January 2023 be signed as a true and accurate record.

AGREED

4. 23/02/73 Chairman's report on updates to 29 January meeting:

(Item 8.3) Cllr Thierry confirmed that he has reported to NFDC that the 'New Road' sign needs replacing back into position. Cllr Thierry informed Cllrs that the work will be carried out in due course.

5 23/02/74 Public Forum

No members of the public present wished to speak in the Public Forum

6. 23/02/75 Development Control Applications:

NPA 22/00675 Melville, Furze Hill Fordingbridge SP6 2PT Two-storey rear extension, outbuilding (demolition of outbuilding) Amended Plans

Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Loader, took the chair

With members of the public present to speak for and against the application the Chairman advised how the application would be considered.

Cllr Errington presented a summary of the application:

This application had previously been considered and comments agreed at the November 2022 Parish Council meeting.

To address some of the points raised in the Parish Council's commentary as well as neighbours' concerns, additional drawings had since been submitted with small revisions to the proposed garage design (removal of window and log store on north elevation and addition of narrow walkway on north and east sides), together with additional documentation and information about tree management and proposals.

The applicant had advised the Parish Council that a Construction Management Statement (CMS) would be forthcoming (though not yet available on the NPA planning pages).

In the Parish Briefing Note, the NPA Planning Officer was asking for any additional comments the Parish Council might have about the new documents.

The Chairman thanked members of the public who were there to speak to the application and invited speakers to address the committee:

The owner of Furze Hill Cottage (adjoining neighbour to the north) raised the following objections:

- Believes that the proposed site for the garage is in the most ecologically sensitive location and the garage should be relocated away from this area
- The garage is a large structure on a raised area with a raised walkway that would overlook Furze Hill Cottage
- The tree report does not cover all trees
- The ecology report does not show the garage and therefore cannot correctly assess any potential damage it may cause

The owner of The Heyning (adjoining neighbour to the south) raised the following objections:

- The Ash tree (T2) should not be removed
- The cattle grid was unnecessary (other properties in the area don't have one) and if there had to be one, could it not be sited further into the site to avoid damaging tree root systems
- The construction of the garage on piles will mean that it will be quite high
- The roof on the garage should have a lower pitch roof to make it less visible

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2023

The applicant (owner of Melville) and architect spoke in support of the application:

- The changes to the garage had been made in good faith to accommodate previous concerns raised by neighbours regarding overlooking
- The path and garage will be constructed using piles and floating raft technique (as per tree report stipulation) to avoid damage to the oak tree (T1) root system
- Further tree and other reports had been submitted to make sure that concerns raised by the Parish Council were met
- A CMS is currently being worked on with the NPA and, when agreed, would be available to all parties

The Chairman thanked the speakers.

Following Cllr discussion, the following decision was reached:

Recommend PERMISSION (#3) to NFNPA with the following comments:

- Overall, the revisions to the garage met with approval. The new proposals were considered sensible and commensurate, attempting to address a neighbour's concerns about the structure while protecting tree-root systems. The building was not thought to be excessive in scale and would be subservient to the dwelling
- Though the adjoining neighbours to the property expressed considerable objection to the proposal(s) at the Parish Council meeting, their opinions were not shared by the Parish Council. However, attention is drawn to their comments submitted to the NPA planning website
- Opinion about the 'quality' of the boundary Ash tree (T2) was divided
- The Parish Council would have liked a Construction Management Statement to have been available for discussion at the meeting, but are satisfied this will be finalised between the applicant and NPA
- As previously suggested, the condition of the (National Trust) gravel access track and verges be recorded prior to works' commencement and, in the event of deterioration during construction, required to be reinstated to equivalent condition on completion subject to National Trust's approval
- Concerns were raised about a consequence of the crown reduction of the Oak tree (T1). Having a vigorous ivy infestation, the increased light available may accelerate its growth, potentially overwhelming the tree. An ecologist may be needed to advise on ivy reduction / removal and possible substitute bat roost / feeding measures

Proposed by Cllr Errington and **Seconded** by Cllr. Thierry. **All in favour.**

The Chairman of the Parish Council resumed the chair

7. 23/02/76 County/District Matters

CCllr Thierry informed Cllrs that there are ongoing discussions with Harbridge Protection Society regarding the issue of speeding along Kent lane. A number of proposals are being considered and CCllr Thierry will keep Cllrs updated.

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2023

8. 23/02/77 Finance

(i) Sanction payments due for the period from 31 January 2023

It was **proposed** by Cllr Loader and **seconded** by Cllr Thierry that the listed payments be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR**. [see Appendix 1 to these minutes]

(ii) To review bank account balances as at 28 February 2023

Members noted the account balances and reconciliation. [see Appendix 1 to these minutes]

(iii) Consider EH&I Grant Application form for 2022/23

The Chairman thanked Cllr Blake for putting together a new form, but he hadn't yet had time to edit it. The matter was postponed until the next Parish Council meeting.

9. 23/02/78 Parish Council Matters

(i) Review speaker(s) and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting (18 April 2023): Cllr Thierry informed Cllrs that he thought because this is an election year, the Annual Parish Meeting should be held after the election on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Clerk to investigate legislation and take advice

(ii) The Chairman asked Cllrs to put the Ellingham Show date in their calendar (12 August 2023). A sub-committee needs to be set up to co-ordinate the theme(s) for the show. Cllr Thierry suggestion of '*How well do you know your Parish?*' was considered worth pursuing. A sub-committee will be organised at the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Blake suggested that free merchandise would be a good idea, if it had our logo, website and contact details on it. Any inspiration before the next Parish Council meeting, please let the Clerk know!

Cllr Blake left the meeting at 9pm

(iii) Cllrs discussed placing an advert in Ibsley & District Horticultural Society show programme for this year (2023). It was considered important that the Parish Council is seen to support small local organisations. An advertisement produced by Cllr Loader was shown. Including the Parish Council telephone number was suggested rather than the email address with the changeover to '.gov.uk' addresses expected in the near future.

10. 23/02/79 Environmental Matters

None

11. 23/02/80 Community Matters

(i) The Chairman advised that there is to be a meeting on March 28 at 6.45pm, Greyfrairs in Ringwood, about 'Community Energy Grids' and the 'Local Electricity Bill' should they wish to attend.

(ii) The Chairman informed Cllrs that the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan 2023-36 consultation is now open should they wish to comment.

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2023

12. 23/02/80 Crime in the Parish

Cllr Sampson advised there have been recent instances of deer-poaching in the Parish, often damaging fence-lines to facilitate recovery of carcasses. Poacher have little regard for the deer or the law, often employing cruel and illegal methods and leaving wounded or orphaned animals behind. It is very intimidating for farmers and landowners to have armed criminals on their land. Any incident of poaching or suspected poaching should be reported to the police.

Cllr Sampson also informed Cllrs that there are ex-convicts in the area selling overpriced domestic products door-to-door. This can be intimidating, particularly for the elderly.

Action: Cllr Thierry to report back to NFDC regarding this matter.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting was closed at 9.13pm

Dates of 2022 / 2023 EH&I PC meetings starting at 7.30pm:

Planning Committee
14 March

Parish Council
28 March

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2023

Appendix One

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council meeting 28 February 2023

Agenda item 8

8.i) From Current Account:

Payment Previously Sanctioned and paid since 31 January 2023

01/02/23	Booking Fee for Ibsley Village Hall	£ 30.00
01/02/23	SLCC Job Advert August	£ 240.00
01/02/23	SLCC Job Advert April	£ 182.40
01/02/23	P/O Box for New Clerk	£ 378.00
01/02/23	Cllr Expenses – A.Wilson	£ 115.49
01/02/23	Cllr Expenses – R. Errington	£ 124.67
01/02/23	Cllr Expenses – R. Errington (AV hire)	£ 40.00
01/02/23	S. Pinfield – Clerks Wages	£ 785.12

TOTAL

£ 1,195.68

Payment to be sanctioned (not yet paid):

01/03/23	Greenbarnes Ltd	£ 1,193.17
06/03/23	S. Pinfield	£ 785.12

TOTAL

£ 1,978.29

8.ii) Bank Account Balances:

The account balances as of 28 February 2023 are:

Current A/C	£ 3,314.36
Instant Access A/C	£ 57,789.86
Dodington Trust A/C	£ 3,669.17

Reconciliation of Current A/C

Balance 31 January 2023	£ 3,314.36
Payments made 31 Jan – 28 Feb 23	£ 1,195.68
Balance	£ 2,118.68

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 28 February 2023
