

CRANBORNE AND EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015
in The Hut, Edmondsham.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Isaacs (Vice-Chair), Cllrs Mrs Batten, Butter, Mackenzie and Packman. Cllrs. Bonfield, Hayward and Morse. Clerk Mrs S Fairchild.

Cllr Mrs Isaacs opened the meeting by announcing to all those present that Edmondsham had secured 3rd place in the ‘Small Village Category’ of the Dorset Best Village Awards 2015. She thanked all those residents involved who look after the village. The framed certificate will be hung on the wall in The Hut.

1. Open Forum. There were 5 residents of Edmondsham in attendance together with Cllr Adrian Hibberd, Alderholt Parish Council, and Mr Gary Foyle of the Community and Recreation Team, Christchurch District Council and Mr Wilbert Smith of the Community and Recreation Team, EDDC, whom work together. Cllr Mrs Issacs asked if Mr Clifford House had anything to say. Mr House said that he had attended this meeting 12 months ago and had reported numerous highways issues throughout the village. He then attended the meeting in October 2014 in Cranborne and was told by the clerk and the Chairman that all the works he had reported had been actioned and completed. He said that at this meeting he asked for a meeting to be arranged between highways and himself but that this was never done. He also said that all the issues raised were not completed by Highways and that nothing had been done. He said that the parish council was to pursue the matter with the utmost importance. He also said that a resident of Edmondsham had damaged a wheel and two tyres by hitting one of the gully edges as it could not be seen by the amount of debris that had collected. He said that he would like to see the verges on the roads down Smallbridge back to the width they were in 1968 when two vehicles could pass with ease; this cannot be done any longer. Mr David Day said that the roads down Smallbridge were not in a good condition and it was dangerous riding his bicycle. Clerk to report again. Mr Gary Foyle then introduced the council to the Community and Recreation team and said that although areas like Moors Valley Park came under their jurisdiction, they could help and liaise with Highways on the types of problems that Clifford House had raised. Mr Wilbert Smith then said to the council that he has read the parish plan that has been completed by ourselves and has taken several issues, that he felt, were deemed as important to the council. They were: a housing survey, affordable housing to be built, improve the cycling routes, a skate park, and parking problems in the village. Mr Smith will be our liaison officer and will be the point of contact for the clerk. Cllr Hayward said that he felt that he should point out that although Cranborne and Edmondsham are quite close in proximity they were very different and he felt the parish plan didn't necessarily give the view of Edmondsham as the results had all been lumped together. Further questions were asked of the two about a unitary authority and a discussion was held. Cllr Mrs Isaacs thanked them both for attending and they left the meeting.

Action Clerk

- (7.13) Cllr Mrs Isaacs advised members that she would like to bring the co-option of Mrs Sally Butter forward to the beginning of the meeting so that she could participate. All agreed. Mrs Butter herewith co-opted as a member of the council.

2. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Dr Turner and Cllr Butler, although the clerk advised that she rarely received apologies from Cllr Butler nor did she receive a report from him.
3. Disclosure of Interests. None.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting on July 21st were accepted as an accurate record and duly authorised and there were no matters arising.

5. **PLANNING**

- 5.1 3/15/0682/FUL & 3/15/0683/LBC – Plot Severance. Conversion of and extension to the existing barn to form new dwelling at 5 Crane Street, Cranborne.
No Objections.
- 5.2 3/15/0819/HOU – Demolish existing Garage and Outbuildings. Build new Garage with Attic storage above at 8-10 Wimborne Street, Cranborne.
1 Object, 3 No Objections, 5 comments.
Permission Refused.
- 5.3 3/15/0726/CLP – Replace lawful residential mobile home with a replacement residential home at Formakin Farm, Gotham, Edmondsham.
No evidence submitted.
- 5.4 3/15/0785/FUL & 3/15/0786/LBC – Creation of Car Parking Area within the Grounds (Retrospective Application) at Cranborne Lodge, Castle Street.
To be circulated to all councillors by envelope.
- 5.5 T.15.481 – Proposed Tree Works within Conservation Area – 1&2 Orchard Close, The Lodge, No 7 and Edmondsham House Garden.
Plans were passed around the members. Residents from Edmondsham said that they did not want the tree at Orchard Close removed and that Mrs Smith had decided to fell even though it wasn't causing them any problems. Members asked the clerk to go back to the Tree department and ask the reason for felling this tree. No decision taken on the other trees.

Action Clerk

6. **DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL & DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

- 6.1 Cllr Butler Reports. No report received from Cllr Butler.

7. **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

- 7.1 Chairman's Report. No report due, Chairman on holiday.
- 7.2 ROW. No update.

- 7.3 Playarea. Clerk advised that Alvian had said that it would be 6 weeks before they would be on site to carry out repairs but that she would chase.

Action Clerk

- 7.4 Website. Statistics in the monthly envelope for circulation.

- 7.5 Highways. Clerk advised that she had been dealing with a Samantha Paulley over the request for 'car parking area' signs for the village and that she had been continuously emailing her for a response. Eventually Samantha had sent an email to say that we could not have the signs as she felt that they wouldn't solve any car parking issue's that we had in Wimborne Street. The clerk had emailed back and explained that we had not requested the signs for the purpose of solving parking problems but to direct visitors who come into the village and re-requested 2 signs for the village. The clerk had now received an email to say that Samantha has moved on and that the matter had been passed to Pat Waterman at Highways. There is another re-structure at County and jobs are being doubled up again. Pat had advised the clerk that the two signs for the village would not be a problem but they had to be community funded, ie., the parish council would have to pay for them. I asked him for a costing but as this was not his department he didn't have exact costs but gave a ball park figure of £100 per sign. A discussion was held and Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that the clerk was to go back and get the exact cost for the sign. The clerk expressed concern that this would be another month before anything would be done and Cllr Mrs Batten agreed. Agreed that if the ball park figure was correct or less, no more than £200, then the clerk could go ahead and order.

Proposed : Cllr Mrs Batten

Seconded : Cllr Mrs Packman. All agreed.

Action Clerk

- 7.6 Flytipping. There has been another tip inside the entrance of Castle Hill that the clerk has reported. Cllr Hayward said that there was a tip at the top of Barnfield that he was going to report and also that a sink was in the ditch past Upper Farm. Clerk to report.

Action Clerk

- 7.7 Community Litter Pick. The clerk said that this was originally discussed between the Chairman and Gavin Fauvel as Gavin had offered the services of the estate workers during the week. A date now needed to be set. The clerk said that she had spoken to both the First School and the Middle School and were keen to help but obviously in areas where there was no danger to the children. Craig Watson has also asked for a risk assessment to be completed. Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that the children from the Middle School could do Grugs Lane and Salisbury Street and the children from the First School could do the recreation ground and Lover's Lane and/or the car park in front of school as suggested by them. The clerk said that a date was needed and Cllr Mrs Isaacs asked if everyone was happy for her to go to Gavin and set a date convenient with him for the workers. Cllr Bonfield said he assumed Gavin was providing the equipment but the clerk confirmed not but that she might be able to borrow some from Alderholt Parish Council. The clerk asked

for a volunteer to organize the litter pick and Cllrs Mrs Butter and Batten volunteered.

Action Cllrs Mrs Isaacs, Butter and Batten

- 7.8 Defibrillator. Cllr Mrs Isaacs had asked for this to be an agenda item as she wanted to inform the members that a family who use the club and lost a loved one last year were raising money to buy a defibrillator to be housed at the club. Cllr Bonfield asked if it could be used by the village and Cllr Mrs Isaacs said that it would be available. Cllr Bonfield also asked what was happening with the parish council buying one as we had received funding towards one. The clerk confirmed that no funding had been received and that the parish council did not take the matter any further after Eric Stevens had told the council that the Fire Service and South West Ambulance Service were providing a first responder service operational from the station in Cranborne. This was still going ahead and the launch was imminent. At this point Cllr Mrs Packman confirmed that an amount of £700/£800 had been put to one side by the PCC from the Church fete in 2013/14 to go towards purchasing a defibrillator. The clerk confirmed that Dr Levinson was also keen to get one in the village and had spoken with both the clerk and the Chairman.
- 7.9 Community Noticeboard. The clerk told members that she was no further on with this project and that EDDC planning had now decided that we needed to submit a Listed Building application for permission to house the board on Mrs Leach's house. She was in the process of filling in the forms.
- 7.10 EDEP. The clerk told members that she had met with Mrs Hillary Chittenden during August. She is the Chairman of East Dorset Environment Partnership. She explained that they started up in 2004 as part of the EDDC funded East Dorset Community Partnership and were then known as ETAG. The Community Partnership was dissolved last year. Members include professional conservationists, town and parish councillors and local residents with particular skills and interest in the natural environment. Scientific integrity and teamwork are key. Their role is an advisory one (they are not a lobbying action group). They review and provide sound technical advice on planning policy and larger planning applications that affect the natural environment of East Dorset. They have established an excellent working relationship with both EDDC and DCC, earning the respect of Officers and Members and of other organisations and statutory bodies. They hold about 5/6 meetings a year. Mrs Chittenden is looking for representatives from the parish council and also funding. Members asked for the details to be placed in the monthly envelope for distribution. Clerk actioned.
- 7.11 Personal Injury Claim against Parish Council. The clerk advised the parish council that the Chairman was most unhappy at the outcome of this claim and had asked DAC Beachcroft Ltd, Solicitors, to pursue a claim against the district council as the land that the fence was on was owned by themselves. The district council again denied liability and said that it was not a land issue but a fence issue and as we had maintained the fence meant we took on ownership of it. As no further evidence could be found there was no alternative other than to close the case.

- 7.12 Six monthly review of Land Risk Assessment. This had been updated and checked by the clerk and needed approval from council.
Proposed : Cllr Mrs Batten Seconded : Cllr Mrs Mackenzie
- 7.13 Parish Council Vacancies. There are 3 vacancies still remaining for Cranborne.
- 7.14 Cranborne Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Mackenzie said that there was nothing to report other than the hall committee members are interested in what was happening with the defibrillator.
- 7.15 Edmondsham Village Hut. Cllr Morse said that the activities continue in the hut and minor maintenance works are being undertaken.
- 7.16 CASC. Cllr Mrs Isaacs explained that the Estate has said that they would like the Bowls Club's newly planned pavilion to be built on the existing club house rather than a separate building. The next meeting is on 8th October.
- 7.17 DAPTC. Next meeting is on the 14th October.
- 7.18 Police. Newsletter has been emailed to all members.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 To approve the following payments :-

£4328.41 – Dorset County Council, 3rd annual instalment repayable for street light upgrade 'loan'

Proposed : Cllr Mrs Packman Seconded : Cllr Bonfield

£1533.00 – Mr Marcus Edwards for grounds maintenance June-Aug 2015 (2nd of 3 payments totaling £4600.00, balance owing £1534)

Proposed : Cllr Mrs Batten Seconded : Cllr Bonfield

£1104.84 – Mrs SE Fairchild, clerk's salary 2nd quarter 2015/16 (July-Sept)

Proposed : Cllr Morse Seconded : Cllr Mrs Batten

£82.79 – Mrs SE Fairchild, clerk's expenses 2nd quarter 2015/16 (July-Sept)

Proposed : Cllr Bonfield Seconded : Cllr Mrs Batten

£13.80 – DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd for the VAT payable on the extra work carried out by the solicitors concerning the personal injury claim against Parish Council.

Proposed : Cllr Hayward Seconded : Cllr Mrs Batten

9. FOR REPORT ONLY

- *Cllr Bonfield* – asked what was happening with the Vigar's wall as felt it was time that something should be happening. Members agreed for Cllr Bonfield to

- approach Mrs Vigar. Cllr Bonfield also suggested that we ask Highways if a zebra crossing could be put in Wimborne Street as this might help towards the parking problem in this street. The clerk said that the car parking survey had been carried out and no one wanted yellow lines so she assumed no one would want a zebra crossing, especially as it had not been mentioned in the survey as a solution. Cllr Mrs Isaacs added that it would not hurt to enquire, clerk to approach Highways.
- *Cllr Mrs Batten* - said that she had attended the presentation evening for the 'Dorset Best Village' and she felt inspired. She would like to plant daffodils on Deadman's corner. The clerk was unsure if this would be allowed as she felt the verge may be Highways. Cllr Bonfield said that he would like to see flowers in the grass verges and mentioned the verge as you approach Morrison's in Verwood. He felt that Highways were supporting/promoting wild flower borders. The clerk reminded all that we had looked at this before and Highways had advised against it due to visibility for road users.
- *Clerk* – had received an email sent on behalf of Cllr Monks, Leader of EDDC and Cllr Nottage, Leader of CBC, regarding working with Bournemouth and Poole Councils to jointly explore proposals for a single, brand new council to cover our respective geographic areas, ie one unitary authority for South East Dorset. Members asked for details to be put in the monthly envelope for distribution. Clerk actioned.

Cllr Mrs Isaacs thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 8.10pm.