## **EBRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on November 27th 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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| 23/77 | **Present:**  Cllrs. A.Warren (Chairman), M.Fisher, J.Macdonald P.Drinkwater, B.Sabin, J.Coombe, L.Stowe.C. Turner, K. O’Donoghue (Clerk) & 7 members of the public. |  |
| 23/78  /1  /2 | **Welcome & apologies for absence**:  The chairman welcomed everyone.  The Chairman paid tribute to former Cllr. Paul Chappell who recently passed and a one minute silence was observed in his memory. |  |
| 23/79 | **Declarations of Interest**:  None |  |
| 23/80 | **Minutes of previous meetings:**  **T**he minutes of the meetings held on Sept.25th & Oct.9th were **approved** unanimously and signed by the Chairman. |  |
| 23/81  /1 | **Matters arising from previous minutes:**  Accidents at Goose Hill continued to occur and the placing of the warning signage was questioned. Highways to be contacted. | L.S. |
| 23/82  /1  /2 | **County & District Councillors Reports**:  GCC Cllr. L.Stowe reported:   * The Highways quote for the Church FP had been forwarded to the Clerk.   Grants from GCC for part of the cost may be available through him, no matter which company was awarded the contract by the PC.   * Rural Crime – Insp. Simon Ellson would attend a public meeting in January. Date to be arranged and Clerk informed. * The GCC Council tax increase was likely to be 5% with a large portion being for adult and social care. * The poor state of May Lane with 100 mtrs. of potholes was raised.   CDC Cllr. C. Turner reported:   * CDC was taking back inhouse the services currently managed by Publica. It is hoped this will improve recruitment and flexibility. * The public consultation on the budget is open till December 8th. * A volunteer to be the Parish Flood Warden was requested. * The CDC switchboard hours had been reduced to 9am – 2pm * Please let her know any issues to be raised at the next CDC meeting in January. * GWR would be repairing the footbridge at Moreton station. | LS  PD  LS |
| 23/83  /1 | **Cooption of Councillor:**  **Approved:** Lynn French be coopted as a member of the Council. Proposed by MF seconded by PD and passed unanimously. | Clerk/LF |
| 23/84  /1  /2 | **Planning**   * Saxon Fields remedial work is still outstanding due to CDC staff turnover; an update is required. * **Noted** as approved: 23/03233/TCONR, 23/02619/TCONR, 23/02391/TCONR, 23/01790/FUL,23/01643/FUL | Clerk |
| 23/85  /1  /2  /3  /4  /5  /6  /7 | **Parish Infrastructure**   * Elm Grove flower trough delivery was imminent. * **Noted**; 4 pallets of salt/grit had been delivered to the Snow Warden, PD * **Noted:** A pre application enquiry had been submitted to the War Memorial Trust for grant funding for the necessary repairs to the plinth. Highways to be asked if they had any maintenance responsibility. * The ability of Swift Mixer Hire to continue with the Maintenance Contract would be ascertained. * **Resolved**: to form a Working Group of all Cllrs. to meet in January to make recommendations on what arrangements should be made for village maintenance, financing the Churchyard FP repairs and other outstanding matters. Date to be arranged. * Churchyard trees removal remained outstanding and a discussion with the landowner was necessary regarding a possible Peace Garden. * Website. **Noted** – the current contract runs till 18/11/24. Options to be discussed by the Working Group. | Clerk        PD      AW    AW |
| 23/86  /1  /2 | **Village Security**   * Police Safer Streets Funding. **Agreed** to accept the offer of £4k. * A Parish Meeting will be arranged to be attended by Insp. Simon Ellson & the Police Commissioner to discuss rural crime issues. | Clerk  PD |
| 23/87 | **Councillor Responsibilities**  **Agreed:**  LF – Planning, Defibrillators & EV charger JC – Footpaths & Website  MF- Boundary Stones & Amenities BS – Flood Warden  Clerk – Highways. |  |
| 23/88  /1  /2 | **Clerks Report & Correspondence**   * A resident had complained about the state of the roads into the village. * A resident had complained about the state of the churchyard after grass cutting but was now meeting to discuss the issue with Canon Dewlap. |  |
| 23/89 | **Finance**  The following payments were approved:  Payee £  Swift Mixer Hire 1039.99  Clerk salary September 380.27  Clerk salary October 380.27  PATA uk 25.80  Stockwell-Davies planter 540.00  Broadmark laptop repair - new hard disc 147.60  Remembrance Day wreath 25.00 |  |
| 3/90 | **Budget & Precept**   * The budget previously circulated was approved. * It was agreed that if necessary the reserves should be used to finance repairs to the War Memorial and the Church FP * **Agreed** – the precept for 2024/25 should be £14166 which represents an increase in the Band D charge of 5% to £40.44. | Clerk |
| 23/91  /1  /2 | **Parish Councillors Reports**   * Simon Fry had repaired the 3 Oaks mosaic free of charge – a letter of thanks to be sent. * A new set of Xmas tree lights to be purchased in conjunction with the Gardening Club. **Approved** expenditure of £200. * **Approved** – Remembrance Day wreath donation 2024 to be £30. | Clerk  J.C. |
| 23/92  /1 | **Matters from the Floor**   * The sewage pumping station at Elm Grove was causing problems, The Residents Association will contact the Housing Association. * A letter of condolence and flowers to be sent to the family of Paul Chappell on behalf of the Parish Council. | AW & LF |
| 23/93  /1  /2 | **AOB**   * The meeting closed at 9.51pm. * Meetings in 2024 Mondays - Jan 22nd,March 25th, **Tuesday** May 28th , July 22nd ,Sept.23rd , Nov.25th | . |

Signed & dated by the Chairman: