

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No. 199 – held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman: Cllr R Jefferis
Councillors: Cllr J Westbury, Cllr C Gurney, Cllr D Woulfe
Ward Councillor : Cllr M Versallion

CLERK: Sian Pritchard

At the start of the meeting Cllr Westbury introduced the new Clerk, Ms Sian Pritchard to those assembled.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** All were in attendance.
2. **To receive Declarations of Interest :** No declarations were made by Councillors.
3. **Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to address the Council.**
Simon King (resident of Clipstone Park) raised concerns over Planning Application CB/20/01602/OUT (The Elms, Hockliffe Road) especially the density of the housing on that plot and access road safety. Councillors all agreed these were very valid points, and Cllr Versallion felt that the density as indicated on the application was not acceptable and should not be carried forward. He added that he had already lodged his view with Planning. Cllr Jeffries agreed to arrange a further virtual meeting to discuss the application further. The subject of FP6 was also raised: Cllr Jeffries agreed to forward details of the re-route application for the footpath to Mr King.
4. **Receive report from Ward Councillor, Mark Versallion:** Cllr Versallion elaborated the Boundary review and aired his concerns over the proposals, although he felt it was inevitable that the Clipstone Park area would be merged with Leighton Buzzard North ward since without this being done the electorate of the Heath & Reach ward would be vastly over the norm. Cllr Versallion requested that as many submissions be made as possible. Cllr Jefferies voiced his concerns regards Eggington being swallowed up in the future. Cllr Westbury enquired whether Cllr Versallion had any more information on the flooding issue as he'd not received any response from the Community Safety Team. Cllr Versallion agreed to follow it up as there should have at least a confirmation of receipt. Cllr Jefferis pointed out to Cllr Versallion the issue that Eggington and Stanbridge have had difficulties getting places at Leighton Middle School, with Gilbert Inglefield School now taking some of the allocation. The recent large developments in the area have created issues with placements in the existing catchment areas which has resulted in insufficient places being available. Cllr Versallion pointed out that no new schools are currently planned for the area and accepted that this was a major concern. Cllr Jefferis pointed out it would be at least 2025 before any new schools would be available in the locality, a matter exacerbated by the delay in deciding on whether the area would be two-tier or three. Cllr Versallion felt that there were sufficient places but that it might require some children to be educated at Fulbrook Middle School in Aspley Guise. Cllr Jefferies said that he'd been informed differently. Cllr Versallion finished by saying that there would be a CBC meeting shortly regarding school capacity and catchment areas and that he would pass the details on to Cllr Jefferis.
5. **To confirm the Minutes of Meeting 198:** adoption was proposed by Cllr Gurney, seconded by Cllr Jeffries: with all in agreement, it was **Resolved** that they be signed.
6. **Update on matters arising from those Minutes:** Cllr Jefferis apologised that he'd still not ordered the new batteries for the VASI. Cllr Gurney enquired as to whether the Speedwatch recorder was working. Cllr Westbury said he thought the batteries in that device would now be in need of recharging, and Cllr Jeffries volunteered to collect the key from Mr P Moore and resolve the matter.
7. **Financial Report:** The Clerk/RFO presented the Council's financial situation as:

Community Account:	£25,431.02
Business Saver Account:	£12,323.66

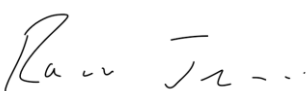
Cllr Westbury (on behalf of the new Clerk) clarified the information distributed to Councillors on the Balance sheet, adding that there were two outstanding payments entered into the Banking application, awaiting authorisation by Cllr Jefferis. Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Gurney, and seconded by Cllr Jefferis. It was **Resolved** that they be adopted.
8. **Planning applications:** there was discussion over application CB/20/01593/DOC for Russet Cottage, where the application sought to discharge Conditions 2,3,4,5,6,7 & 10 of the full application. Councillors were minded to seek further details as there were none provided to replace the existing conditions. Cllr Jefferis to action.
Councillors also agreed that an objection be raised on Application CB/20/01602/OUT (discussed previously) due to density of houses on the site and road safety issues. Cllr Jefferis to action.

9. **To receive updates on Village matters:** Cllr Westbury reported a complaint from a resident on Orchard Estate about the broken notice board in the hedge, and asked when this would be replaced. Cllr Jefferis said he would look into getting the new board installed. Cllr Westbury also reported that he'd received a complaint in regard to the flooding issue adjacent to the row of Post Office Cottages. He'd contacted CBC's Safer Neighbourhood team (as well as Cllr Versallion) as he was unsure as to who would deal with the matter. Cllr Versallion had earlier agreed that he would follow the matter up at CBC. Cllr Westbury enquired of Cllr Jefferis whether he'd agreed to the skip outside the Church being placed on the grass, adding that he'd received a request from the Churchwardens but that he'd suggested that they contact the Chairman. All agreed that as it was already there the only issue was their willingness to restore the area afterwards. Cllr Jefferis informed Councillors that Enforcement had been contacted with regard to the work being undertaken at Manor Cottage, as no Planning Application had been submitted. Councillors were pleased to have received positive feedback about the new grass-cutting arrangements. Cllr Jefferis informed Councillors that he'd agreed with BT about adopting the village's Telephone box: it hadn't originally been included in the list issued by BT, but that they'd agreed to include it now, and would discuss its inclusion with CBC. Cllr Gurney informed members of the death of one of the people living in the caravans up at Charity Farm some time during the Coronavid lockdown.
10. **Defibrillator:** Cllr Westbury informed the Parish Council that they had been approached by London Hearts with an offer of a Grant toward the installation of a defibrillator in the village. Since this has long been an aspiration of the Parish Council it was agreed that Cllr Westbury continue with negotiation into the acquisition of up to 3 devices (to cover the village itself plus parts of Clipstone Park). There was a discussion as to appropriate siting and Cllr Jefferis agreed to approach Beds Highways regarding supply of power for a possible site at the West end of the village (bottom of Charity Lane). Also to contact the developers of Clipstone Park regards a possible site there.
11. **Review progress Parish Council website:** Cllr Westbury reported that he was experiencing some difficulty uploading information on to the new website due to a lack of training. This was due to have taken place by the beginning of April but had been cancelled due to the COVID situation. Cllrs Gurney and Woulfe requested a reissue of their e-mail account passwords, having mislaid the originals. Cllr Westbury requested that Cllr Jefferis address the domain security situation as advised by the gov.co.uk security team.
12. **Updates from actions highlighted in previous meetings:** Cllr Gurney agreed to continue with the registering the Village Hall as a Community Asset.
13. **Clerk's Update:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the last three month's Crime Reports received 'implied' that no criminal activity had been recorded in the parish (due to the omission of the parish from those listed!).

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was closed at 2205.

The date of the next meeting is ... Wednesday 2nd September, at 1930 (7:30 p.m.) either 'virtually' or in Eggington Village Hall (if conditions permit).

This is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: 

(Chairman)

Date: 2nd September 2020