

ENGLISHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

(Serving Barrow, Englishcombe, Haycombe, Ingelsbath, Kilkenny, Nailwell & Padleigh)

Meeting of the council will be held on Thursday the 22nd of
September at 7:30pm in the Old Schoolhouse, Englishcombe

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Robert Law (Chairman), Will Pow, Anne Corbett, Clerk: Jack Roach

	Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II A moment's silence was held in remembrance of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II The Duchy of Cornwall has now transferred to the new Prince of Wales. BH (in absentia): Suggests we send a letter of welcome to the new Prince of Wales. Action: RL (WP: has been in contact with the new head of the DoC).
1.	Apologies for absence Brian Scurlock, Brian Huggett, Annie Watson, Matt McCabe, Neil Butters
2	Declarations of interest and dispensations None
3	Parishioners Matters: Correspondence: None Parishioner in attendance at the meeting noted three instances of burglary have occurred recently at Innox Grove. CCTV captured this, the thieves have been identified and the stolen items (bikes) have been returned. The Parishoner suggests that cameras should be operating in the area to reduce future instances of crime. RL notes that simply a sign may do the trick in deterring thieves, as do burglar alarm wall boxes. WP: Notes that this would be something that would need to be consulted with BANES. Action: Clerk will contact BANES and raise a request for the installations of cameras in Innox Grove
4.1	Approval of July's Meeting Minute Approved and signed
4.2	Items not covered by the agenda: None
5	PLANNING Results, correspondence and consideration
5.1	21/05076/D6A : Sulis Down - application for a further 300 dwellings RL: Notes that SOBA have done a good job in canvassing public opinion which is strongly opposed to the planned development. CPRE and AONB organisations are also against the application. RL also notes there has not been any in-depth study on the long-term impacts of the plan, and that one such potential impact for the parish would be the increase in traffic travelling through the village, particularly during peak travel times.
5.2	22/02972/ADCOU Land & Buildings At Junction With Crab Tree Tynning, Kilkenny Lane. <i>Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to Ino. Dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated operational development. Decision issued by BATHNES: Approved</i> EPC Supports this development, no issues or concerns were raised.
6.1	FINANCIAL REPORT

6.2	<p>Balance of funds in main EPC account is £9,032, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is £3,189.77, the Millstream & Wheelwright's fund balance is £2,942.24</p> <p>Payments for approval</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerks salary for June: Payment of £338 via s/o. - Clerks salary August: Payment of £338 via s/o and Expenses £19.30 incurred in August - Sweepers Fee for June: Payment of £229.78 via s/o. - Sweepers fee for August: Payment of £229.78 via s/o - Dutchy of Cornwall: Orchard paddock half yearly rent in arrears 25th Mar – 28th Sept total of £117.14 (incl £19.52 VAT) - Dutchy of Cornwall Wheelwrights half yearly rent in advance 29th Sept '22 – 23rd March '23 total of £196.50 (no VAT). - ASL Auditing: Payment of £120 in total (incl. £20 VAT) Auditing services from April – Sept 2022. This will come off of the yearly audit fee as part of the AGAR. - Payment to Robert Law for the difference contributed following the cash withdrawal from the main Parish account for the purchase of a projector, £75.64. Total projector Cost of £358.95 Approved
6.3	<p>Decision to close Millstream and Wheelwrights HSBC account and merge the funds into the main Parish account. This will half the monthly banking fees, saving circa £60 per year. RL: When internet banking is set up, online payments can be noted as relating to either general parish spending, or to the M&W. Approved</p>
7	<p>HIGHWAY, RIGHTS OF WAY AND ALLIED MATTERS No updates, or concerns at this time.</p>
8	<p>Update to Parish Charter BH (in absentia): Situation is ongoing, will raise in meeting with the Bath Avon Form on Wednesday 5th October, and report progress at next meeting</p>
9	<p>CIL expenditure report: Parish notice board and paving etc RL: Parishioner will complete the work on the Parish noticeboard, but labour needs to be arranged for removing the noticeboard. Action RL: RL would like to see a more aesthetically pleasant sign at entrance to the village in future.</p>
10	<p>Conservation area and AONB reports Nothing to report</p>
11	<p>Millstream / Orchard / Wheelwright's report These areas continue to be well maintained and beneficial to those who visit Englishcombe.</p>
12	<p>Parish website progress AC: Domain name has been purchased, a year's hosting has also been purchased with Blue Host. The developer of the new website DB suggest Blue Host may struggle to support a Wix site, which is what the new site has been constructed with, AC is considering rebuilding the site on Wordpress if Blue Host are not able to facilitate hosting the site in its current Wix format.</p>
13	<p>Reports: Clerk / Councillors / Chairman Clerk: Contacted by BANES' Futurebright scheme enquiring whether posters could be displayed on the parish noticeboard raising awareness of their services. The scheme is offering free financial advice to support people of BANES with ongoing issues relating to the cost of living crisis. Approved</p>

	<p>RL: Defibs have recently been used twice in Priston, one with success. BH: has been seeking quotes/prices for defibrillators for the parish. BH raises potential for partnering with the chapel in order to provide items for a 'warm bank' to offer support people struggling with heating during cost of living crisis. Action: RL</p> <p>Andrew Scurlock, approached RL about his daughter being interested in joining the council. Currently there is a vacancy for another councillor. EPC welcomes potential new members.</p>
14	<p>Dates: Next EPC Meeting will take place on Monday November the 7th, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Old Schoolhouse.</p>