

ENGLISHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Barrow, Englishcombe, Haycombe, Inglesbatch, Kilkenny & Nailwell

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2023 7.30pm at the Old Schoolhouse, Englishcombe

Present: Robert Law (RL), Anne Corlett (AC), Lucie Scurlock (LS), Will Pow (WP),
Tom Try (TT)

1	Appointment of minute taker: AC
2.	Apologies for absence: Nick Spicer , Matt McCabe, Fiona Gourlay
3.	Declaration of interests & dispensations: None
4.	<p>Parishioners' matters: Signage by Innox Grove and Rectory Farm Lane. Signs knocked or obscured. RL will get a quote to get signs straightened/cleared.</p> <p>CIL money – Progress with defibrillators – CIL money used for noticeboard, to date.. For defibrillators see item 12.1</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan – doesn't need a redraft and could be submitted with an addendum.</p> <p>Conservation area – BANES position unchanged. BH to follow up.</p> <p>AONB – BANES position unchanged. BH to follow up.</p> <p>Millstream, orchard and Wheelwrights maintained. Seat from Jenny's request now in place – letter of thanks to be sent to those involved.</p> <p>£30 of bulbs to be reclaimed from Duchy.</p> <p>AC raising voiced concerns re the parking around Moorlands Road in combination with the lack of buses – AC to find out the position re consultation on extra parking spaces</p> <p>Also concerns re the A4 proposals – AC to find the Salford EPC's summary and circulate for comments.</p>
5.	Approval of minutes of the AGM held on 11th July 2023: Approved (AC) and seconded (WP)
6.	Matters arising not covered by the agenda: None
7.1 7.2 7.3	<p>Letter of thanks to retired councillors, Brian Huggett and Annie Watson – RL to action</p> <p>Recruitment to parish council: advert – in with ALCA for some time, but no result.</p> <p>Recruitment of parish clerk: as above – lots of parishes trying to recruit. Better off than some parishes as we have a chartered accountant working with auditor.</p>
8. 8.1	<p>Financial Report - acceptance of AGAR: already done</p> <p>½ yearly Invoices from Duchy of Cornwall for Millstream £ Orchard & Wheelwrights (Hulms) £256.52 & £117.14</p> <p>HSBC statements: Current (combined ac) £14,573.24 CIL £2674.50 Charges & Interest £5.80/£13.20 Expenditure from 31/3/23 till present £tbc</p>

	Budget £10,000
	There will be an expenditure diminution due to absence of paid clerk. Some of this will go to AB, but some might be used to pay the auditor for extra input on specific issues.
8.2	ICO Information Commissioner's Office invoice for £40 reduced to £35pa by taking out a direct debit. (Cheque 200022 cancelled)
8.3	Transfer of accounts from HSBC to METRO Bank – no charges at Metro Bank Signatories – WP and AC to complete forms.
9	Planning: Sulis Down status Still ongoing – we remain opposed due to impact by 'rat-running' traffic through Englishcombe.
10.	Rural public transport: RL attended meeting with Dan Morris of WECA. Feedback from parishioners indicated that DRT not working as it should.
10.1	DRT Bus shelters in Englishcombe and elsewhere – see item 11
10.2	Community buses – NS investigating options. First step will be a survey re likely usage and availability of volunteers.
10.3	Highways (including litter sweep) & Rights of way. Happy to continue with sweepers.
10.4	Refurbishment of sign posts x2 CIL funds? Discussed above
11	Millstream, Orchard and Wheelwrights report: Use of Wheelwrights as possible site for some sort of bus shelter if DRT is ongoing or a community bus becomes an option.
12	Parish Website and communications – AC to cancel old site.
12.1	First Aid Courses and installation of defibrillators – RL to organise course if there is demand. RL to continue looking into defibrillators: cost and place.
12.2	National Association of Local Councils (NALCA) On-line courses + other local "First Aid Training (Bath) Ltd"
	Reports from BANES Councillors and Chairman None
	Date of next meeting tbc Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Rhonda
Chairman.
 7 Nov. 2023.