

EVENLODE PARISH COUNCIL

PC MEETING HELD 09/09/2024 IN VILLAGE HALL AT 6 p.m.

Present: Tim Proger; Brad Hooker; Rosie Northampton; Caroline Beale; Shrimp Mackie; Carla Ashely; Aaron Marriot, Julia Higgs

Councillors: Jan Lesser; Jamie [Mackie; John Holmes; Wendy Dancer; Chris Johnston (chairman)

Clerk: Jan Lesser

Ward CDC Councillor David Cunningham

MINUTES

1. Apologies received from Cllor Mark Mackenzie- Cherrington
2. Minutes of AGM (last meeting) signed as accurate record.
3. Balance at bank at close of business 08/09 = £11097-91 with no payments due in or out.
4. PC unanimous in support Carla Ashley's plans for a new house at Little Orchard. The residents of Evenlode all had an opportunity to view the plans before the planning application is lodged. Thank to Carla and her architect for arranging this. Build hoped to start Spring 2025. Anyone is entitled to submit comments on planning application to CDC.
5. The costs of funding the works to improve the drainage of the bridleway between the church and Church Farmhouse will amount to approx £9,000. GCC Cllor Mark M-C will contribute £2000 from his fund. He is trying to find out how much GCC Highways and GCC PROW will commit to the funding – no information yet. Evenlode Investments have kindly offered to contribute and Clerk to write to Ben to find out position. PC funds could commit at most 50% from its bank account – if that becomes necessary. Any VAT can be reclaimed. Vis-a-Vis Road Closure fee of £1550, Clerk to write to PROW manager to say: bridleway will not be closed; works will last less than a week; works are not immediately adjacent to any highway, and alternative route may be arranged via access across Two Stones land – if absolutely necessary, in view of how few horses use way and mostly visitors and dog walkers. (Clerk to write to Home Farm owner to notify some small incursion onto his land and also to replace existing gate with horse friendly gate).
6. PC unanimously resolved to replace Green Lane Bench with a bench made of recycled materials and to put the existing plaque on the new bench. Coal Charity will bear cost.
7. The PC agreed that a local ground works person should be asked to quote for the work to replace the concrete drain cover on the verge outside 2, Orchard View Cottages. **Clerk to obtain quotes.**
8. The PC unanimously resolved to accept the quote to drain the Church Lane ditch from Hamish Hawkes for £1010.00 and the other quote for £460. Clerk to write to give go ahead for works and Hamish Hawkes to liaise with Jamie Mackie.

9. Chris Johnston (chairman and a ex officio trustee of the Evenlode Coal Charity) gave a report: as at 17/07/2024 invested capital stood at £101,000. Reserves of cash had built up to £12,000 so this was added to the capital. Two recipients of funds during the year. Due to fewer demands within the village for funding, the Trustees decided to make donations to village projects which would benefit the village generally – a new bench for Green Lane, and to a limited extent possibly a contribution to the bridleway drainage project.

10. Ward Councillor gave an update on the Stow & Swells Neighbourhood Plan – the housing etc development at the top of Broadwell Hill and pedestrianisation of Stow Square will not form part of the Plan. The amended Plan goes to a referendum of Stow and Swell residents later this month. Other aspects of the Plan remain with commitments to green and design codes.

11. The group Against Over Development of Moreton met recently. Attendees agreed that there had to be more houses but is seeking proportionality and infrastructure in place, and that other areas of Cotswolds take their fair share. Changes to the National Housing Policy Framework will mean different decisions from local planning authorities and changes to green belt land and some 979 new housing units per year from the whole of this Parliament for each housing settlement.. The Group will crowd fund to raise money to instruct leading Planning Counsel for an Advice. Everyone is actively encouraged to write to their MP; S of Stae for Housing; the PM and it is hoped the Group will create a pro-forma letter for everyone to top and tail. Complaints to those in charge may have more impact than just griping about it!!

12. AOB Rosie Northampton asked whether the proposed Moreton bypass will be built. DC said it is highly unlikely that Gloucestershire CC will have the £70 million available to pay for it Julia Higgs will put a gate at the Horn Lane end of the copse to prevent her dog running away.

13. The next meeting will be in December to fix the Precept and update on items 5,6 & 7. Date to be confirmed

Meeting closed at 7.10p.m.