

## **EVENLODE PARISH COUNCIL 2022 ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 25/4/2022 IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Shrimp Mackie; Rosie Northampton; Judy Proger; Mark Dancer; David, Jane and Charles Watson, John Holmes.

**Councillors:** Chris Johnston; Wendy Dancer, Jamie Mackie & Jan Lesser.

**Clerk:** Jan Lesser

### **MINUTES**

1. Apologies for absence received from Gwyneth Symons; Mike & Angie Hunt; Brad & Jamie Hooker; Tim Proger and Delma Pratt.
2. In view of the recent resignation of Howard Woolliams both as Chairman and Councillor, the PC resolved that Chris Johnston should continue as Vice-Chairman until the formal elections in 2023 when all Councillors and anyone else who wished to serve as a Councillor will have to submit proposal and seconding papers. The Clerk explained that unless 10 residents asked CDC for a formal election to replace HW then the PC will be able - after 9/5/2022 - to co-opt a fifth Councillor who would serve until 2023 or – if they wish- to put themselves forward for formal election in 2023.
3. No Councillor had any new pecuniary interest to declare
4. The Minutes of the last meeting held 6/12/2021 were signed as an accurate record.
5. The PC resolved to exempt itself from a full audit on the basis that its income and expenditure met the statutory criteria for exemption.
6. Roger Pritchett was retrospectively confirmed and thanked for his work as internal auditor.
7. The PC accepted & signed the Accounts & General Accounts Regulations Statement of Governance for 2021 – 2022
8. The PC accepted & signed the Accounts & General Accounts Regulations Statement of Accounts 2021 – 2022
9. The PC re-confirmed its acceptance of the Financial Regulations as appropriate to this smaller authority
10. The PC re-confirmed its acceptance of the Risk Assessment & Management as appropriate to this smaller authority
11. AOB: [A] The PC resolved to arrange for rodding of the drains outside 1 & 2 Orchard View Cottages around October of each year to prepare the drains for the onslaught of water in autumn and winter rains, with the option of doing it again if necessary in January.

[B] Jamie Mackie will write to the relevant persons at GCC requesting that they come to observe and offer advice on (1) how to slow the flow of water above Martlett House so as to prevent flooding and also (2) to consider whether work is needed to drainage across Julia Higgs's paddock, and (3) request GCC Highways rodding of the drains outside 1 & Orchard View Cottages around October of each year to prepare the drains for the onslaught of water in autumn and winter rains with the option of doing it again if necessary in January.

it was observed that gully cleaning – especially above Poplars Farmhouse is vital to help prevent build up outside 1 Orchard View Cottages.

There being no further business, the 2022 Annual Parish Council Meeting concluded

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## 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- Rosie Northampton spoke of dog poo on the VG . **ACTION** The PC agreed that it would ask those who have AirBNB or guest accommodation to ask their renters to make a special effort to scoop and bag their dog’s poo and bin it in general waste bins.
- Mark Dancer asked for the VG Parish Noticeboard to be replaced with a new one with a cover to prevent notices blowing about. The PC considered that the Horn Lane Noticeboard is superfluous to requirement and it can be removed. **ACTION** The Clerk to investigate costs of a new board for the VG.
- Mark Dancer spoke about the possibility of Gloucestershire having two constituency MPs in due course. It is not known where Evenlode would be situated within the two.
- Jan mentioned that recent communications from CDC related to their request to central government to spell out more clearly its plans for a Cotswold National Park. Evenlode is not in the Cotswold AONB and views were expressed as to whether it would benefit or not our village to be inside a National Park or outside it or on the edge of it.
- Residents were told of the revised application by Anchor Farm for an entrance opposite Poplars Farmhouse entrance where the Anchor Farm Orchard is considerably higher than ground level. Those present asked, and the PC agreed, **ACTION** (1) to circulate the revised application when it was received and (2) to talk to the Murnings about its concerns of impact of such an application on the Conservation Area
- **Judy Proger spoke about the Jubilee Party to be held on the VG on June 4<sup>th</sup>. She asked, on behalf of the organisers, that residents make any donations ASAP to the Flower & Fete Fund . It was not intended that the event be a fund-raiser, and although some generous donations had already been received - further sums were needed to be sure to have enough to pay for the entertainment. Those attending will pay for their food and ice creams at the point of purchase on the day. The organisers need any donations together with an indication of numbers attending AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – it’s only 5 weeks to the Jubilee.**
- Chris Johnston as Vice-Chairman thanked Jan for her work as Parish Clerk

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The meeting concluded at 7-30p.m.