

**The Parish Council Meeting of the Elstead Parish Council
was held in the United Reformed Church Hall, Elstead
Monday 17 August 2009, commencing at 7.30pm**

Present: Messrs D Holmes (Chairman) A Jones, M Jeffery , B Morgan,
R Terry, R Holroyd, R C Terry, P Murphy, Mrs S Place.
Also attending Cllr D Harmer SCC, 1 member of the public and
1 press.

Apologies for absence: - Mrs A Thomas

1.0 MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

2.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 1450 Emergency Committee Meeting – Plan approved by WBC, now with SCC to agree.
- 1707 Flooding problems at Hazelwood - Mr Fowler, SCC, has been advised that a response was still awaited. Mr Holmes was awaiting a response. The matter would also be raised with WBC through Mr Fowler.
- 1711 Woolfords Lane cemetery – Remedial works would be undertaken shortly to clear the ground. It was agreed to carry out spraying of the weeds to the entrance drive.
- 1713 The bridleway 69 and 63, the culvert, stream and ditches being blocked - Mr Murphy again raised the matter with Mr Peet, MOD, Mr Taylor, SCC and Natural England. No response has been received from any party and clearly nothing was being done, so it was agreed that Mr Murphy would draft a letter to the MP, Jeremy Hunt, to seek his support and action, as the responsible bodies are both central government agencies who are failing in their statutory obligations. This course of action was agreed by those members present. Cllr Harmer wished to be kept informed. It was also noted that the river walkways needed attention in relation to Springfield and West Hill bridleways. Mr Taylor is to review.
- 1731 Gateways to village – The Clerk reported members’ concerns that the gateways did not agree with the agreed design. SCC agreed to undertake the works as previously agreed.
- 1758 Erection of a shed in a back garden at Broomfield and its apparent size and whether a planning application was required - Due to the revised planning laws this was not considered to be a planning issue, but as the property was held by the Housing Dept of WBC the matter would be raised by Mr Morgan to ascertain if the tenant had landlord’s approval.

- 1774 Thursley Road recreation ground seating – Seats are on order, a number of enquiries have been received on sponsoring a bench.
- 1775 Thursley Road playground questionnaire - Mrs Place stated that the questionnaire asking Elstead residents for feedback on how the Thursley Road playground could best be developed had received a large response, along with a number of options which need to be considered in due course. A further report is to follow at a later date.
- 1800 Parking was raised relative to vans being parked early in the morning on the village green with people visiting the Spar shop. Owners of Spar would be approached to see what could be achieved. It was also suggested that a sign could be erected to stop motorists from parking on the green.

3.0 ALLOTMENTS

- 1801 Mr Murphy reported that spraying was complete, with ploughing undertaken last week. The area had now been marked out and the fencing would be started on 7 September 2009. The next EVAA meeting was scheduled for 19 August 2009. In regard to the keeping of bees on the allotments, whilst the Parish Council did not have a problem with this, the siting of the hives was however raised. Mr Murphy agreed to seek clarification on their location prior to them being put into place. Mr Holmes would write to Mr Pride and thank him for the works undertaken.

4.0 PLANNING MEETING

- 1802 The minutes of the planning meeting held on the 22 July 2009 were noted.

5.0 FINANCIAL UPDATE

- 1803 The Clerk reported on the current financial position and issued the required statement based on the current expenditure. The accounts were noted.

6.0 SCC PLANNING APPLICATION ST JAMES C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 1804 The Parish Council have received a planning application from SCC for the construction of a single storey front extension to the school to form a children's centre and new tarmac footpath. The Parish Council members received copies of the general extracts of the application proposed, and have reviewed the application details submitted. Following a general debate on the issues related to the application regarding the additional traffic, location on the site, appearance of the building and car parking, it was decided that there was not a general need for such a facility in the village. It was pointed out that this was a facility for the surrounding areas not related to Elstead. Members agreed to object to the application and Mr Murphy agreed to draft a letter to object to the application. This was unanimously agreed by those members present. Members were disappointed that the School did not approach the Parish Council first.

*	Daniel Ciran - General maintenance	144.00
*	Mr R Stacey - Burial	24.20
*	Southern Electric - Burford Lodge	33.96
*	Elstead Garden Maintenance Services – War memorial plants	61.35

13.0 CORRESPONDENCE

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14.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1813 The following planning applications were reviewed and the following comments made :

1814 WA09/1076 Application for a certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for erection of a single storey extension
2 Moorside Cottages
Thursley Road, Elstead

The Parish Council have no objection

1815 WA09/1021 Erection of a two storey extension and detached single garage following demolition of existing conservatory and garage.
The Acorns, Hookley lane, Elstead

The Parish Council have no objection

15.0 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS (FOR NOTING)

1816 The entrance to Burford Lodge Recreation was raised again on cutting back the hedge, as this was considered a safety hazard. Mr Holmes would meet Mr Fowler before the Parish Council would take any further action.

1817 Concerns were raised that certain undefined residents surrounding Thursley Road recreation ground had cut ditches onto the recreation ground to drain off surface water from Peat Common road. This would cause problems to the maintenance vehicles, so would need to be monitored and if continued the Parish Council would write to all residents and suggest that legal action may be taken.

16.0 MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS

1818 Concerns were raised by a local parishioner in relation to the lack of response to a water leak that had been running for several weeks in the road. The matter had been reported to OFWAT, but to date no action taken.

Meeting closed 21.45