

## MINUTES OF ENGLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Englefield Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### **Present:**

Cllr E. Crookes  
Cllr R. Smith  
Cllr L. Dennison  
Cllr P. Myles

#### **In attendance:**

N. Rands (Clerk)

No members of the public present

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were noted from Cllr M Postles

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Crookes and Cllr Dennison declared an interest in Englefield Village Hall; and Cllr Crookes also declared an interest in agenda item 9b relating to Land off The Green, Theale.

#### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of this Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were approved as a true record

#### **4. Open forum for members of the public**

No members of the public were present

#### **5. Financial Update**

The Clerk provided an overview of expenditure versus budget year to date, which was noted by the Council.

The Council approved a donation amount to Englefield Village Hall of £400.

#### **6. 2023/24 Budget & Precept**

Proposed budget for 2023/24 was tabled, discussed and agreed.

Outcome –

- a) Budget approved
- b) Precept of £5,000 approved by the Council

#### **Actions –**

- Clerk to establish whether donations are permitted to local school
- Clerk to respond to request for bus shelter on Bath Road, Winning Hand stop – the understanding of the Council is that this is the responsibility of the bus company; precept is also insufficient for Parish Council to fund.

## **7. Payments for Approval**

The Council approved the following items for payment:

- i. Autela Payroll Services - Payroll services Q3 2022/23  
£52.31
- ii. HMRC - Council Administration Income Tax Q3 2022/23  
£105.20

## **8. Payments Made**

The Council noted that the following payments have been made since the last meeting of the Council:

- i. Englefield Village Hall – Hire fee 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022  
£30.00
- ii. Standby Volunteer Group – Donation  
£50.00
- iii. West Berkshire Citizens Advice – Donation  
£50.00
- iv. Council Administration Salary & WFH Allowance October 2022  
£156.71
- v. Council Administration Salary & WFH Allowance November 2022  
£156.91
- vi. Council Administration Salary & WFH Allowance December 2022  
£156.91
- vii. John Drake – North Street phone box re-paint  
£200.00

## **9. Planning**

a) The Council noted that the following decisions have been received since the last meeting of the Council:

- i. 22/02116/FUL - Lambdens Farm, Lambdens Hill, Beenham, Reading  
Proposed construction of a Fish Hatchery Building  
Granted
- ii. 22/02548/FUL - Englefield C.E. Primary School, The Street, Englefield, Reading  
Replacement timber fencing and gates to 3 locations of school play area  
Granted
- iii. 22/01514/COMIND - Mayridge Farm, Englefield, Reading  
Digging and lining three wildlife ponds. Shaping and lining two existing hollows that do not currently hold water to create two wildlife ponds. Creation of five ponds for wildlife in total.  
Granted

b) The Council noted acceptance of correspondence informing the Parish Council of plans for the development of land off The Green, Theale by Croudace Homes.  
Cllr Crookes provided an update.

## **10. Village Car Park**

Cllr Crookes provided an update regarding plans to make good the damaged verge at the exit of the village car park, and informed the Council that the matter had been referred to West Berkshire Council.

**11. The Coronation of His Majesty The King**

The Council discussed ideas for a community event to mark the Coronation of HM King Charles III

**Action** – Cllr Crookes to consult with interested parties, and arrange a small group meeting to progress the organisation of the event.

**12. West Berkshire Local Plan Review Consultation 2022-2039**

**Action** - Cllr Myles to identify any specific points which directly impact the parish

**13. Date of Next Meetings**

The date and time of the Annual meetings were agreed as follows:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May

6.30p.m. Annual Council Meeting

7.00p.m. Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman: ..... Date: .....