

## Minutes of the Meeting of Operations and Finance Working Group of East Hendred Parish Council, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm On Zoom

Present: John Sharp (Chair), Roger Turnbull, Charles Pappenheim, Selby Stocks, Stephen Webb, Catherine Shortis

Clerk/Finance Officer: Julia Evans

County Councillor:

District Councillor: Cllr Janet Shelley

PCSO:

Members of the Public:

1/22	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> None.	Action:
2/22	<b>RESIGNATION</b> Cllr Sharp announced that Julie Roberts had resigned due to her work commitments. Cllr Sharp had thanked her for her work.	
3/22	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None	
4/22	<b>OPEN FORUM</b> No members of the public present.	
5/22	<b>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCE WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021</b> The minutes were reviewed and approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Webb. RESOLVED.	
	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021 NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA:</b>	
6/22	None.	
	<b>FINANCE</b>	
7/22	<b>Approval of January payments.</b> The payments totalling £2271.33 were approved. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED. Cllr Shortis to authorise them.	CS
8/22	<b>Request for grant from St Amands school.</b> The application was for a grant to support a production of The Lion King. £600 was requested. A grant of £300 was approved subject to confirmation that the performance was still going ahead. Proposed Cllr Turnbull, Seconded Cllr Pappenheim. RESOLVED. It was suggested that they approach Magnox for the remainder of the funds.	Clerk
9/22	<b>Request for grant from St Marys.</b> The application was for a grant toward the cost of grass cutting in the churchyard. A grant of £270 was approved. Proposed Cllr Pappenheim, Seconded Cllr Shortis. RESOLVED.	
10/22	<b>New play equipment at Mill Lane.</b> A draft proposal had been circulated ahead of the meeting. It was noted that this was a draft, illustrative proposal and not specific to the site. The proposed equipment was made of Siberian Larch which was considered the most durable wood. The guide price included installation. It was suggested that surfacing could cost an additional £10k. Cllr Stocks suggested that re-use of the existing surface could be considered although it was not clear whether this would meet current regulations. Cllr Turnbull suggested installing a basket swing rather than a traditional swing. He also suggested that the proposals be discussed with the Sports Club. Cllr Stocks to do this. Cllrs Shortis and Webb supported the replacement of the multiplay unit. Cllr Webb did not feel that the replacement of the swings was as important. It was felt that any shortfall in funding could be made up by grants and fundraising.	SS
11/22	<b>Review of 2022/23 budget and precept proposal.</b> The updated budget had previously been circulated. Cllr Sharp asked how much would be needed for contract grass cutting. Cllr Pappenheim confirmed that the amount in the budget proposal would be enough. Cllr Sharp suggesting increasing the precept to £47,800 to give an additional £2k for the playground project. Cllr	

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	<p>b) <b>Allotments.</b> There were no issues to report. The inspections were due on 8<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>c) <b>Playground Inspections.</b> The new surface under the swings had been installed. New bark was required in Penney Playpark and weeding was required. The village handymen would carry out the weeding. Cllr Pappenheim to get a quote from Paul Stoter to supply and install the bark. There was also graffiti that needed cleaning and the goal nets needed pegging. In Mill Lane there was weed growth under the swing. It was agreed not to spend too much money on this at the moment until a decision had been made on the replacement equipment. Cllr Pappenheim was thanked for arranging the hedge cutting at Mill Lane.</p>	SP
22/22	<p><b>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning Enforcement.</b> The documentation from the Vale explaining the Planning Enforcement process had been circulated. It was noted that this made clear how and when the enforcement team would get involved in a matter. Cllr Shelley asked the Parish Council to comment on the document. There was a briefing on 24<sup>th</sup> January. Cllrs Shortis and Stocks agreed to attend. Clerk to send the link.</p> <p>b) <b>Local Transport Plan consultation.</b> The consultation would run until 16<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Turnbull agreed to develop a response.</p>	Clerk RT
23/22	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY):</b></p> <p>a) <b>Playground inspections for February</b> – Cllrs Pappenheim and Sharp.</p> <p>b) <b>Co-option of new Councillors.</b> Clerk to contact previous applicants to establish whether they still wanted to be considered. Cllr Pappenheim to send out a village email. Clerk to send a list of all candidates prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>c) <b>Operation London Bridge.</b> A briefing was being held on 18<sup>th</sup> January., Clerk to attend.</p>	CP/Clerk
24/22	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:</b> Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm in Snells Hall. This would be dependent upon the COVID situation.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21.20