MINUTES OF THE ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2022 AT THE LANDALE WILSON HALL, ENHAM ALAMEIN

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Leslie Francis (Chairman), Cllr. Rowan Jameson, Cllr. Alan Matthews, Cllr. Adrian Miller

In attendance:

1. APOLOGIES
Cllr. Amanda Cox
Cllr. Mark Evans
Cllr. Paula Lankshear
County Cllr. Kirsty North
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Simon Williams – Commercial Director – Enham Trust

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None recorded.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA
None recorded.

4. TO READ AND RESOLVE THE FULL COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2021
The Chairman reviewed the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 December 2021. Members unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Full Council Minutes as a true and correct record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

The Parish Clerk advised members that he is awaiting clarification from County Cllr. Kirsty North with respect to the current situation of the barred route scheme and whether this is still in operation.

There were no significant matters arising from the Minutes that required further discussion or debate.

5. CORRESPONDENCE
The Parish Clerk advised members of all items of correspondence received, which were noted. The Parish Clerk raised a request received from Sarah Nash, wife of the late James Nash. She is planning on holding a life celebration event in February for James and it has been suggested to her that people attending may be interested in a collection of James's contributions to the Parish Oak. The cost of printing 100 copies would be £135.00 and wondered whether the parish council would consider paying the costs. Members stated they would be happy to support the concept, but felt that there were other options to explore to cover the costs. There would, however, be no cost implications for Sarah Nash.

6. TO RESOLVE THE FINANCE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

The Parish Clerk advised members of the expenses of the Parish Council to date, which amounted to £421.39 as scheduled below, together with the latest financial position of the Parish Council.

£59.40 – Kevin Glyn-Davies - Refund for Public Access Trauma First Aid Kit - Invoice 0000906 dated 31 December 2021
£11.99 - Kevin Glyn-Davies – Refund for Fasthosts Website Hosting – Invoice 64279447 dated 2 January 2022
£350.00 – Kevin Glyn-Davies – December Salary

Members unanimously RESOLVED the expenditure of the parish council as prescribed.

7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ENHAM TRUST

No report received.

8. TO RE-EVALUATE CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Chairman advised members that she felt it was important to prioritise the projects to be pursued for potential grant funding. She stated that she has been in contact with Tesco Community Funding projects and has enquired whether they would be prepared to contribute towards the improvement parking works to the front of the Landale Wilson hall as part of phase 1 of the planned refurbishment works. This is a priority in respect of safety purposes and they have indicated that they would consider a contribution. The Chairman has received a revised quote for the works and has been advised that the cost will be £25,000.

Members felt that that works really need to progress and it was agreed that the Chairman approach the Enham Trust to secure agreement to advance the car parking project and secure funding from various funding opportunities. The Parish Clerk advised members that he has been back in touch with Helen Robertson from SSE and she has confirmed the parish council's interest with the fund manager for the upcoming fund availability.

9. TO UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE PLAN AND WORKING PARTY

Members felt that this agenda item should be deferred to the February Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

10. TO DISCUSS HEDGE CUTTING IN THE PARISH

Cllr. Alan Matthews advised members that since he raised the comments made at the December meeting of the parish council in respect of the poor quality of hedge cutting, he was glad to report that there has been an improvement in the work. No further discussion took place on this matter for the time being.

11. TO RECEIVE A POLICE REPORT

None received.

12. TO DETERMINE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE TO NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

None received.

14. BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

In the absence of County Cllr. Kirsty North, the Parish Clerk advised members of her prepared report. County Cllr. Kirsty North has made arrangements to set aside grant funding for each Parish Council to be able to spend on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, to do as they wish in their area, perhaps to purchase supplies for street parties or celebrations or something longer lasting like a memorial bench or tree to plant. She states that she has £700.00 per parish to be applied for by Mid-February, the earlier the better.

Members resolved that the parish council would certainly wish to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should make an application for a £700.00 grant to defray the costs of having a celebratory tea party and possible themed band on the Saturday afternoon of 4 June 2022. The Chairman stated that it was important to work collaboratively with the Enham Trust and to discuss with Nigel Sully the feasibility of holding a street party. The Chairman agreed to approach the Enham Trust in connection with a Jubilee Party and enquire accordingly.

It was suggested that it would be good to understand how Enham Alamein celebrated the Queen's Coronation in 1953 and this could also form part of the celebrations in June. The Chairman advised that she would approach Liz Cosgrove to ascertain if there is any memorabilia / pictures and the like around the coronation.

15. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The Chairman wished to advise members that the Enham Trust closed for Christmas on 24 December 2021. An issue arose concerning a water leak from a resident and the Chairman tried to phone the out of hours emergency phone number on their behalf. She tried on three separate occasions to get through to someone and was waiting for 40 minutes, 46 minutes and an hour respectively but the call remained unanswered and not returned. The company providing the out of hours service is CCS based in Devizes under contract to the Enham Trust. The Chairman expressed her concerrns with the inadequacy of the emergency out of hours service she had experienced. She also stated that she is aware that she was by no means the only person to have experienced the difficulties as described.

The next meeting of the parish council will take place on 9 February 2022 at the Landale Wilson Hall, starting at 19.00 hours.

In the absence of any further business to transact, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.21 hours.