

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL
28th January 2019
EAST WOODHAY VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN : Cllr Paul Hurst (Vice Chair)

PRESENT : Councillors Mr B Lambert, Mrs H Teece, Mr P Hurst, Mr M Rand, Mr P Jarvis, Cllr S Cooper, Mr J Murdoch

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Sanders

CLERK : Amy White

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES

Cllr Mitchell is on holiday.

ITEM 2: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2018 were agreed and accepted as a true record.

ITEM 4: MATTERS ARISING

- 4: **NOT ACTIONED**- Carried Forward. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Sanders
- 5.3- **ACTIONED**- see ITEM 5
- 7.1 EWVH Signs **ACTIONED**- see ITEM 9
Bowls Club- **ACTIONED**- request now with BDBC spend manager
Car park- **ACTIONED**- the quote for a quick repair (£486) was agreed. Also see ITEM 7.
- 7.2 **ACTIONED**- Clerk will contact Mr McKinnon again
- 9.2 **ACTIONED**- All missing signs reported to BDBC. Broken road sign on Woolton Hill Road scheduled for repair soon.
- 13.2 **ACTIONED**
- 16.1 **ACTIONED**. Waiting to hear if we can get a new bin.
- 16.2 **ACTIONED**

ITEM 5: PLANNING INCLUDING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- 5.1 Cllr Hurst is now Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group (NPSG). This steering group will publish any minutes of meetings held on the Parish website and Facebook. Terms of Reference are being finalised.
- 5.2 The NPSG would like to thank Sue Adams from the Kingsclere Neighbourhood Planning Team for her input.
- 5.3 Cllr Hurst reported that the biggest challenge will be communicating the plan to the public, in terms of time and man-power needed. He recommended the committee that currently stands at 4 members will need to increase.
- 5.4 Cllr Sanders has advised the NP Committee to speak with Joanne Bromley at BDBC who is working on the BDBC Local Plan, to ensure it doesn't impede on our NP.

ITEM 6: PERMISSIVE PATH

- 6.1 See Cllr Rand's report at the end of the minutes.
- 6.2 Cllr Mitchell is progressing the planning permission required and will update next meeting.
- 6.3 Cllr Rand proposed that the Council consider turning the Parish field into a wild flower meadow. Cllr Hurst will send details of the landscape team at BDBC to Cllr Rand.

ACTION: Cllr Hurst to send details of landscape team to Cllr Rand

ITEM 7: AMENITIES INCLUDING FOOTPATHS

7.1 Footpaths

See Cllr Teece's report at the end of the minutes.

Cllr Teece highlighted the recommendation for the boardwalk to be well maintained.

ACTION- Cllr Teece to speak to HCC Ranger Andy about boardwalk maintenance.

ACTION- Clerk to obtain quote from Jason Ebury for boardwalk maintenance.

ACTION- Cllr Murdoch to report the footpath at the end of Knights Lane to HCC as being slippery when wet (it may be classed as being a verge).

- 7.2 Cllr Sanders suggested a footpath walking day to re-establish the footpaths in the Parish. EWPC will register this as an idea for the Spring/Summer should it be felt to be necessary.

7.2 Amenities

Cllr Rand will put the Annual Maintenance Agreement to tender in March.

The PC agreed to pay for the repair of the fence and gate in between Heath End Recreation Ground and East Woodhay Village hall.

ACTION- Clerk to organise gate repair with S Batt.

7.3 Recreation Field car park resurfacing

Cllr Rand has confirmation from BDBC planning that resurfacing is covered by existing planning permission.

It is believed the reason that only part of the car park is tarmaced is that there may be drainage running underneath the non-tarmaced area. It was felt that Alan Johnson may be able to confirm this, as it was believed he was involved in the last resurfacing project.

ACTION: Cllr Rand to discuss car park project with Alan Johnson.

7.4 The Council discussed options for resurfacing and grants for potential funding.

ACTION: Cllr Rand to investigate the BDBC Infrastructure Fund and to ask Tom Thacker if any of the grants he highlighted in a previous meeting, could be used for resurfacing.

ITEM 8: LENGTHSMAN TASKS

None

ITEM 9: FINANCE

9.1 See Cllr Mitchell's report at the end of the minutes.

9.2 EWPC is going to move banking from RBS to NatWest, this will enable online banking. Cllr Murdoch will soon stop being a signatory, and Cllr Hurst added. The clerk will also be a signatory for online banking purposes.

9.3 The precept for 2019/2020 was agreed at £29493, an increase of 3% on 2018-2019.

9.4 The Clerk's hours will be raised from 11 to 14 hours per week, in line with other local Parish Clerks. The Clerk, Amy White has now been in position for 5 months having taken over from Sadie Owen who left at the end of August 2018.

ITEM 10: HIGHWAYS

10.1 See Cllr Murdoch's report at the end of the minutes.

ACTION: Cllr Murdoch to ask HCC if sign can be moved to the side of the road.

10.2 Cllr Sanders again raised the issue of the road sign at the North End triangle which is causing a beech tree to be cut back frequently.

ITEM 11: UTILITIES

- 11.1 See Cllr Jarvis' report at the end of the minutes.
- 11.2 The council was very impressed with the utilities map Cllr Jarvis presented for the Ball Hill area. We agreed it would be good to have this for the whole parish as it displays key owners of land.

ACTION: Cllr Jarvis to see if he can get copies of the maps for the parish area.

ITEM 12: POLICE REPORTS AND SPEEDWATCH

- 12.1 See Cllr Hurst's report and recommendations at the end of the minutes.

The council agreed with Cllr Hurst's recommendation not to go ahead with a replacement portable SID. There was support for a number of fixed SIDS and this should come back to the meeting in a future recommendation.

ACTION: Cllr Hurst to inform Highclere PC of Council's decision not to purchase a new SID.

ITEM 13: DONATIONS/ GRANT REQUESTS

None to report.

ITEM 14: HARWOOD PADDOCK/S106 MONIES

- 14.1 See Cllr Hurst's report at the end of the minutes.

ACTION: Cllr Hurst to speak to Peter Stanley about the issue with the removal of the stage and whether he has engaged other community opinion.

- 14.2 The council agreed we need to review the marketing of EWH after the refurbishment.

ACTION: Cllr Hurst and Cllr Lambert to discuss marketing with Peter Stanley.

ITEM 15: MEMBERS REPORTS

- 15.1 Nothing to report

ACTION: Clerk to find out what is happening with No7 bus route changes.

ITEM 16: LENGTHSMAN TASKS

- 16.1 Covered in the footpath report.

ITEM 17: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 17.1 Standing Orders for Council Business are updated and on the website.
- 17.2 Cllr Cooper has agreed to take over from Norman Powers to become the Parish Poppy Organiser
- 17.3 Emails- the council members now all have new email addresses. Cllr Mitchell will clarify new emails and any issues for review at next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to send new addresses to Cllrs Sanders and Thacker.

- 17.4 Defibrillators- Cllr Jarvis presented information to the council about the lack of evidence of usefulness of defibs in areas of low footfall (e.g. The Ball Hill phone box). The council will consider whether to pay for a defibrillator in an area with higher footfall.
- 17.5 Scrub a Sign- many signs in the Parish have been cleaned. Thanks those involved.
- 17.6 WI 100 year anniversary- the clerk presented a request from the local WI to plant bulbs around the war memorial in East End. The council supported this initiative subject to the WI obtaining support from East End residents and leaving the green in a good state.
- 17.7 ADDENDUM- the meeting held at ECVH raised concerns from all council members about the lack of appropriate heating. Cllr Hurst will raise this issue again with Peter Stanley. For the next meeting scheduled on 25th Feb 2019 the council will consider relocating to Woolton Hill Church Hall.

ACTION: Cllr Hurst to speak to Peter Stanley about ECVH heating issues

ACTION: Clerk to investigate moving next scheduled PC meeting to WHCH (**Actioned since meeting**)

ACTION LOG – January 2019

ITEM	ACTION	OWNER
6.3	Cllr Hurst to send details of landscape team to Cllr Rand	Cllr Hurst
7.1	Cllr Teece to speak to HCC Ranger Andy about boardwalk maintenance Clerk to obtain quote from Jason Ebury for boardwalk maintenance. Cllr Murdoch to report the footpath at the end of Knights Lane to HCC as being slippery when wet (it may be classed as being a verge).	Cllr Teece Clerk Cllr Murdoch
7.2	Clerk to organise gate repair with S Batt.	Clerk

7.3	Cllr Rand to discuss car park project with Alan Johnson.	Cllr Rand
7.4	Cllr Rand to investigate the BDBC Infrastructure Fund and to ask Tom Thacker if any of the grants he highlighted in a previous meeting, could be used for resurfacing.	Cllr Rand
10.1	Cllr Murdoch to ask HCC if sign can be moved to the side of the road.	Cllr Murdoch
11.2	Cllr Jarvis to try and get utilities maps of the whole parish	Cllr Jarvis
12.1	Cllr Hurst to inform Highclere PC of Council's decision not to purchase a new SID.	Cllr Hurst
14.1	Cllr Hurst to speak to Peter Stanley about the issue with the removal of the stage and whether he has engaged other community opinion.	Cllr Hurst
14.2	Cllr Hurst and Cllr Lambert to discuss marketing of EWH with Peter Stanley.	Cllrs Hurst & Lambert
17.3	Clerk to send new addresses to Cllrs Sanders and Thacker.	Clerk
17.7	Cllr Hurst to speak to Peter Stanley about EWH heating issues Clerk to investigate moving next scheduled PC meeting to WHCH.	Cllr Hurst Clerk

Councillor Reports January 2019

ITEM 5: Planning report, January 2019, Cllr Lambert

Those items we objected to:

December 2018

1. 2 Woolton Lodge Gardens, Woolton Hill, RG20 9SU. Conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of a double garage and store.

Object: to the height of the detached garage, will have unnecessary impact on the visual street scene.

2. 12 Falcon House Gardens, Woolton Hill, RG20 9UQ. Demolition of existing garage and replacement with two storey side extension to contain enlarged kitchen dining room, utility room and store with bedroom and study at first floor and relocated oil tank (Amended plan to that approved under 18/02000/HSE changing tile hanging to frontage).

Object: to proposed change to the colour of the tiles as it will increase prominence in the street scene. New tiles should match existing hanging tiles.

3. Hazelwood, Broadlayings, Woolton Hill, RG20 9TS. Erection of a single storey front extension.

Object: to roof light and its configuration and appearance when viewed from the side.

4. Broadmead Barn, North End Road, North End.

Mr. Macallan has submitted an objection to this application which he discussed with the Committee.

Object: a) The proposed building is too ornate and not in keeping with the rural area; the design should be simplified.

b) The proposed building is too near the public footpath. It should be set back further from the public footpath in order that there is room for more planting or landscaping to soften the appearance of the property. The current design would appear to allow no room for planting or landscaping as well as space to drive past the front of the property to the parking area.

c) The property is in the North Wessex Downs AONB, where there is a dark skies policy. The skylight in the conservatory is likely to cause light pollution.

ITEM 6: Permissive Path, Cllr Rand

Issues to Address:

The path across the Parish Field becomes muddy and difficult to walk across after periods of rain and adverse weather.

The path is uneven and not able to be used by wheelchairs and those wishing to push buggies. The uneven path is also difficult to be used by those who are more unsteady on their feet.

Overall Objective:

Enable a greater use of the Permissive Path across the Parish Field between Brownies Corner, near to the Infants School, and the opposite corner on Trade Street by the Doctor's Surgery, by altering the surface of the to one of Fittleworth stone, as per HCC standards.

Latest Status:

Following the action from the November EWPC meeting where it was raised that planning permission may need to be sought, John Murdoch has received confirmation from B&D that we do need to submit a Planning Application (object included on following page). Consequently, actions around applying for grant by EWS are on hold until Planning Permission is resolved. James Mitchell is creating the submission to B&D for the Planning Application.



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Cllr J Murdoch

Our Ref: 18/03254/EN10 21 December 2018 Your Ref:

Dear Mr Murdoch,

Location: Land Opposite St Thomas Church Church Road Woolton Hill Hampshire

Proposal: Permissive Path

Thank you for your recent enquiry and I apologise for the delay in not responding to you any sooner.

Your enquiry concerns changing the surface of a path that has been created on land opposite St Thomas` Church, Woolton Hill.

I can confirm that the proposed works would constitute an engineering operation and as such would require planning permission. Should the route of the footpath have any impact on neighbouring trees, then the planning application would need to be supported by arboricultural detailing prepared in accordance with BS5837 2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'. It will need to be demonstrated that any trees will be sufficiently protected when the footpath works are carried out.

Also, as the proposed development may have possible impacts on wildlife and biodiversity, information should be provided with the planning application on existing biodiversity interests and possible impacts on them to allow full consideration of those impacts.

The relevant planning application forms can be downloaded from our website: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/planning-application-forms>

The advice contained in this letter is the opinion of a planning officer and does not constitute a formal determination under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (certificate of lawful use and development). If you wish to have a formal determination, you should contact the Planning and Development Manager for further advice.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Nicola Williams on 01256 845451 or email Nicola.WilliamsDC@basingstoke.gov.uk

ITEM 7: Footpaths, Cllr Teece

East Woodhay Footpath 9 - Boardwalk

1. Replacement of Broken Wooden Gate

On Friday, January 25, HCC North Area Senior Countryside Access Ranger Andy Aitken and crew built a new wooden gate between the two fields owned by HCC.

2 Preservation Treatment of Boardwalk

When Jason Ebury repaired the broken sections of the boardwalk recently, he mentioned ways of treating the structure in Spring and Summer to prevent further deterioration.

I would suggest we discuss these options and ask him for a quote to ensure that we could use Lengthsman funds once the new tax year starts.

East Woodhay Footpath 1 – Breezehurst – Hazelwood Stud

There are at present no stiles from Breezehurst to the far end of the large paddock where there is a metal kissing gate. Recently the last section of this path has been straightened by the owners of Hazelwood and now leads between 2 wooden fences right to the end of this path where one single stile leads onto the main Ball Hill - Kintbury Road.

Short Wooden Footbridge Gore End Road

This short bridge is not a footpath but part of the road used by pedestrians and I would support that the parish council pays for it to be covered by weld mesh in order to avoid any possible accidents when the water level is high.

ITEM 9: Finance report, Cllr Mitchell

1. SUMMARY

To 23rd January 2019 10 months into the fiscal years passed. 100% of income budget received. 89% (£32,207) of expense budget spent. All the precept has been received. Regular out goings.

a. INCOME STATEMENT

- 100% Precept received
- Double taxation received at 100% of budget £1,972
- 100% Litter warden grant received @ 104% of budget (£4,072)
- CTS Grant £99 received (dropped £100 from last FY)
- £1,184 VAT reclaimed

b. EXPENSE STATEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Run rate expense on track (Salaries/expenses) See appendix for transactions
- Insurance for year £40 more than last year and 90% of budget at £1,345
- £1,250 CCTV annual maintenance fees
- £2,557 spent on footpaths
- £500 Woolton Hill Argyle Donation
- £75 Donation to Poppy wreath and Remembrance event
- £70 lengths man to fit gate
- £379 Kissing gate
- £3,589 boardwalk extension
- £210 Replacement swing in WH Playground
- £210 Boardwalk maintenance
- £258 Tennis court maintenance
- £510 Brownies corner maintenance
- £525 Parish Plan consultant costs

c. CAPITAL STATEMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Capital account £45,000

2. Budget process 2019/20

The FY19/20 Budget process has completed proposal is to raise precept in line with inflation.

3. INCOME/EXPENDITURE DETAIL

December 2018 – January 2019

Row Labels	Sum of INCOME	Sum of EXPENSE
Annual Maint Agmnt		£ 1,190.00
Litter warden salary		£ 678.60
Other		£ 50.98
VAT		£ 359.00
Misc Maintenance		£ 943.00
Bank interest	£ 7.70	
Footpaths		£ 1,470.00
Parish Plan		£ 675.00
Admin		£ 65.00
Clerk Salary		£ 1,339.67
Clerk expenses		£ 139.16
Litter warden expenses		£ 120.00
Grand Total	£ 7.70	£ 7,030.41

4. FISCAL YEAR TO DATE TRANSACTION SUMMARY

December 2018 / January 2019

DATE	MONTH	PC Category	Other Notes	CHEQUE NUMBER	INCOME	EXPENSE
17-Dec-18	December	Footpaths	A1 signs for Parish Field (CHEQUE LOST IN POST- VOID)	1337		-
17-Dec-18	December	Misc Maintenance	Tennis court net replacments for Heath End and Woolton Hill	1338		£ 258.00
17-Dec-18	December	Misc Maintenance	S Batt Brownie Garden and East End memorial maintenance	1339		£ 510.00
17-Dec-18	December	Litter warden salary		1340		£ 339.30
17-Dec-18	December	Litter warden expenses		1340		£ 60.00
17-Dec-18	December	Clerk Salary		1341		£ 591.57
17-Dec-18	December	Clerk expenses		1341		£ 139.16
17-Dec-18	December	Parish Plan	Invoice 1 to Sally Chapman for Neighbourhood Plan	1342		£ 525.00
18-Dec-18	December	Footpaths	Jason Ebury boardwalk repair and kissing gate materials	1343		£ 1,225.00
18-Dec-18	December	VAT	Jason Ebury boardwalk repair and kissing gate materials reclaim	1343		£ 245.00
18-Dec-18	December	Parish Plan	Parish Online by GeoXphere (map tool)	1344		£ 150.00
18-Dec-18	December	VAT	Parish Online by GeoXphere (map tool) reclaim	1344		£ 30.00
20-Dec-18	December	Other	Barry Lambert Expenses (toner cartridges)	1345		£ 50.98
20-Dec-18	December	Annual Maint Agmnt	Invoice no 2016	1346		£ 1,190.00
28-Dec-18	December	Bank interest			£ 7.70	
10-Jan-19	January	Footpaths	A1 signs for Parish Field replacement cheque	1347		£ 70.00
10-Jan-19	January	VAT	A1 signs for Parish Field replacement cheque Reclaim	1347		£ 14.00
10-Jan-19	January	Misc Maintenance	Replacement swing seat for Woolton Hill playground	1348		£ 175.00
10-Jan-19	January	VAT	Replacement swing seat for Woolton Hill playground reclaim	1348		£ 35.00
10-Jan-19	January	Footpaths	Jason Ebury boardwalk hours and materials (inv 1013)	1349		£ 175.00
10-Jan-19	January	VAT	Jason Ebury boardwalk hours and materials (inv 1013) reclaim	1349		£ 35.00
10-Jan-19	January	Litter warden salary		1350		£ 339.30
	January	Litter warden expenses		1350		£ 60.00
	January	Clerk Salary		1351		£ 748.10
	January	Admin	Art of Data website maintenance annual renewal from 1/1/19	1352		£ 65.00
					£ 7.70	£ 7,030.41

5. FISCAL YEAR TO DATE TRANSACTIONS BY MONTH

EAST WOODHAY PARISH COUNCIL													
Receipts and Payments - 2018/19													
RECEIPTS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Precept	£ 14,317.00				£ 14,317.00								£ 28,634.00
Double Taxation	£ 1,972.00												£ 1,972.00
Litter Warden Grant			£ 4,071.60										£ 4,071.60
Rental Income						£ 1,100.00							£ 1,100.00
CTS Grant	£ 99.00												£ 99.00
S106 Monies													£ -
Other Grants								£ 100.00					£ 100.00
VAT Recovered								£ 366.29	£ 817.92				£ 1,184.21
Bank Interest			£ 6.33			£ 6.94			£ 7.70				£ 20.97
	£ 16,388.00	£ -	£ 4,077.93	£ -	£ 14,317.00	£ 1,106.94	£ -	£ 466.29	£ 825.62	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 37,181.78
PAYMENTS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Clerk's salary	£ 667.35	£ 714.22	£ 699.62	£ 699.62	£ 699.62	£ 544.17	£ 653.37	£ 697.57	£ 591.57	£ 748.10			£ 6,715.21
Clerk's expenses	£ 17.67	£ 17.67	£ 17.67	£ 17.67	£ 17.67	£ 78.68	£ 6.75	£ 71.88	£ 139.16				£ 384.82
Litter Warden Salary	£ 325.00	£ 353.60	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30	£ 339.30			£ 3,393.00
Litter Warden Exps	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ 60.00			£ 600.00
Admin (inc Courses)	£ 20.00			£ 30.00			£ 140.00			£ 65.00			£ 255.00
Insurance			£ 1,345.79										£ 1,345.79
Audit			£ 230.00				£ 300.00						£ 530.00
Subscriptions	£ 631.00												£ 631.00
Grass Cutting							£ 1,531.43						£ 1,531.43
Misc Maintenance						£ 805.00			£ 768.00	£ 210.00			£ 1,783.00
Annual Maint Agmnt		£ 1,370.00							£ 1,190.00				£ 2,560.00
Footpaths		£ 335.00	£ 15.95	£ 2,557.26				£ 4,039.08	£ 1,470.00	£ 294.00			£ 8,711.29
Highways													£ -
CCTV			£ 1,250.00										£ 1,250.00
Donations & Sec 137								£ 575.00					£ 575.00
Parish Plan									£ 705.00				£ 705.00
VAT		£ 67.00	£ 250.00	£ 132.00			£ 366.29						£ 815.29
PAYE	£ 49.33	£ 20.13	£ 34.73	£ 34.73	£ 34.73	£ 47.40	£ 58.60	£ -					£ 279.65
Grant Refund													£ -
Other		£ 58.51					£ 32.79		£ 50.98				£ 142.28
	£ 1,770.35	£ 2,996.13	£ 4,243.06	£ 3,870.58	£ 1,151.32	£ 1,874.55	£ 3,488.53	£ 5,782.83	£ 5,314.01	£ 1,716.40	£ -	£ -	£ 32,207.76
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ITEM 10: Highways Report, Cllr Murdoch

Potholes etc

1. A number of new potholes have been reported including, once again, the road edge collapse in Trade Street opposite the surgery.

Road Signs

1. The downed Woolton Hill road sign and the missing Fullers Lane road sign have been reported directly to B&DBC.

2. A suitable road sign to EWHV will not be provided by HCC. An approved brown tourist sign can however be purchased from Highways England by the hall committee.

3. It is clear that current financial restraints prohibit HCC from upgrading informatory road signs.

4 The stolen Hampshire sign on the A343 at Washwater has again been reported to HCC.

S106 Highways Contribution

1. Confirmation has been received from HCC that the East Woodhay S106 highway schemes have been put forward for the 2019/20 feasibility study program. A final decision will be made in March 2019.

Permissive Path resurfacing

1. Confirmation has been received from HCC that planning permission is required for surfacing the permissive path in the Parish Field. Cllr Mitchell has undertaken to deal with this.

ITEM 11, Utilities, Cllr Jarvis

Electricity:

Following a conversation with SSE I now know the order in which the various elements of the network upgrading will occur.

The first to start will be burying of a cable section along Knights Lane and replacement of the switchgear at the Knights Lane substation.

The funding for this work is fully covered and work will be underway within 2 months. Permissions have been sought.

A close second will be the removal of the overhead cables over the King and Begley land with the re-routing of overhead cables along the public road. Permissions have been sought from the appropriate authorities already and no objections are expected. This schedule of works is also fully funded and could commence within 2 months.

The final section of upgrade involves replacing cables and poles on the main North/South feeder line which routes over a large number of privately owned land including some ancient woodland. All the individual landowners permissions are required before this work can commence as it cannot be done piecemeal. It is expected that permissions will not be granted until the land is substantially dry. Again the funding for this is also in place already.

The whole project represents a serious attempt to rectify the periodic problems encountered in the last few years with a network built in the 1960's for a smaller population.

This report is not the official communiqué from SSE for the residents but I will hopefully have that as well by the beginning of week commencing 28th Jan.

Other news. There was a water-main burst in Mount Road in Highclere which led to the water being cut off to all Mount Road residents in Woolton Hill. Supplies were restored by midnight the same day (Fri 25th Jan) but mysteriously cut again so that no supplies were available Saturday morning. A call to Southern water resulted in reconnection within the hour. During this drama I discovered that the emergency water supply number in Spectrum is no longer in service. A web search revealed the correct number and I have asked Spectrum to correct the number shown.

Whilst the water supply is no longer a problem the road damage means that Mount road is shut to motor vehicles at the bridge. Horses, pedestrians and cycles can pass.

ITEM 14: S106 Monies, Cllr Hurst

1. Following the presentation of the tennis club to the EWPC their request for funding has been submitted to the Spend Manager at BDBC. Agreed this will be reviewed with the Spend Manager over the next few weeks, along with the Bowls Club request.

2. Meetings held with the cricket club to discuss their S106 plans. They have confirmed they will request £10K and will submit this to ourselves over the next few weeks. They have requested to present this at our February meeting.

3. For the Woolton Hill Village Hall and East Woodhay Village Hall requests, the BDBC Spend Manager visited both facilities and reviewed the requests with myself, John Angle and Peter Stanley.

For Woolton Hill Village Hall most of the requests the Spend Manager was comfortable with. Only issue raised was if the car park improvements were covered by S106 funds. We discussed that this was to enable accessibility by all and the Spend Manager agreed to review the request in this light.

For East Woodhay Village Hall, the car park improvements were similarly challenged and again the Spend Manager agreed to review them as part of improved accessibility by all.

The other requests the Spend Manager felt comfortable with. However, while reviewing the requests a lady in the Hall (working in the Playgroup) challenged the removal of the stage. She advised Peter that she had commenced a petition to keep the stage. Peter agreed with the Spend Manager that he would need to review the stage removal with the community - the Spend Manager will continue on the basis that stage removal is part of project.

The Spend Manager will now review both of the Halls requests and come back to us in Feb.

While reviewing the East Woodhay Hall, Peter highlighted some of the challenges facing the facility, namely the importance of the Playgroup in keeping the Hall running. He also raised the limited number of people volunteering to running the Hall and the future risk associated with this.

Following this conversation I was contacted by the senior Spend Manager who was also aware of our neighbourhood plan project. He suggested we may need to review the Halls criticality to the community in the NP as he highlighted we were investing significant community money into the facility but with risks to its future operation and viability. He agreed this would not stop the S106 funding being reviewed, but he felt in parallel we should discuss the management of the risk in the EWPC and with our Ward Councillor - Clive. He had no similar concerns with Woolton Hill Village Hall.

4. Harwood Paddock Community land, the legal process of handing this to EWPC is being progressed by the Spend Manager, but still waiting sign off of the development - replanting well underway and site site off will be reviewed soon.

Overall we have had excellent support and engagement with the Spend Managers and the relationship remains very good.

ITEM 12: Speedwatch, Cllr Hurst

EWPC share a mobile SID with Highclere. This device is no longer functioning and Highclere have asked if we wish to share the replacement cost. After discussions in the community my recommendations are

- do not purchase a new mobile SID
- disband speedwatch (effectively disbanded already)
- replace the device with pole mounted devices (fixed devices) in key areas

Detail:

At present East Woodhay PC shares a mobile SID with Highclere PC. This was purchased about 4 - 5 years ago. At the same time a speedwatch team was established utilising the device. This in turn was shared by Highclere when they established their speedwatch team.

The device broke down about 6 months ago and has not been able to be repaired. The supplier has recommended it should be replaced. So we now need to decide if we purchase a new mobile SID or follow a different strategy. The Highclere speedwatch team have decided they wish to purchase a replacement SID and have asked if EWPC wish to share the cost and continue with the device.

As mentioned, the Woolton Hill speedwatch team was established about 4 years ago, supported by EWPC. It always had a limited number of volunteers (maximum 8 people when first started). The use of speedwatch gave good insights into traffic issues across Woolton Hill, but had limited success in reducing speeding. Over time the number of volunteers diminished and is now below a sustainable level. After a year of trying to get new volunteers, no new people have come forward.

In parallel Highclere have been using a fixed SID that they move around the village. They have shared their learnings and results with us and it is clear it has given them an even deeper view of traffic issues in the village and is allowing them to focus their discussions. It probably has had a limited success in reducing speeding, but it gives people a good view of their speed in key risk areas.

Woolton Hill has also established a community team that is focused on tackling traffic issues. The issues of limited success of speedwatch and no volunteers coming forward and the learnings from Highclere and other groups have been discussed in this team. Following these discussions my recommendations are:

- do not purchase a new SID mobile device
- disband speedwatch (with no volunteers it is effectively disbanded at present)
- replace SID with fixed devices on established poles (one fixed in Woolton Hill Rd next to the school and one to be moved around other key areas, such as Church Rd).
- if agreed, a formal recommendation on these fixed SIDs will be brought forward to EWPC.