

Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2020

Present:	Cllr. Michael Smith (Chairman)	Cllr. John Meischke (Vice-Chairman)
	Cllr. Stephen Block	Cllr. Christine Dinnin
	Cllr. Catherine Hammon	Cllr. Helen McCash
	Cllr. Kay Jancey	Cllr. Ian Knight
	Cllr. David Stock	Cllr. Emma Waltham
	Clerk: Jane Allsop	

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies: District Councillor Sophie Bell.

2. Public participation

None

3. Chairman's/ Clerk's report

• Bus stop outside the Grey House

Cllr. Smith said that Cllr. Dinnin has asked for the condition of the bus stop outside the Grey house to be discussed tonight.

Cllr. Dinnin said that when people first started leaving unwanted items for others to take (during Covid lockdown in March 2020) she thought it was a good idea, but now it is being used as a general dumping ground. The boxes dumped in and in front of the bus shelter stop people being able to sit in the bus shelter while waiting for the bus to arrive. Cllr. McCash said she totally agreed and that an enormous box of unwanted items had arrived in the shelter today. Items deposited are mainly books and toys.

After lengthy discussion, Parish Councillors agreed that the bus stop needs to be cleared so it can be used for purpose and people asked not to deposit their items anymore.

EHDC to be asked if they would be willing to clear the items from the bus shelter and if they are not willing to do so, the Parish Council will arrange for it to be cleared.

The Clerk to contact EHDC and put notices on Facebook, the Parish Council website, the notice boards and in the bus shelter itself. **Action: J. Allsop**

Note: Ian Spall, EHDC e-mailed the Parish Council the day after this meeting (Wednesday 9th December) to say that he had received a complaint about rubbish in the bus stop. He visited the bus shelter later that day and then put in a request to their contractors for it to be cleared.

The shelter has now been cleared and notices put up in the bus shelter and on the Parish Council notice boards requesting that no further items be deposited in the bus shelter.

4. Declaration of interests

None.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

a) Acceptance

• Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27th October 2020

Parish Councillors agreed that the minutes be approved.

b) Review of actions

1. Investigate the installation of electric car charging point at the Community Hall: outstanding.

This item to remain on the agenda.

Action: J. Meischke

2. Submit article to Parish News re re-opening of Forever active and Library opening times

The Clerk said she did not submit an article to the Parish News because England went into lock down in early November and this did not end until the 3rd December.

It was agreed to review this item early in the New Year.

Action: J. Meischke/J. Allsop

c) Action points resolved

1. Cut back the branches overhanging the footpath by the Ornate village sign
2. Write to the planning department re planning application at Highfield Grove Farm Road
3. Give the Clerk budget items for 2021/22
4. Update strimming, flowerbed maintenance and leaf picking schedule for 2021
5. Obtain quotation for strimming, flowerbed maintenance and leaf picking for 2021
6. Reimburse Community Hall for cost of Trustees indemnity insurance
7. Purchase three-year website hosting with SiteGround
8. Obtain quotations for repainting the Tennis Courts
9. Ask Adam Welch to quote for cutting back Pat Brett's hedge

10. **Contact County Cllr. Ken Crofton re Hockerill footpath behind George and Dragon and the pump**
Refer to item 8 a, Environment Sub-Committee - Footpath behind the George and Dragon to the Pump
11. **Ask Traffic Warden to visit High Street during restricted usage times**
Report provided by District Cllr. Sophie Bell 'they have said they will look at getting someone out more frequently during restricted times'.
12. Accept Grassroots quotation for 2021/22
13. Give copies of Grassroots quotation to the Clerk, Cllrs. Dinnin and Block
14. Contact team of volunteers who helped during lockdown early in 2020 re delivery of Christmas dinners
15. Investigate possibility of creating parking spaces in the bottom of the grass bank along Rectory Lane
16. Investigate lock on Great Innings notice board

d) Action points outstanding for more than two months

1. **Send minute books to HCC for archiving:** outstanding. J. Allsop
2. **Arrange for the disposal of the old acoustic screen:** outstanding. J. Meischke

6. Planning

a) Applications

The following planning applications were dealt with via e-mail and letters put through the doors of residents as and when required.

- i) **15 Rivershill (3/20/2118/HH)**
2 single storey side extensions, two storey rear extension, new front dormer window, new first floor side window openings and alterations to fenestration
Parish Councillors agreed a no comment response and the Clerk advised the planning department.
 - ii) **3 Blue Hill Cottages (3/20/2136/HH)**
Demolition of conservatory and construction of round floor rear extension to include roof lights and steel flue
Parish Councillors agreed a no comment response and the Clerk advised the planning department.
 - iii) **The Beanside (3/20/2149/HH)**
Demolition of conservatory. Construction of a single storey side extension
Parish Councillors agreed a no comment response and the Clerk advised the planning department.
- **Appeal notification received after the December agenda was published**
 - **2 Rectory Lane – Appeal reference 20/00143/REFUSE re application 3/20/1381/FUL**
Demolition of half of existing garage and erection of 2-bedroom chalet bungalow with 2 off street car parking spaces
Cllr. Smith reminded Parish Councillors that their letter of 17th August would be forwarded to the appeal department. Parish Councillors agreed they had no further comments to make.
No further action required.

b) Decisions

- i) **Land at Walkern Road (3/20/1090/FUL)**
Creation of a new vehicular access from Walkern Road to agricultural land and barns at Blue Bury Farm
-EHDC permission granted
- ii) **23 Rivershill (3/20/1725/HH)**
Ground floor front extension to include flat roof dormer & rooflight
-EHDC permission granted
- iii) **Crumbs Bakery and Café, 119F High Street (3/20/1845/VAR)**
Variation of condition 1 (hours of opening) of planning permission ref: 3/18/0560/FUL (Retrospective change of use from A1 (Post office/Bakery) to A3 (café/restaurant): To permit the premises to open to the public for 7 days a week, from the hours of 0700 to 1900
-EHDC permission granted
- iv) **Highfield Grove Farm Road, from Mill Lane to Gregory's Farm Dane End (3/20/1952/FUL)**
Erection of agricultural contractors' machinery storage building and associated hard standing to include 7 parking spaces
-EHDC permission refused

7. Reports

a) Neighbourhood plan and Benefits Committee – progress reports

Cllr. Waltham reported as follows

Due to the current restrictions the steering group has decided to postpone the Regulation 14 consultation and review at our next zoom meeting in January. Clive Bell is liaising with Fairview New Homes to identify a bridge design for the circular walk that will meet the approval of the Environment Agency. Cllr. Smith and Charles Clark are arranging a meeting with the landowner of the Walkern Road site to discuss leasing the land between the proposed development and the Stevenage Road to give access to the riverside to villagers in that part of the village. Cllr. Smith will e-mail them the basic request for the land

for him to consider. Hopefully, they will agree, and we can use the land as an environmentally friendly area, perhaps with some planting on it. They may not be willing to gift the land but if we could lease the land on a similar basis to the Woodhall Estate land at Mill Lane. We will be trying to get some certainty on this before the next NP meeting.

The NP group has met with EHDC and HCC to discuss how to ensure that the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan are achieved after adoption.

Both Fairview and Woodhall have sent visuals of their proposed sites and the NP group is giving feedback. Cllr. Smith said that he saw that the Woodhall Estate are planning some mixed usage facilities.

Cllr. Waltham said that this is something that Woodhall Estate have been talking about for some time. The Woodhall Estate want the amount of Green Belt release land to be increased to allow for these facilities as well as the 60 homes and the NP group are not convinced this should happen as a need for community facilities never came up during consultation. If they really want these facilities, then the NP group would want the Woodhall Estate to produce evidence for the need. Cllr. Smith said our village assets are currently fairly well balanced and we would not want the Woodhall Estate do anything that would take away from any of the current village facilities. If a need is identified, the Mill site could be used for this type of facility instead.

b) Footpaths

- **Hazeldell Footpaths** - report provided by Cllr. Stock

Cllr. Stock reported that since our previous meeting most of the follow-up micro-surfacing had been carried out by the Contractors.

However, the stretch of footpath adjacent to No 84 and 82 is still to be done. The weather on the day deteriorated and this could be the reason why. He has contacted HCC for confirmation, or otherwise, that this is the case but has not received a reply to date.

The clearance of adjacent blocked-drain and footpath weeding remain as issues outstanding.

c) Sports and Social Club

Nothing to report.

d) A602 improvement scheme update

The following report was provided by today by Linzy Outtrim (Stakeholder Engagement Lead, A602 Section B, HCC).

“Update for Watton-at-Stone Parish Council meeting on 8 December 2020

Project update

Work on the A602 Improvements Scheme continues to progress well. The current phase of work has included realignment of the Dane End tributary, and moving utility company apparatus, such as water pipes and power cables.

Works are continuing on the new filter lane on the A119/A602 roundabout with new drainage being installed there this week.

Our next phase of works will involve construction around the junction of Whempstead Road, to suit the new alignment of the A602. This work includes lowering the road level.

All road works are coordinated with Hertfordshire County Council’s network management team in terms of the road space booking for lane or road closures, for this work and across the county. Our contractor Interserve co-ordinates the planned work with utility companies to ensure all the works are planned as efficiently as they can be, with as little disruption as possible, although we recognise this is difficult given the nature of this scheme.

We remain grateful for the patience of the local community as we complete the A602 Improvement Scheme.

Christmas shutdown

The site will be closed on 23 December and begin again on 4 January. There will be traffic management and security personnel on site throughout the closure period, ensuring that the site remains safe and secure. Contact number if you need to report anything is 0300 123 4047.

Sacombe Pound reopening; Whempstead Road closure

- Sacombe Pound will be reopened on 18 December and remain open over the Christmas period.
- Whempstead Road will be closed from 11 January 2021 and will remain closed for approximately 10-12 weeks. A diversion route will be signposted.
- Once work to Whempstead Road is completed, Sacombe Pound will be closed again for work to be completed there. Once we have dates for this phase of work, we will let you know.

All road works are publicised on www.one.network, on our website at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/a602 and on our Twitter channel, @Herts_Highways

More information

Any questions on the project please e-mail A602improvements@hertfordshire.gov.uk.”

8. Reports

a) Sub-Committees

Budget & Finance

Cllr. Block reported on the following items.

- **Monthly accounts**

Watton-at-Stone Parish Council		
Petty Cash – Receipts		Petty cash - Payments
2 Allotment holders – rent	38.80	1 diary (re weekly defibrillator checks) 2.89
	38.80	2.89
Payments		
Grassroots	War Memorial maintenance - October 2020	48.00
David Payne	Mow/strim around Com Hall car park - 1 hours @£15 per hour	15.00
Parish Council	1/2 -year grant	3,875.00
Adam Welch	Half year watton maintenance £1,475, 1 leaf collection - hedge	1,550.00
PKF Littlejohn	Annual Audit	360.00
Wages and Salaries	October/November 2020	1620.23
SiteGround	3-year website hosting	362.45
Amazon	2 x Printer cartridges	23.99
British Legion	Poppy donation	80.00
Grassroots	War Memorial maintenance - November 2020	48.00
David Payne	Mow/strim around Com Hall car park - 2 hours @£15 per hour	30.00
		8,012.67
Receipts		
10 Allotment holders	Allotment rent 2020/2021	588.00
Rotary Club of	Donation for use of portable floodlighting	50.00
		638.00

Watton-at-Stone Community Hall		
Petty Cash – Receipts		Petty Cash -Payments
Active East Herts	300.00	Amazon – 2 x 2021 diaries 7.98
Floodlighting -	105.00	7.98
	405.00	
Payments		
Wages	October and November 2020	869.71
HCC	Cleaning materials	39.06
D. P. Electrics	Replace LED lamp in car park lamppost	98.00
British Gas	Electricity	111.00
HMRC	VAT return - September	25.96
RAP Industries	Acoustic panel + £30 net delivery charge	223.20
British Gas	Gas supply	43.46
First Response	Emergency call out to clear drains	120.00
		1530.39
Receipts		
Santander	Bank interest	0.09
Laura Jeffs	Main Hall - 1-week November 2020	12.00
Ben Talbott	Toilets and changing room use – 11/2020	10.00
Watton-at-Stone Parish	½ year grant	3,875.00
EHDC	Grant for acoustic panels	300.00
Castle water	rebate on overcharge	975.43
		5,172.52

Parish Councillors approved the payments.

- **Approval of minutes of Budget and Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2020**

Parish Councillors approved the minutes.

Parish Councillors approved all recommendations contained in the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee minutes dated 23rd November 2020 as follows. Cllr. Block to sign the minutes

Action: S. Block

- **Quotations received from contractors**

Parish Councillors agreed to accept the following quotations, which are detailed in the minutes of the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee meeting dated 26th November.

- Frank Cooper and Son Limited Sportsfield grass cutting quotation dated 15th October 2020.
- Jeff Skidmore Contractors quotation dated 1st November 2020 to cut Lammas and Watton Green and for hedge cutting.
- Greenwood Tree Care (Adam Welch) quotation dated 6th November 2020 for High Street maintenance work, leaf clearance, mowing and strimming.

The Clerk to e-mail the above contractors.

Action: J. Allsop

- **Sports & Social Club hire-charge for 2021/2022**
No increase in the annual hire charge.
- **Community Hall hire charges for 2021/2022**
No increase in the hourly rate.
- **Allotment rents for 2021/2022**
The allotment rent to remain the same at £30 per full allotment and £15 for one half of an allotment.
- **Employees and self-employed remuneration for 2021/2022**
The Parish Council agreed the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee for Rosemary Brown's litterpicking and cleaning hourly rates.
- **Budget 2021/22**
Parish Councillors approved the budget figures for 2021/2022.
- **Precept 2021/22**
Parish Councillors provisionally approved the annual precept requirement for 2021/22 of £37,165, which is an increase of just over 1%.
- **Approval and signing of Precept forms for 2021/22**
The Parish Council will formally agree the precept figure at their meeting on 19th January 2021 and sign the precept form.
This item to be placed on the January 2021 agenda. **Agenda: 01.2021**
- **PKF Littlejohn LLP – Completion of Annual Audit**
Cllr. Block said that the Parish Council has received 'a clean bill of health' from the auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP, who have signed off the annual statutory approval of the Parish Council accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020. Cllr. Block said that the Parish Council is required to display a notice of conclusion of audit on the Parish Council notice board as well as on the Watton-at-Stone website, together with sections of the completed annual return. **Action: J. Allsop**
- **SLCC Annual membership**
Parish Councillors approved the renewal of the SLCC annual membership at a cost of £166 (£5 more than last year). The Clerk to renew the membership. **Action: J. Allsop**
- **Sports and Social hire charge - third quarter**
The Clerk asked for this item to be discussed. Cllr. Meischke explained that due to Covid 19, the Sports and Social Club have not been able to use all the facilities at the Community Hall and in November, during lockdown, they were not allowed to use the hall or sportsfield facilities at all. For the 3rd quarter he therefore proposed that the months are dealt with separately. No charge is made for November and both October and December there will be a 25% discount.
Cllr. McCash asked the Clerk to e-mail all Parish Councillors the proposals. **Action: J. Allsop**
Cllr. Knight explained that the current users of the facilities are the Football Club, and they do not pay their contribution to the Sports and Social Club until the end of their football season. Cllr. Knight will determine how much they pay based on how many games they have had and what facilities they have used.

Recreation and Amenities Sub-Committee

Cllr. Knight reported on the following item.

- **Tennis courts**
"I am in the process of obtaining further quotes for repainting the courts. You will recall the quote from Sports Courts was £4,950 for all three courts.
I have contacted Halcyon, Clear Courts (was Doe Sport) and Cambridge Courts for prices.
It may be we have to consider the timetable for the resurfacing of the doubles court – it was last resurfaced in 2000 by Doe Sport. A price for resurfacing is in the order of £20,000!!
I will be getting all the cost information together for our consideration."
Cllr. Knight said that rather than spend money on repainting, when there is the need for the double courts to be resurfaced in a couple of years, he proposed that in the New Year the Parish Council has a meeting to decide on the future strategy for the courts. This is in terms of painting and resurfacing and obtaining expert opinions on what is really needed for the courts.
Cllr. Knight to arrange a meeting with Parish Councillors in early 2021. **Action: I. Knight**
Cllr. Knight said that in the meantime he was getting prices from contractors.

Community Hall Trustees

Cllr. Meischke reported on the following items.

- **Reopening of hall**

The hall reopened on Wednesday 2nd December, after the Government's Coronavirus lockdown ended and some of our regular hirers have now restarted their exercise classes.

Some of the groups have not been that successful because people do not want to come with the current restrictions in place. We will see what happens with Christmas.

- **Library**

Cllr. Dinnin said that she re-opened the library today, which was a great success with 8 or 9 visitors during the two-hour session. They will open again next Tuesday (15th December) and then hope to reopen again in January 2021 if restrictions allow.

- **Acoustic Partition / grant**

Cllr. Meischke ordered another acoustic panel which matches the one purchased last month. These can be joined together, so they are an especially useful pair. The Community Hall has received a grant of £300 from EHDC towards the £372 net cost (this figure includes delivery charges).

- **Gutters**

Some of the gutters are leaking and we think it is the rubber between the steel guttering. But we are also concerned that the water is coming down the roof too quickly and overflowing the gutter. Cllr. Meischke said he may have to seek the advice from a roofer to try and resolve this problem.

- **Windows & Doors repair and repaint**

Cllrs. Meischke, Smith and Stock looked at the external windows and doors and not all of them need repainting. Mark Blacktin quoted to repaint all the exterior windows and doors and he is now being asked to produce a revised quotation to paint, and repair where necessary, the parts we actually think need doing.

- **Toilets and drains**

- **Outside toilets**

The outside toilets became blocked and Emergency Response, a drain clearance company, was called out to clear the drain as there was raw sewage coming from the drain cover in the car park near its entrance and down onto School Lane. The main cause of the blockage was from wet wipes.

- **Internal toilet**

The overflow on one of the internal toilets, off the changing room corridor, was constantly running. Luckily one of the football club members notified Cllr. Meischke. It was overflowing into the shower unit because the mechanism had seized with lack of use.

Cllr. Meischke said that he will ensure the toilets are flushed regularly when the building is not in use, so hopefully this problem will not occur again.

- **Oak tree for sportsfield**

Cllr. Meischke said that he would like the Parish Council to agree to a new (third) Oak tree to be planted on the sportsfield. The two Oak trees currently on the sportsfield are over 200 years-old, so when these die it would be good to have a well-established Oak tree to take their place.

He suggested that the tree could be located at the top-corner of the field where the two conifers used to be.

Cllr. McCash asked if a mature tree could be purchased.

Cllr. Stock said that the Parish Council should plant trees whenever there is an opportunity to do so. He then reminded 'new members' that sometime in the past the Parish Council agreed a policy that whenever a tree is removed or lost within the village it should be replaced; although (depending on the circumstances) not necessarily in the same location. Replacing the conifers with an Oak would be a good example of doing just that.

This was agreed by Parish Councillors.

Cllr. Meischke and Cllr. Smith to obtain quotations for the purchase of the tree.

Action: M. Smith/J. Meischke

- **COVID-19 Inoculation**

Cllr. Meischke said that with the agreement of the Trustees, he had called the doctors surgery and offered the Community Hall facilities, free of charge, for administering the COVID-19 vaccine. This offer is unlikely to be taken up because the current vaccine needs to be stored at a very low temperature. Also, there is the security aspect.

Cllr. McCash said that the refrigeration units were taken up to County Hall in Hertford over the weekend and there will be a drive through vaccination facility there for those that are able to drive. For those that need ferrying in, vaccinations will be administered at Hertford Theatre. There will also be another facility in Stevenage. The army will be coordinating the procedures.

Environment Sub-Committee

Cllr. Dinnin provided the following report.

- **Allotments**

All vacant plots have been re-let and the new tenants are already making good progress. Two of the plots were left with a lot of timber, carpets, and rubbish on them which needs clearing. I am in the process of getting a quotation from Frank Cooper to remove this rubbish - they are currently working on a garden that backs on to the allotments.

We have money in the allotments deposit account to pay for the clearance work.

- **Footpath behind the George and Dragon to the Pump**

Adam Welch quoted £40 to clear the leaves along the side of Pat Brett's garden, then we need to inspect the path surface right down to Station Road as it is in an extremely poor condition.

Cllr. McCash said that her husband saw highways workers on site last week measuring the footpath for resurfacing and asked them what they were doing.

The Clerk said that this issue was raised at our October Parish Council meeting and it was agreed to contact County Councillor Ken Crofton, which she did and on his instruction, submitted a Highways fault on 2nd November as follows.

“The Hockerill footpath behind the George and Dragon needs resurfacing, but more concerning is the slope (marked brown on the attached plan) where tree roots are considerably lifting the path. It looks as if some agency has thrown a shovel or two of tarmac at it at some point, but it really needs more substantial work and is in a hazardous condition.

Location: Hockerill footpath from Old School Orchard that runs at the back of the George and Dragon public house car park then down to the High Street/Station Road roundabout., Hockerill, Watton at Stone”

Highways response was as follows.

“Our area team has assessed the location and the repair works have been identified. We aim to complete these works by 30th November.”

Cllr. Smith said that the George and Dragon public house boundary with this footpath is in a terrible state. The fence is falling down, and the place is in a shambles It was agreed to write to Green King.

Action: M. Smith

- **Cutting of Mr. Brett's hedge**

Adam Welch has quoted £90 to cut back Mr. Brett's hedge. Mr. Brett to be informed of the cost.

Action: J. Allsop

Parish Councillors approved Adam Welch's quotations of £40 and £90. The Clerk to notify him accordingly.

Action: J. Allsop

b) Routine Reports

- i) **Emergency escape lighting tests and manual alarm call tests**

Cllr. Meischke carried out the emergency escape lighting and manual alarm call tests on Sunday 6th December. He continues to inspect the hall regularly including running the water every 2-3 days to prevent the risk of legionnaires disease.

- ii) **Gas and electricity meter readings**

Cllr. Meischke gives the Clerk gas and electricity meter readings at the end of each month and she uploads these readings to the providers websites.

- iii) **Weekly reports - Fire Inspection and shower tests**

Done.

- iv) **Monthly village-report**

Cllr. Stock completed the report on 5th December 2020.

A copy of which has been e-mailed to all Parish Councillors, therefore the following is a summary.

- **Goal mouth:** next to Community Hall - poor.
- **Children's play area:** condition of surface – as already known.
- **Rainbow multi-play and slide:** monitor condition of wooden steps.
- **Supernova:** some flooding/pooling.
- **Junior climbing frame:** known, surface issues and flooding.
- **Community Hall:**
 - Condition of windows and doors known and reported on by Trustees.
 - Signs of stones being thrown on roof.
- **Tennis Court surface:** known issues.

- **Allotment area:**

- **Access:** OK but monitor Holly growth.
- **Condition of paths between allotments:** variable.
- **Condition of allotment under cultivation:** variable, poor / good / excellent.
- **Condition of allotments not under cultivation:** could not establish.
- **Comments:** good overall.

Cllr. Stock said he was very impressed with the look of the allotments especially those with raised beds and putting down matting to prevent the weeds coming through. Cllr. Dinnin said that the allotments are in an excellent state at the moment and the new tenants seem very keen.

It was agreed to e-mail to all allotment holders, thanking them for the excellent way they have looked after their plot during this challenging year.

Action: J. Allsop

- **Dog waste bins:** all except footpath 17 where lid missing.
- **Salt bins** – all ok and full.
- **War Memorial:** very good, clean and weed free. Visual impact of war memorial site much improved by the tidy-up of the shrub area on the front right-hand side of the plot.

v) **Weekly sportsfield-report**

Nothing to report.

vi) **Weekly defibrillator inspection**

Cllr. Stock inspected the defibrillator whilst carrying out the monthly village-report on 5th December, and all was in good order.

Cllr. Hammon continues to do regular checks.

vii) **Website/Facebook**

None.

viii) **Highway and Lighting faults**

None.

ix) **Dog fouling reports**

The Mill Lane bin, which had come off its post, has been replaced by EHDC with a ground fixed large metal dog bin. They have disposed of the old bin.

- **Mill lane site** – Cllr. Hammon showed concern that there is still asbestos in bags dumped on the site. District Cllr. Sophie Bell e-mailed the Clerk on 30th November as follows.

“I’ve chased it with the council officer again this morning and they have given me the following response:

Ian Spall from the enforcement team has been out to investigate and has concluded that it is his belief that the building is being worked on.

Also, as this is private land there is nothing unfortunately, he can do on this occasion.

Unfortunately, there is nothing the council can do, the landowner will have to arrange for it to be removed.”

Parish Councillors also noted there were breaches in the building which would allow unwanted access

The Clerk said that the property was currently on the market. Councillors doubted that anyone would be interested in buying the site and hoped that EHDC would make a compulsory purchase of the site.

x) **Police reports**

PCSO Sally Brooks e-mailed her police report to the Clerk on 7th December. This report has been e-mailed to all Parish Councillors.

9. Correspondence received

None.

10. Village organisations

None.

11. Items for Parish News

The following items were identified for inclusion in the January 2021 issue of the Parish News.

- Message to the Parish wishing everyone well for 2021.

Action: M. Smith

The meeting closed 2017.

The date for the next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 19th January 2021.