

# ELLISTOWN AND BATTLEFLAT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at Ellistown Primary School commencing at 7.00pm.

Present Cllr P Hyde (Chairman) Cllr Merrie and Cllr Pollard

In Attendance 5 members of the public

Mr P Goodman Clerk to the Council.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2014

The clerk circulated copies of the Minutes from the last Annual Meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of 14th May 2014 were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### 3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair circulated copies of a written report describing progress made by the Parish Council during 2014-15. The report is attached to the minutes.

### 4. ITEMS RAISED BY ELECTORS

Electors raised the following issues that they would like the Parish Council to address:

- That a double swing at Rushby Road be relocated to another play area.
- That one of the wooden seats at Rushby Road play area be relocated closer to the younger childrens play area.
- That a large net be erected at each end to prevent balls hitting cars and houses.
- That the Council consider as an agenda item the permanency of the Rushby Road seats
- That consideration be given to having another bolted gate at Rushby Road play area so the grounds maintenance contractors can get the mower in.
- That the grass be cut around the new War Memorial on a regular basis.
- That the highest need of young people is for a skate park.
- That the Council leads on action to reduce the incidence of dog fouling in Ellistown.
- That it be investigated how Ibstock can manage Christmas events while Ellistown is lacking these.

Cllr Merrie, as the new District councillor for Ellistown and Battleflat, offered to lead a walk around Ellistown identifying all environmental issues such as trees overhanging the street from people's gardens. He also commended a much more positive and consensual way of working in the Parish Council than had previously been the case. Cllr Pollard articulated residents concern over an outline planning application. Cllr Merrie would shortly be meeting planning officers and would raise concerns about a number of issues.

The meeting finished at 8.00pm

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

Much progress has been made over the last year and your Parish Council worked hard and positively for your benefit and will continue to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank past members of the parish council who did not stand for re-election this year, namely Councillor John Cotterill and former parish councillor Fred Harris whose contributions helped greatly to continue the good work of the Council. We welcome Councillor Keith Merry to the Parish Council.

We have a constitution for 7 members, but only 6 councillors, so we will be co-opting a further person to complete the council. If any person is interested in playing a role in the development of the parish for the parishioners please let me or the clerk know as soon as possible.

The Neighbourhood plan is nearing completion and should be available for public consultation later this year. This will provide an excellent opportunity to help shape the future of development in the area and help to ensure suitable and more affordable housing is built to meet all needs.

I do not have an update on the speculative developer applying to build now 345 houses west of Whitehill Road and south of Ibstock Road (14/01106/OUTM). I am sure that, when this application comes before the parish councillors, we will do our best to act in the interest of the village and parishioners and we welcome your views on the proposals which also include provision for open space, a health centre, community facility and MUGA.

The Department of Communities and Local Government has formally approved the report detailing work that has been undertaken to develop youth service provision over the past 12 months with funding secured by the Parish Council. This opportunity was taken by the council due to the dearth of opportunities (which can lead to boredom and anti-social behaviour) and the cut-backs in County Council youth provision and services. Only Ellistown organisations can meet this need.

The Parish Council has taken the first steps regarding a new community centre for the village. The outline application has been submitted and the decision awaited. The council will consult on the proposals but I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider:

whether or not there is a need for a community centre in Ellistown,  
would you use it ?

and would you be prepared to pay for it ?

The major achievements have been:

1. The completion of Land transfers in Ellistown.
2. The Our Place project for young people. We have changed our Standing Orders to allow for young people to regularly feed-back what they feel about their village and their needs.
3. External funding has paid for the War Memorial at the crossroads and various urban tree-planting.
4. External funding has paid for feasibility and design of a possible new Community facility.
5. External funding has been secured which is part of the sum required for a Multi-Use Games Area at South Street.
6. Much closer working with the District Council, especially through the efforts of the Community Focus team.
7. All play areas regularly inspected and maintained.

Sincere thanks to all our community groups for all they do in the parish. Without them and their time and effort, and voluntary support, there would be less activities in the village.

My sincere thanks go to all the councillors who have worked together to promote the interests of the village. I would also like to express my gratitude to our Parish Clerk, Paul Goodman, whose guidance and advice has been crucial during what was a very busy past eighteen months and he helped keep us on an even keel.

Please do follow the progress of the Parish Council by viewing our website or by attending meetings of the Parish Council, which always allow up to 15 minutes for public questions

and participation. We will continue to publish the Parish newsletter which I hope you find informative.

If you have any questions please do contact any of the Parish councillors. Or you can contact our clerk, Paul, either by phone or by email.

Thank you for supporting the Parish Council this year and please do so again in the forthcoming year.

Paul Hyde  
Chairman  
EBPC 26/05/2015

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