



+ **EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL**
WITH **ELLENS GREEN**

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of a **REMOTE MEETING** of the Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 15th March 2021**

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Lilley, J Mitchell, X Riley, M White
County Cllr A Povey
Borough Cllr K Deanus
3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk Mrs J Cadman

036 (2021) **WELCOME:** the chairman welcomed all present.

037 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** all members were present.

038 (2021) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY:** Members approved the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, agreed by all present.

039 (2021) **COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION:** deferred.

040 (2021) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Members to declare any interests in items on the agenda.
Cllr Henry declared an interest in 043 (2021), Planning.

041 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern

- a) *Cranleigh Village Hospital:* A member of the public was concerned at WBC's planning committee's decision to refuse the application. Cllr Deanus advised that the decision was made on planning grounds, as the application breached eight planning policies. Cllr Bloomfield advised that Cranleigh Parish Council had withdrawn their support. It was agreed that Members would consider a response to this refusal at the next planning meeting.
- b) *Junction with Cranleigh Road and Ewhurst Green:* there had been a number of accidents at this point recently. Cllr Povey reported that SCC Highways had visited to ensure that signs were still in place and visible and the matter had now been referred to a working group at the County Council who reviewed areas where there are constant accidents.
- c) *Traffic Calming/Village enhancement scheme:* Cllr Povey advised that he had been able to obtain £70,000 of funding towards this project. The County Council would do the design work and safety audit. Cllr Clowes voiced the Council's enormous appreciation for this generous support for the scheme.
- d) *Covid Act 2020:* Cllr Deanus raised the issue of the 'sunset clause' in the Act, which meant that Parish Councils could no longer legally meet by remote access after the 6th May. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would hold its May meeting on the 5th May and hope that it would be possible to return to meetings in public in June.

042 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cllr Clowes reported as follows:

The Steering group had met twice in the last month to review the reports from the Consultants and to decide on next steps. A number of these had now been acted on and Cllr Clowes thanked the Steering Group for addressing the actions. It should be possible to start the Regulation 14 consultation at the end of March, as planned. It will be necessary to re-do the SEA screening, due to removing sites from the Plan, at present it is not clear whether this will need to be done before proceeding to the Regulation 14 consultation or whether it can be done in tandem. If it has to be done separately, it will delay the consultation by 4 to 5 weeks.

043 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

Cllr Henry reported on decisions by WBC on recent planning applications and members noted that there had now been 111 letters of objection to the proposed development at Gadbridge Villas. She had asked for the application to be called in for determination by the Council.

Members noted the decisions on planning applications received since last full Council meeting. These are attached to the minutes as Annex 1

Recent applications were determined at the meeting and are attached to the minutes as Annex 2.

044 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Receipts and Payments to end of February: the expenditure for the period of £4,035.10 was noted and approved. *expenditure against budget statement to end of February 2021* was noted and approved.

045 (2021) **REPORTS :**

Planning – Val Henry: nothing further to report.

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White: nothing further to report.

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley: Cllr Mitchell is due to meet with Graham Sargood of Box Broadband and hopes to get the wording of the contract for the provision of broadband to the Council buildings shortly.

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley:

- a) There appeared to have been a gas leak at the pumping station, but this seems to have been dealt with.
- b) There is no grit box in Ellens Green. This will be addressed before next winter.
- c) Cllr Clowes requested the status of the defibrillator for the hall. The Clerk advised that funding for the heated cabinet had been received in a grant from the Ellens Green Mission hall fund and the defibrillator and box have now been ordered.

Parish Buildings – Mike White: there is a damaged gutter at the EYSC. Cllr White has asked the village handyman to deal with this.

Environment – James Broomfield: Footpath no 75 has been re-routed at Wildwoods. SCC Rights of Way have been alerted.

Waverley Update – Val Henry: nothing to report.

Clerk – parish update.

- a) Pavement at the Glebe: the Clerk had reported the damaged pavement and a repair had been effected, but it was very poor and unsightly. Cllr Povey had seen this and was in discussion with SCC.
- b) Seat at the Cemetery: the seat agreed to commemorate a local family's son had been put in place at the top of the cemetery.

046 (2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING/GREENING THE PARISH**

The Clerk is due to meet with a representative from Leap and Andy Wright from Conservation and Access, introduced by Rob Fairbanks of Surrey Hills, to review the proposed enhancement of the village hall forecourt and to decide what could practically be done.

The consultation document will be sent out to all village organisations for their views shortly.

047 (2021) **WATER POLLUTION COBBLERS BROOK & DRAINAGE PROBLEMS THE GLEBE**

Cllr Henry reported that investigations are ongoing as it is a complex issue, involving the Glebe, Cobblers Brook and Ockley Road. WBC, Thames Water and SCC are working together and the latest report indicates that the problem may arise from a public sewer. Thames Water are heading up the investigation.

- 048 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE:** members to receive a report from the Clerk
The Clerk advised members that a pipe had burst at the Glebe and had been discovered the day after the last meeting. She and Cllr White had attended and turned off the gas, water and electricity and she was now working with the insurers. Asbestos had been found before the initial clear up could be started and the building is now sealed, awaiting the loss adjustors decisions. A number of houses around the Glebe had been affected by the loss of power, as their TV aerials were run from the Glebe. The loss of power also means that the lights on the verges are not working.
- 049 (2021) **VILLAGE HALL HEATING:** Cllr White advised that he and the Clerk had met at the hall and decided that it would be more effective to install a timer for the heating rather than putting thermostats on each radiator. The timer will be installed in a lockable box and will ensure that the heating is not on when it is not needed.
- 050 (2021) **FRIENDS OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL:** Members agreed to send a letter of support to the Friends, which would be used in their application to the Charity Commission.
Members also agreed that the Friends should have the benefit of the charity and good causes rate for hire of premises, and should be able to use tables and chairs for outside functions free of charge.
- 051 (2021) **WILLOW BY VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK POND**
Members approved the expenditure to deal with this dying tree, Proposed by Cll White, Seconded by Cll Bloomfield, all in favour. The tree surgeons would be asked if the trunk could be made into a seat.
- 052 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS**
- a) *Entrance gates to the village:* these continue to be tidied up. More maintenance is needed. **Agenda item:** April meeting.
 - b) *National census:* this takes place on Sunday 21st March.
 - c) *Elections May 6th:* for Surrey County Council and the Police Crime Commissioner. The polling station will be at the village hall rather than the Glebe and all arrangements have been made,
 - d) *Van in village hall car park:* a van has been parked here for some time. Cllr Bloomfield will give details to the Clerk, Cllr Mitchell will assist steps for its removal.
 - e) *Footpath and damage to verges at Chanrossa:* the village handyman had cleared the footpath, the developers had undertaken to deal with the wet area at the bottom of the hill. They had also undertaken to repair the verges when deliveries to site have stopped.
 - f) *Plough Lane:* the site workers at Chanrossa are parking their cars at the side of Plough Lane, resulting in damage to the verge caused by cars and delivery lorries getting past in a narrow road. Cllr Bloomfield had also seen cars having to back onto the Green road, to allow vehicles out of Plough Lane. This problem will be discussed with WBC and SCC.
 - g) *Housing allocation:* Cllr Clowes confirmed that there is no housing allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan, as the parish had already exceeded its allocation of 100 houses with the 134 that have been given permission.
- 053 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 19th April 2021, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**
- The meeting closed at 9.40pm.