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WITH ELLENS GREEN

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of a **Meeting** of the Parish Council held at

8.00 pm on **Monday 15th November 2021** at the EYSC

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Lilley, L Tingley, M White
Borough Cllr K Deanus
4 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

175 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** all members were present.

176 (2021) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made

177 (2021) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th OCTOBER 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

178 (2021) **MATTERS ARISING**

163/146 Electrics at EYSC: Cllr White reported that he had spoken to the alarm contractors who had advised that, as the central alarm system is not connected to the police or fire brigade, and is designed to make sufficient noise to alert the neighbours, there would be no benefit to connecting the smoke alarms to it.

163/147: parking for contractors around Ewhurst Green deferred to agenda item 181 (2021).

163/147: horsebox: the Clerk advised that she had received no help from either WBC or the police, but the horse box had been moved the previous day, and was back on the forecourt of the property where it came from. Cllr Bloomfield had visited the property and spoken to the resident, who said that it was going back to the depot shortly.

163/147: asbestos pipes: the Clerk is awaiting a reply from WBC.

163/155: VAS: the volunteers are now in discussions about the equipment.

263/155: Queens Platinum Jubilee: The Clerk has spoken to the organiser of previous Jubilee and Millennium events, and will meet her after Christmas to discuss potential ideas, to be brought back to the Parish Council.

163:158: footpath at Cherry Tree Lane: the Clerk is awaiting feedback from our County Cllr.

179 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** -

a) *Footpath 70:* the owner of the adjacent property explained that, since they purchased the residence a year ago, they had suffered the theft of £35,000 of property and had intruders in the house. The house had been empty for a long time before they purchased it. Diverting the footpath would take it away from the house, and stop people peering in their windows. All members were in support of this diversion.

b) *Footpath 541:* just north of the junction with footpath 70 a large clay swamp had appeared, apparently caused by a powerline buried under the track. The Clerk will contact UK Powernetwork and discuss this with SCC Rights of Way.

- c) *Footpath 71*: this is partly blocked by a large heap of sand and in another area is a sea of mud. The owner said that the bulk of building work would finish by Christmas and building materials removed. An officer from SCC Rights of Way is understood to intend to walk the paths this week.
- d) *Footpath 75*: the small sleeper bridge has been moved to the south in an apparent attempt to divert the footpath. It is now difficult to walk the correct footpath, because of the ditch. The owner said that this was done before they bought the property. It was agreed that the sleeper bridge should be reinstated.
- e) *WBC Planning Department*: Cllr Deanus echoed Cllr Henry's comments in the Planning meeting regarding WBC planners, who are very late and very slow at dealing with applications and have been minded to approve applications that councillors then turn down. He was also concerned about the number of applications that went to appeal more than once.
- f) *Environment Act 2021: biodiversity*: the weight on proof is much stronger now, making it harder to just demolish buildings.
- g) *5.2 year housing supply*: the figures as at April may yet be challenged.
- h) *Dunsfold*: is in due diligence. It is expected that the road will be built in 2022. Housing will be done in stages, with probably 250 built in the next 5 years.
- i) *Roads*: Cllr White remarked on the state of the roads. Cllr Deanus advised that the contractor will change in April, and so no new works are being started now. The new contract will require that all works should last. If they fail within 2 to 3 years the contractor will be required to re-do the work at their own expense. Cllr Deanus also advised that utility companies can by law do work with no permissions and no notice.

180 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

- a) Members ratified the agreement made out of meeting to proceed to Regulation 16. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.
- b) Members received a report from the Clerk on the current status of Regulation 16. She advised that the documents had been sent to WBC on the day of our last meeting and, after clarifying some points, had been accepted by WBC. The consultation period had started on the 11th November and will run to the 23rd December. The consultation is advertised on our website, together with the documents, on noticeboards, by ebulletin and by banners. WBC have advised that they are drawing up a list of independent examiners and will go out to tender shortly, keeping the Parish Council involved as they do so.

181 (2021) **DEVELOPMENTS AT CHANROSSA AND FIRETHORN**

The Chairman advised that she and the Clerk had held a series of meetings with WBC recently on these two developments and had raised a number of points:

On Chanrossa:

- The state of the verges
- The mud on the road
- The anti-social noise
- Working outside permitted hours
- The obstruction of the disabled access to the footpath by contractors vehicles. The developers have now protected the access with posts and tapes and SCC Highways have agreed to install a proper access in the spring.

On Firethorn:

- The demolition of the two houses before permission is approved
- Strimming down all the undergrowth very early in the morning
- Apparently installing an electrical connection overnight, using road works, without permission.

The Chairman and Clerk had expressed their concerns about the impact of two developments, adjacent to each other, both of whom were unconcerned about the impact of their development on the surrounding residents, and the subsequent noise, traffic, parking and general inconvenience, particularly so near a dangerous corner.

- 182 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
- a) Minutes of planning meeting held 18th and 24th October: were noted and approved.
 - b) Planning update on meeting held 15th November: The Chairman advised that permission has been granted for the Bulls Head application, and also for Connemara.
- 183 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- a) Receipts and Payments October 2021: The total expenditure for the period of £8,643.66 was noted and approved.
 - b) Cost centre report to end October: noted and approved
 - c) Bank reconciliation to end October, current account: noted and approved
 - d) *Budget setting 2022/23*: members were asked to consider capital and revenue projects for the new financial year, as part of the budget setting process to inform the precept. The finance meeting to set recommendations to the Council will take place shortly.
- 184 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE:** The Clerk reported that restoration work has started on the Glebe, now that drying out is completed, and to date the interior has been plastered. Cllr White will discuss kitchen fitting proposals with the contractors.
- 185(2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT:**
- The Chairman and Clerk advised that a further meeting had been held with SCC Highways the previous week and it had been agreed to firstly conduct a speed survey, which will inform what measures can be taken. They had advised that any traffic calming measures, such as build outs or tables, would need lighting. It is hoped that it might be possible to impose a 20mph speed limit in the village, but this would depend on the result of the speed survey.
- 186 (2021) **WEBSITE:**
- a) *Draft site*: the Clerk asked members to look at the current site and advise her of changes and additions that they would like to see.
 - b) *Email addresses*: The Clerk asked members to work with the webmaster to set up their parish council email addresses.
- 187 (2021) **Appendix 6: VILLAGE NOTICEBOARDS:** members reviewed the varied examples provided by the Clerk and agreed that she and Cllr White would discuss the options and bring proposals back to a future parish council meeting.
- 188 (2021) **WELCOME PACKS:** the Friends of Ewhurst Church of St Peter and St Paul are also interested in providing a welcome pack, and had suggested that they work with the Parish Council. Members agreed that the Clerk would start discussions and would revert to the Parish Council in due course.
- 189 (2021) **Appendix 7: FOOTPATHS:**
- a) Fp70 – Proposed Diversion
From A – B to A – C.
 - b) Footpaths 71 and 75.
 - c) footpath 541.
- Discussed under agenda item 179 (2021): Adjournment
- 190 (2021) **CHRISTMAS:** members agreed to a Christmas tree on the porch roof of the village hall.
- 191 (2021) **WEINERBERGER:**
- The Company have made an open offer to the Parish Council of a tour of the factory. Cllr Clowes recommended the tour and had been particularly impressed with the specialist tiles section of the business. It was agreed that a tour would be arranged.
- 192 (2021) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**
- The Clerk had no further matters to report.

193 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS:**

- a) *Cleaning of traffic signs:* Cllr Henry itemised some signs in the parish that should be cleaned.
- b) *House on the Green, Furzen Lane:* Cllr Henry advised that she will visit the site and will submit an official notice.
- c) *5 Rectory Close:* Cllr Henry will inspect, having received reports from councillors, and will advise the Clerk.

194 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 17th January 2022 at the EYSC**
Meeting to discuss the budget: Monday 13th December. To follow a planning meeting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 21.56.