



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL

WITH ELLENS GREEN

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.45 pm on MONDAY 15th October 2018 EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Mike Turner (Chair); Val Dixon Henry; Ian Davis; Michael Benoy; Mike White; Julie Francis.

Surrey County Councillor Andrew Povey.

Jane Bromley Parish Council Clerk.

6 residents and 2 members of the NP Steering Group.

159(2018) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Parish Councillors: Richard Cleaves; Tom Fawcett and Elaine Benson. Waverley Borough Councillor Kevin Deanus.

160(2018) DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. Cllr White and Cllr Benoy an interest in 168(2018) as members of the Bowls Club.

161(2018) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th September 2018. The Council Resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting.

162 (2018) ADJOURNMENT: -

Three residents spoke concerning the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and offered their transcripts of their narratives which can be viewed upon request a summary of their representations is set out below.

Resident One- *Asked for delay to decision on approving the Neighbourhood Plan for Consultation as in their view there were inaccuracies and uncertainties in the documents.*

Site 10 in particular had a question regarding availability and access. An incomplete Plan at Reg 14 would open up the potential for objections and legal challenges and as a consequence the consultation would have to be repeated.

Allocation of sites on the West side is a shift in development Plan for the village which is traditionally less densely built and the description of a site in this area as urban is questionable.

It is not clear how the decision to include these sites in the Plan has been made. The site selection process should be properly communicated to the residents and the PC need to be sure it is robust.

Resident Two- *Lived in village for 34 years and was involved in the early stages of the Plan. Has property adjacent to preferred site 10 currently proposed but description on the Site Assessment says the Neighbours will not be impacted. The reason it says that is that the site is surrounded by trees and is not the semi urban location the site assessment claims. Concerns that the other site assessments are also incorrect. Over the past 20 months there has been no substantial feedback on the process. Need to openly engage with the community as the community has a wealth of experience to draw upon.*

Resident Three- *In addition to comments from previous residents, Site 10 allocation a concern from an access point of view, turning right is hazardous. Site is explained to have convenient access to facilities however if going by roadway then it is necessary to cross The Street at this hazardous junction and then re-cross to obtain access to shop and school etc.*

SCC A. Povey spoke concerning the difficult financial position of that Council. Changes to services provided are expected as £85 million i.e. 10% of the budget is cut. SCC A. Povey urged the Parish Council to make provision in the precept for services of importance to residents.

163(2018) APPENDIX 1 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. The observations of the Planning Committee were noted without comment.

Cllr Henry alerted all to the forthcoming area planning meeting where Hunters Rest WA/18/1401 would be discussed. Cllr Henry having an interest in this application would like a Parish Councillor to speak as she could not. In addition a resident and WBC K Deanus would be asked to speak.

164(2018) Planning Application WA/2018/1474. Pollingfold Place, Horsham Rd, Ellen's Green RH12 3AS. Change of use of land to gypsy/traveller site to provide 7 private pitches each including 1 day room and 1 mobile home, parking area for touring caravans, to be used as a seasonal transit pitches with associated hard standing and landscaping.

Cllr Henry explained this was a retrospective application and followed many such application which had been dismissed at appeal. She spoke of the distress of nearby residents dealing with the hazardous environment of the site who had hinted at intimidation from site inhabitants if they spoke out.

There is currently an injunction on the site.

The Parish Council discussed the situation and wished to support the law abiding residents living nearby with a STRONG OBJECTION to this proposal.

The Parish Council delegated the writing of the response with regard to this proposal to The Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Davis as a Strong Objection. ACTION JB/ID

165(2018) APPENDIX 2 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for September 2018. No comments.

166(2018) REPORTS – Richard Cleaves – Finance and Extra Maintenance. No report.

Julie Francis - Grounds Maintenance. Extra maintenance is needed at the Burial Ground to the Eastern and Northern boundaries and quotes are being obtained.

Val Dixon Henry – Planning. Backward Point site an application for a further 7 houses is being looked at by WBC.

The Bulls Head proposal is to go to appeal.
All other recent applications had been agreed.

Elaine Benson – Community. No report.

Ian Davis - Community Liaison. The Football Club liaison meeting would be reported on by the Clerk.

Mike Turner –Neighbourhood Plan- A decision with regard to the Draft Plan moving forward to Reg. 14 consultation would not be made tonight.

Website- progressing.

Communications Box broad band were laying fibre across the recreation ground.

Highways- Cllr Turner pointed out to SCC A. Povey that Horsham Road was still in need of urgent repair following his visit to it with the Parish council nearly a year ago. Cllr Povey confirmed it was on the list of repairs to be done and he would take a look to see when it was scheduled for attention.

Tom Fawcett – Highways- Nothing to report.

Mike Benoy – Neighbourhood Plan. Requested the residents to provide transcripts of their concerns to the Parish Council.

Mike White – Community Buildings. All buildings now all up to date with services and materials. Glebe renovations to the curtains at a cost of £100 were to go ahead.

Village Hall new mats for the front door at a cost of £150 were to go ahead. EYSC no problems were reported. Councillor White agreed to ask the Pre School to remove the unsightly banner at the front of the Village Hall and any replacement to be agreed by the Parish Council.

- 167(2018) PARISH CLERK REPORT. The Clerk reported a good meeting with the Football Clubs and pitch and EYSC contracts had been updated. S106 monies for over £18K had been received and the football clubs were discuss the use to which this would be put.
The precept calculations were progressing and some tough decisions would need to be made at the precept meeting in December as to choices for expenditure.
- 168(2018) BOWLS CLUB LEASE. Update. Version 3 of the lease was being produced at is was hoped that this would be signed by the Bowls Club Trustees shortly.
- 169(2018) TREE WORKS- Laburnham Tree and Dying Maple on Ewhurst Common. Update. The Laburnham Tree branch would be lopped shortly at which time the dead maple would also be dealt with.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.

In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed members of the public were asked to withdraw from the meeting at this point in the public interest.

- 170 (2018) Pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100 A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council RESOLVED to exclude the Public for the duration of item 171) (2018).
- 171(2018) Staff matters.
The Parish Council RESOLVED to increase the hours of work for the Assistant Clerk to 21 a week (as from 1st November) to take into account the caretaker duties she had also taken on 1st August.

Meeting will be reconvened

- 172(2018) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:
Appendix 3- DRAFT PLAN
Appendix 4 -Sustainability and Environmental Appraisal (SEA)
Appendix 5 -Housing Land Availability Assessment (HLAA)
The Parish Council received a presentation from a Steering Group member on the content of the Draft Plan with regard to site allocations. The allocations were explained one allocation had been withdrawn form the Plan and so a further allocation would be required.

Questions were taken from the Parish Council and residents mainly concerning lack of confidence in the information presented.

The Steering Group member explained that the Plan had been given a clean bill of health by the Consultant who had 9 years of experience in the field of Neighbourhood Panning. The HLAA had been produced by a Consultant that provided planning advice to developers who was therefore well versed in the procedure.

Cllr White queried the process should the Parish Council's approval of the Draft Plan and supporting documents and the Clerk appraised him of the process of consultation.

In view of the residents' concerns regarding the Draft Plan and in particular the accuracy of the site assessments from the HLAA , the Parish Council RESOLVED not to approve the current draft but to meet at a later date to decide on the way forward for the Plan.

The Steering Group members present, agreed to take on board the residents and other comments received on the Plan and produce an updated version for further consideration.

- 173(2018) NEXT MEETING- Monday 19th November 2018.