



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 8.00 pm on **Monday 16th March 2020 at the EYSC.**

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs M Benoy, J Bloomfield, J Lilley, X Riley
County Cllr A Povey
4 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk Mrs J Cadman

040 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs N Clowes, I Davis, J Mitchell, M White.

041 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2020:**

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting and they were signed by the chairman.

042 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** none were made.

043 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
Cllr Povey reported as follows:

- a) He had visited the Infant School, accompanied by the police, a highways officer and a road safety officer to explore the potential of a crossing. It was established that this was not viable, because of the sight lines. It was agreed that more lollipop people should be recruited to ensure safe crossing at both ends of the school day. The Clerk will write to the Headmistress to ask how the Parish Council can help with this.
There had been a suggestion of a pedestrian barrier, but this would have to be a certain distance into the path, at the same time as leaving enough room for wheelchair access, requiring a path 1.8m wide, which was not the case here.
- b) As a result of this meeting, a traffic counter had been set up on the road to the school and the police are also doing some speed measurements.
- c) It had been noted that the flashing school light did not always work at the proper time. However, it was not possible for the Parish Council to get involved.
- d) At a recent full council meeting, the County Council had made changes to its constitution to allow the council to function without necessarily full input during the current crisis.
- e) The County Council has set up a community fund of £2m for capital projects.

A resident advised that the village shop will deliver to vulnerable people in the parish during this crisis. It was agreed that the Parish Council should talk to all village groups and organisations to ensure that residents were able to access help.

044 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cllr Riley had met with representatives from the Heritage and Environmental sub groups involved in the original plan, whose material had not been included.

He estimated that he is now about half way through the task of going through the consultants recommendations and the comments received at Reg 14. At some stage, they will need to be gone through again, considered, debated and approved and at the next meeting he hoped that it would be possible to decide on a mechanism for the Parish Council to approve the amendments.

Cllr Benoy said that at the last meeting he had stated that the consultants review was unacceptable as it had not been formally presented. He had proposed that the Council went back to the consultant to rectify this. Members

accepted that it had been agreed that the consultants would be asked to provide the report in a more accessible format than a spreadsheet, and with some form of attribution.

Cllr Riley responded that, at the time the consultants were appointed, Cllr Benoy had asked that the consultant take responsibility for the evidence. The Council had considered this and had decided that, as there were a number of unknowns, the consultant should review the comments and decide whether they were or were not planning related and that we should go back to the consultant when that work was done and it was possible to see what other work was needed.

The report from the consultants had been agreed to be a good working document, the objection is to the presentation and whether it can be shown to parishioners, as the personal information contained in the responses is a GDPR issue. Cllr Riley accepted that Cllr Benoy wished the consultant to put the document in a more digestible form, but he was aware that the consultant did not currently have the capacity to do that, and he believed that the current document gave sufficient information for the Parish Council to fulfil its responsibilities.

045 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February were accepted. Cllr Henry advised that the appeals for Backward Point and Leamans Barn Farm had both been allowed.

046 (2020) **FINANCIAL REPORT: Appendix 4:** Members received and accepted the receipts and payments to end of February 2020 and expenditure against budget statement.

047 (2020) **REPORTS :**

Planning – Val Henry: nothing further to report.

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White: no report had been received.

Neighbourhood Plan: Xavier Riley, Michael Benoy: nothing further to report.

Glebe Committee – Val Henry and Mike White: As more people are interested in using the facility, steps are being taken to improve the entrance hall and the storage space. Hiring income for the current year had been much better than expected, and the committee had done extremely well with fund raising.

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley: Cllr Riley hopes that the Parish Council will be able to purchase the domain name for the old website when it comes up for renewal this year, and it will then be possible to manage it.

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley: SCC Highways are digging out the ditches, which will hopefully reduce the flooding problem.

Parish Buildings – Mike White: the Clerk reported that Bramley windows had advised that lintels would need to be installed before the new windows could be fitted. This would be costly, and she was seeking another quotation for comparison.

Environment – James Bloomfield.

- No footpath work party was organised by LEAP this month due to the ground conditions. Bramble clearing and snowdrop planting near the burial ground car park was carried out by LEAP volunteers instead.
- Footpath 432b (footpath that leads from William's Close to just after the bridge at the bottom of Plough Lane) was obstructed by a large fallen tree. This was reported by a local resident to Surrey County Council (SCC). A temporary closure order was placed on this right of way. The obstruction was quickly cleared.
- Footpath 432b – PC was contacted by Sayers Croft regarding the safety of some trees along this public right of way. I inspected the path, have liaised with Sayers Croft and they have reported their concerns to SCC.
- Fly tipping – Incident of fly tipping on Bridleway 374 (where it joins Somersbury Lane). I reported it to Waverley and this was quickly removed by Waverley B.C.
- Road side verges: Following a request from Councillor Riley I spoke to a resident of Lower Breache Lane

regarding the situation on verge cutting by SCC. The resident stated that SCC had consulted with the charity Plant Life in order to ensure road side verge cutting was not detrimental to maintaining floral diversity. The resident is now confident that the cutting regime for the verges of Lower Breache Lane will now prove this new approach being put into practice.

Weinerberger Liaison Group: Mike White and Nigel Clowes: the planned meeting has been postponed.

Carnival Committee: Cllr Henry and the Clerk: a meeting of the committee had been held recently and plans are evolving for the carnival on the 1st August. The Clerk is working with their Treasurer to sort out some financial queries from the last carnival in 2018. Cllr Riley was concerned that the committee should monitor the payment of deposits, in case it was necessary to cancel in view of the current situation with regard to the Corona virus.

- 048 (2020) **WAVERLEY UPDATE following meeting with the Leader and Deputy Leader:** The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had attended the meeting. Among the items discussed had been the following:
- a) *Bin Collection:* it was acknowledged that there were teething problems with the new contractors, but hoped that these would be resolved shortly.
 - b) *Parking charges:* the difficulties of parking in Cranleigh, particularly for the disabled, were discussed, as was the proposed increase in charges. A discussion ensued about the restrictions on shopping imposed by having to pay for parking by the hour, but at present there does not seem to be a solution to this.
 - c) *Planning appeals:* the frustration at the number of applications allowed on appeal was acknowledged by all present.
- 049 (2020) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** members agreed that, given the rise of the Corona virus and the possible need for social distancing, the Annual Parish meeting should be cancelled. Members discussed how the Parish Council could best support the elderly and vulnerable in the village in the event of a pandemic. It was agreed to offer Ewcare Parish Council support and to devise a leaflet to go out to the whole village, advising people how to access help with shopping, prescriptions and other issues arising out of self isolation.
- 050 (2020) **BOWLS CLUB DOOR:** deferred
- 051 (2020) **ALLOTMENTS: JOINT ACCESS TRACK**
The surface of the track, which serves Hoyle cottage, The Hoyle, the allotments and the school field is deteriorating. A quotation has been obtained from Tidey and Webb for £2,484 for resurfacing and the Parish Council is asked for a 30% contribution of £745 inc vat in accordance with the previously agreed joint user agreement. Cllr Riley Proposed that this be agreed, Seconded by Cllr Henry, with all in favour.
- 052 (2020) **TREES**
Quotation to deal with trees in car park and burial ground with 3 months priority: Cllr Broomfield Proposed that work to T1, T9 and G1 be agreed, and that T2, felling an Ash, should be deferred and the tree monitored. This was seconded by Cllr Riley, with all in favour.
- 053 (2020) **CEMETERY**
- a) Tree: the fallen branch was traced to a tree in the Rectory Garden and has been removed
 - b) earth and vegetation around conifers: quotation from Ted Cleaves to clear area, create two bays for vegetation and soil and move current pile into bays: Cllr Broomfield was of the opinion that 3 bays were needed, so that soil and clay can be separated. It was Proposed by Cllr Riley that the Council agreed to commit up to £2,000 on this project (current quotation £1650), Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour.
- 054 (2020) **SAYERS CROFT VISIT:** Rob Squirrell had proposed two visits to Sayers Croft, with 30 attendees each time. In view of the current crisis, this would regretfully have to be deferred.
- 055 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS**

a) *30mph roundel near Lilyfields*: the village caretaker will be asked to straighten and clean it.

056 (2020) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Tuesday 28th April 2020, 8pm, EYSC**

Members noted that it may not be possible to hold public meetings for the time being. The Clerk will disseminate Government advice and guidelines as they become available.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Following the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and subsequent Regulations, the Parish Council will now meet remotely on the 28th April. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will be asked to apply to the Clerk for online access.

There will be no planning meeting. Plans will be determined as they arise unless they require considered debate, when they will be added to the Full Council agenda.