



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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MINUTES OF THE EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
held at 7.45 pm on MONDAY 17th JUNE 2019 at the EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Val Henry (in the chair), Michael Benoy, Nigel Clowes, Ian Davis, James Mitchell, Xavier Riley, Mike White.

24 members of the public

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

092 (2019) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All members were present

093 (2019) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest I agenda item 103 (2019) Bowls Club.

094 (2019) **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on 20th May 2019. Members resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the chairman.

095(2019) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) Tree at car park: Sue Henderson, Tree Warden, advised that one of the trees at the car park is dying. The Clerk confirmed that a tree survey of all parish council trees will be carried out shortly. Mrs Henderson offered to replace the tree at a reduced cost.
- b) Cox Green: Craig Thompson had attended with other residents of Cox Green to emphasise the urgency of completing the Neighbourhood Plan as far as Cox Green is concerned.
- c) NP Consultation: Jan Allen referred to disinformation in recent months regarding the NP and was concerned that there were still inaccuracies in all published information.
- d) Maple Stud: Mr Moore, a neighbour, reminded the Parish Council that they had agreed to an out-building, on the basis of supporting business in the community. The property had since been put on the market and purchased by a developer, who plans to erect 7 houses on the site. This will require access over Mr Moore's drive. The Chairman advised that no planning application had been received to date, and that, once received, it would be examined by the planning committee, made up of the whole parish council, and that he would be welcome to attend.

096(2019) **CHAIRMANS NOTES:**

The Chairman thought that it would be useful to remind residents of the functions of the Parish Council. She explained that the Parish Council is responsible for the villages of Ewhurst and Ellens Green, and pays a Clerk and Assistant Clerk to administer the Council. At present the Council has two vacancies and would welcome applications.

The Parish Council is responsible for community buildings, the burial ground, the recreation ground, the car park and the allotments.

Funding to carry out its duties is received through the Council tax administered by Waverley Borough Council. Apart from the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, the Parish Council employs contractors to carry out the functions of caring for premises and grounds, including the two conservation areas of Bulls Head Green and Ewhurst Green.

097 (2019) **CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER representing Ellens Green**

Nigel Clowes explained his background and his interest in representing Ellens Green. Members were very pleased to be able to have representation in that part of the parish, which had not had a councillor for some time.

Cllr Henry PROPOSED that Nigel Clowes be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was SECONDED by Cllr White, with all in favour. Nigel Clowes signed the acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

098 (2019) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Davis reported that the Parish Council had considered 8 applications, including the Appeal for the development at the Bulls Head garden. The Parish Council had objected to this application, as the pub is within the conservation area, the loss of the garden could not be replaced and there was no evidence that the monies raised would be used to improve the pub, as suggested in the application.

Cllr Davis appreciated Mrs Allen's scrutiny but would not withdraw his statement in the minutes of the planning meeting, as she had requested, which concerned the NP being delayed by a change of Clerk and the NP Steering Group- members time being taken up with FOI requests

099 (2019) **RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS for May 2019 and monthly expenditure against budget statement**

Members noted and approved both documents.

100 (2019) **AUDIT**

- a) **Annual Governance Statement:** Members reviewed the Parish Council's Governance in conjunction with the internal auditors report and responded to all questions in the affirmative.
- b) **Accounting Statements 2018/19.** Members approved the statement of accounts for 2018/19, having reviewed these in conjunction with the Internal Auditors report

101 (2019) **REPORTS**

Planning – Ian Davis

Cllr Davis reminded the meeting that the current five applications or appeals would add, if approved, a further 133 homes to the parish, which has already exceeded its quota of 100 by 15 houses. It is therefore vital that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is progressed as soon as possible, so that it carries some weight.

Cllr Riley read a statement, attached to the minutes, in which he proposed that the NP is progressed without housing allocation. Cllr Davis advised that the current position of the Parish Council, agreed on the 3rd April, is that:

"A Planning Inspector's recent decision to approve a new application for 49 houses means that, at a total of 115 houses, Ewhurst has fully met the target of 100 allocated by Waverley Borough Council in its Local Plan. Therefore, there is no current necessity to provide for further development and accordingly, no further village site allocations are necessary at this time.

That said, the Local Plan sets its allocation for our Parish as a minimum, which may come under future pressure. With this in mind, future development, if justified, must be directed towards the most sustainable locations, identified with the SEA and Housing Land Availability Assessment, which form an essential part of the Neighbourhood Plan."

Cllr Davis advised that the NP steering group have asked James Garside to review the work on the other consultant and it is hoped to have that report shortly. He was determined that the NP would be progressed, whilst acknowledging that some of the content would not be to the satisfaction of everyone.

Neighbourhood Plan – Michael Benoy

Cllr Benoy recollected that in January of this year the NP was within a month of taking to Regulation 14 when the Firethorn Farm appeal was successful, undermining a number of assumptions that the Steering Group were working on.

He urged colleagues to wait for Version 5, review any changes made and then move forward with speed.

Finance - James Mitchell and Xavier Riley

A meeting with the Clerk has been scheduled for the following week.

Glebe Committee – Val Henry and Mike White

Nothing to report

Communications and Technology

Website: the old website needs to be removed, the new one brought up to date. The Clerk will put Cllr Riley in touch with the webmaster.

CCTV: Cllr Mitchell raised concerns about the CCTV, which does not appear to be signed. The Clerk will investigate.

Parish Buildings – Mike White

Playing field sign: Cllr White reported that this is beyond repair. He asked members to consider whether it should be replaced or discarded completely.

Environment – Xavier Riley

The Clerk advised Cllr Riley that a tree survey will shortly be carried out in the recreation ground, followed by a survey of all other trees.

Waverley Update – Val Henry

Cllr Henry advised that members have been invited to a seminar at WBC to understand planning, but no date had been set yet.

Surrey Hills Traffic Calming Group – Cllr Henry had attended the meeting in Hambledon, which suffers from traffic from the A281.

102 (2019) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

The Chairman opened the floor to the public.

Mr Thompson urged members to set a time frame to the NP.

Mr von Spreckelsen agreed with the need for urgency, and believed that the work done by consultants with regard to sites should be made available for the Inspector to take into account. If he is not able to see the drawbacks of those sites, he will make the assumption that they are fit for purpose.

Other residents emphasised the urgency to complete the NP, which was acknowledged by the Parish Council.

103(2019) **BOWLS CLUB update on lease renewal**

The Clerk advised that she had received the lease to be signed, which was currently with the Chairman of the Bowls Club. Once he had checked it through, a meeting will be set up to arrange for it to be signed.

104 (2019) **MEMORIAL FOR RICHARD CLEAVES**

It was agreed to defer this until more information is received.

105 (2019) **EWHURST VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr White advised that the proposed additional structure at the back of the village hall, in the space used by Rainbows End by play, would take the form of a large shed, approximately 4.5 by 2.5, on a concrete base. It was agreed to visit the hall to inspect the proposed site on Monday 24th, at 7pm

106 (2019) **REPLACEMENT BASKETBALL NET**

Members agreed to purchase a portable basketball net to replace the current metal structure, at a cost of £311.00. PROPOSED by Cllr Riley, SECONDED by Cllr Henry, all in favour.

107 (2019) **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING Monday 24th June**

Members are requested to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 24th June, in order to agree to move to Regulation 14 for the NP, and a time frame for the process.

108 (2019) **PARISH BUSINESS**

The Clerk advised that Ewhurst LEAP, of which she is chairman, will hold its annual recycling day on the 6th July, on the recreation ground, from 9am to mid-day. It had not been held the previous year due to the amount of rubbish that had been dumped the year before, including soiled bedding, broken glass and concrete, and she hoped that residents would recognise the spirit of the day.

109 (2019) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – 15th July at Ellens Green Memorial Hall.**

- a) Village Hall room proposals
- b) Completion of Bowls Club lease
- c) CCTV
- d) Road into the allotments
- e) Netball net

The meeting closed at 10.20pm