



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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Minutes of a **REMOTE MEETING** of the Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 19th October 2020**.

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, J Mitchell, M White
Borough Cllr K Deanus
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

132 (2020) **WELCOME:**

- a) Cllr Henry reiterated thanks to all the people who are helping people in the community.
- b) Cllr Henry wished to remind residents that the Parish Council is the first port of call for problems, other than the emergency services. She asked residents to contact the Clerk, who will either deal with the issue or signpost to the appropriate authority.

133 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllrs N Clowes, J Lilley and X Riley.

The Clerk read the following on Cllr Clowes behalf: 'in my role as Vice Chairman, on behalf of my fellow councillors and all the parishioners of Ewhurst and Ellens Green, I would like to congratulate our Chairman, Val Henry, on her much deserved award of the British Empire Medal in the Queens Birthday Honours list recently. As we are all aware, she is a devoted, tireless and selfless advocate in support of the parish and we are all lucky to have such a devoted colleague. We are delighted by this award as it properly recognises her huge contribution to the parish over so many years. Our heartfelt thanks and sincere congratulations to Val on this magnificent achievement.'

134 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st September 2020:**

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as an accurate account of the meetings. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour.

Cllr Henry commented that the School have sufficient volunteers at present to man the school crossing.

The developers at Chanrossa had asked the Parish Council to suggest a name for the street in the development. Cllr Henry proposed Nightingale Rise, as there had been nightingales in the area a few years ago. This had been agreed by all members.

135 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Members to declare any interests in items on the agenda:
None were made

136 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
No matters were raised.

137 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** Cllrs Riley and Broomfield
No report had been received

138 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
Decisions on planning applications received since last full Council meeting:
Cllr Henry advised members on planning decisions on recent applications in the Parish.

139(2020) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
Appendix 3: Receipts and payments to end of September 2020: noted and approved.
Appendix 4: expenditure against budget statement to end of September 2020: noted and approved.

Planning – Val Henry:

WA/2020/1378

Land East of Ellens Court, Furzen Lane

Application under Section 73 to vary condition 13 of WA/2018/1089 to allow for amended arboricultural method statement.

No objection

WA/2020/1398

Plums Acre, Wykehurst Lane

Erection of extension

No objection

WA/2020/1455

Ellens Court, Furzen Lane

Construction of a vehicular access to serve the existing dwelling

Objection.

There is nothing to justify the creation of this access. Noted that it crosses common land.

WA/2020/1492

Woolpit Hatch, Peaslake Road

Erection of extension and construction of detached outbuilding (revision of

WA/20230/0408)

No objection

SCC 2917/0078

land at Ewhurst Brickworks, Horsham Road

Extraction of clay from an area of 43.2 hectares (ha) with restoration to agricultural grassland, lakes, woodland and grassland; together with the construction of a tile factory with a chimney, and the permanent diversion of footpath 89; and on a site of 113ha.

Members agreed to discuss in more depth after the meeting, and to ask Cllr Povey for assistance. Cllr Deanus referred to the Cranleigh Brick and Tile works at Alfold.

CA/2020/0153

Lane End, The Village

Removal of tree

It is very difficult to see what the intention is from the inadequate plans. The tree officer will be asked to comment, as more information is needed in order to make a decision.

TM/2020/0196

Larkfield

Application for works to trees subject to tree preservation order

Cllr White and Cllr Bloomfield had both taken a look at the proposals and suggested that the Acer had been planted in the wrong place, and should be moved, which would negate the need to crown lift the Oaks. Members noted that the Oaks are adjacent to the road would be constructed for the new estate at Firethorn.

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White:

Cllr White had reviewed the utility supplies for all Council premises and had now brought them all under one supplier, which would give a substantial rebate and a consistent charge over the next three years,

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley.

Cllr Mitchell reported that the Ewhurst.org domain name had expired in October, and it had been planned to acquire the domain in order to prevent renewal. It has been renewed, by an unknown person. Cllr Riley has lodged a dispute resolution ticket, but so far this has been ignored.

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley.

Report from Cllr Clowes: 'as an update to the blocked culvert, I am happy to report on an email received from Dan Payne of Surrey Highways, who recently visited to inspect the issue. He writes: 'with regards to the pipe, an order has been raised and issues to contractor to attend', so we are hopeful of the issue now being addressed before the autumn and winter rains set in'.

Parish Buildings – Mike White.

The Clerk reported that the pre-school group were back in the village hall and a pilates session was being held in

the EYSC. The junior footballers are accessing the building on an occasional basis. The Glebe is not being used at all. All premises have been Covid risk assessed and passed for the current use.

Environment – James Bloomfield.

- a) A climate action day workshop was held on the 30th September, hosted by Cranleigh Parish Council. Some parishes have formed climate change action groups, some have carried out energy audits on their buildings, some simply put the item on their agenda. Cranleigh have started a repair café. Cllr White suggested that we propose to Cranleigh that we link with their campaign. This was agreed to be a good way forward.

Waverley Update – Val Henry.

- a) Members noted the Waverley Green Flag award scheme, which had recognised Summerlands and Blackheath Common.
- b) Waverley Parks and Countryside team have been granted an award for their outstanding work.

Clerk – parish update.

- a) The Ewhurst Charity have made a grant for a child's picnic table for the playground at Ellens Green Memorial Hall, and this has been ordered.

141 (2020) **TRAFFIC CALMING IN THE PARISH**

- a) The Clerk had received a response from SCC Highways to the request to impose a 30mph speed limit on Pitch Hill, which is currently de-restricted. The cost to carry out a speed assessment and then alter the speed limit is approximately £10,000 – £15,000, depending on the length of road being treated. The Parish would need to formally request this to be considered in next year's highways works programme, via our County Councillor. The total amount of funding allocated for new works this current financial year was £10,000.
- b) Following last month's discussions on traffic calming in the Parish, the Clerk has arranged a meeting with Colin Davis. The meeting and his recommendations will cost £500, the Chairman had approved this through her allowance. The meeting will be attended by our County Cllr, Rob Fairbanks from Surrey Hills AONB, the Chairman, Mr Mike Turner, our advisor on Highways, and the Clerk.

142(2020) **BULLS HEAD**

A small committee had been established from those who had expressed an interest in supporting the project and a meeting arranged for the 23rd October.

143 (2020) **WATER POLLUTION COBBLERS BROOK**

The Environment Agency have tested the polluted water and established it as grey water. A site meeting had been held with Waverley Borough Council's housing team, who will now start work on investigating all the drains in the area of the Glebe to establish the source or sources of this leakage.

144 (2020) **EWHURST CEMETERY:** Proposed action list had been circulated prior to the meeting, and was accepted in principle, with the timing and planting programme to be agreed. Members agreed that volunteer work on the paths and graves could start immediately.

145 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS**

- a) *Winter plan:* winter checks will be made on grit bins and parish premises.
- b) *Village gates:* Cllr Bloomfield had cleaned one gate, by Slythehurst, which now looked a lot better but needed painting. Cllr Henry will clean the gate nearest to her. Once the gates are cleaned, it will be possible to assess whether they need replacing or just repairing.
- c) *Finger posts:* Cllr Bloomfield had been able to get some help from Surrey Hills AONB and quotations for replacement signs at the junction of Shere Road and Peaslake Road, and also at the driveway to Coverwood Lakes. **Agenda item:** November meeting.
- d) *Box Broadband:* Cllr Mitchell understood that the company is behind target with installations on Pitch Hill. These should apparently have been in place by last Christmas. The company had committed to installing broadband at the EYSC, the Clerk will follow this up.

146 (2020) NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 16th November 2020, BY CONFERENCE CALL.
Budget and Precept meeting Monday 14th December 7pm. Possibly at EYSC. Closed meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.