



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of a **REMOTE MEETING** of the Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 20th July 2020**.

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, X Riley, M White
3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

101 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllrs J Lilley and J Mitchell

102 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th June 2020:**

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate account of the meetings.

103 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr Clowes declared an interest in Planning application no 20/P/0871 (in separate appendix) as he is a neighbour.

104 (2020) **COUNCILLOR VACANCY:** Cllr Davis has stood down as a member of the parish council but has kindly agreed to act as Special Advisor for Planning. Members welcomed this agreement, as Mr Davis has a wealth of experience in planning and has been invaluable to the Parish Council over the years.

The Clerk clarified that Standing Order 18 allows for members of the public to join committees or advisory committees when they have a particular expertise. Mr Davis will be a member of the planning committee in an advisory capacity.

This appointment was Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, with all in favour.

105 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:**

a) *Special Advisor for planning:* a member of the public sought clarification on the role of the Special Advisor for Planning and this was given. She was reminded that the Council has a Special Advisor for Highways, appointed a year ago, and the practice has been agreed and tested.

b) *Bulls Head sale:* The Parish Council had previously registered the pub as an Asset of Community Value and was now considering the community right to bid. Members of the public were very anxious that the pub should not be lost to the village and it was suggested that there would be a number of people interested in getting involved and agreed that the community should be consulted and kept informed through surveys and public meetings.

Cllr Riley Proposed that the Council progress by notifying WBC of our interest and exploring ways of consulting with the community. This was Seconded by Cllr White, with all in favour.

106 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** Cllrs Riley and Bloomfield

Cllr Riley had received comments from members to his summary of residents responses to the Regulation 14 consultation and the analysis by the consultant. He intended to respond to members individually.

Cllr Riley Proposed an agreement by Council to accept the amendments at this stage, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, all in favour.

The next stage would involve continuing to work with Cllr Bloomfield to identify areas that can be improved in a reasonable amount of time. These proposals will be circulated as the second stage of amendments and, once all members accept the updates, the document will be forwarded to WBC to progress to the next regulation stage. Cllr Riley warned that there is still a lot of work to do before being able to progress to that stage and estimated a time frame of 3 to 6 months, although he would aim to be able to report progress at the September meeting.

107 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

Decisions on planning applications received since last full Council meeting: noted.

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts and payments to end of June 2020: noted and agreed.

Expenditure against budget statement to end of June 2020: noted and agreed. The Clerk drew members' attention to the very reduced income on the Council's premises. The budget for the current year expected an income of £13,500, it was likely that the income would be as low as £5,000, which would have an impact on spending.

Appointment of Internal Auditor: Cllr Clowes Proposed, Seconded by Cllr White, the appointment of Mulberry and Company as the Parish Council's internal auditors for the current year. Members noted that Mark Mulberry would undertake an interim audit this autumn, a standard practice for an incoming auditor.

Insurance: members approved the continuation of the long term agreement

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REPORTS :

Planning – Val Henry: Rumbeams Barn: the most recent application had been declared invalid. High Edser: full permission. Bookhurst Grange: complies with permitted development.

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White: nothing further to report.

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley: nothing to report.

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley: Cllr Lilley is having some success with SCC Highways with regard to pot-holes. The culvert is still awaiting attention.

Parish Buildings – Mike White: Rainbows End are using the hall. All premises are cleaned and maintained. he had been advised that Cranleigh tennis club are using the courts on a Monday morning. The Clerk will investigate.

Environment – James Bloomfield:

Rights of way

Footpath 435 Yard Farm to Ockley Road via Westland Farm– following a request for information on the current status of this footpath I confirmed there is an access issue which, according to Surrey County Council's Rights of Way Report a Problem web site, had already been reported. As LEAP/Parish Council footpath group is currently not organising footpath clearance work due to Covid-19 restrictions, I suggested that the Parish Council writes to the appropriate land owner advising them of this issue.

Footpath 71 – Lower Breach Lane (opposite Lower Breach Farm) – issue of obstruction has initially been resolved. A local resident spoke to men working on site and explained the difficulty that the section of fencing was causing to users of this right of way. Following this discussion, a DIY type stile has been erected. Thank you to the resident and land owner for helping to rectify this issue.

Trees

Tree Felling in Canfold Wood (Upper) – A resident of Ewhurst contacted the Parish Council to express their concerns about the extent of tree felling in and around the area of Upper Canfold Wood. This is currently under investigation.

Burial Ground – Mature Oak (T9) CA/2020/0089 Ewhurst Conservation Area removal of tree Cemetery, The Street, Ewhurst. This application has now been published and follows an inspection in May when the PC were advised that this tree has further declined due to '*fruiting bodies, honey fungus and cavities at the base of the stem which make it quite unstable*'.

Ewhurst Cricket Green Common

Litter bin – Recurrence of issue of rubbish is being removed from the bin by animals and scattered amongst the grass. Having cleared up the site I contacted Waverley B.C. requesting collection of the large amount of domestic rubbish and this was done the following day. In addition, a Waverley Enforcement Officer has placed signs on the bin and has offered to monitor the situation. The Enforcement Officer has also been in correspondence with the Clerk.

Vehicle tracks on Common – reported to the Clerk about vehicle tracks through long grass on an area of the Common. The Clerk suggested this may have been connected to recent work on overhead power cables. Suggest no further action but will report any reoccurrence.

Dead willow: this has now been felled by the nearest resident to the tree.

Grass either side of the War Memorial – at the June Parish Council meeting a discussion took place regarding (1) frequency cut and (2) concerns that wild orchids risked being cut. I inspected these areas and reported to the Clerk that I had seen a variety of plant species but no orchids. I recommended that a botanical survey be carried out. This has been done and I un-

derstand that cutting will take place in July and October. My thanks to the local resident who carried out the survey, the Clerk for organising this and the local resident who raised concerns about the orchids.

Waverley Update – Val Henry:

- a) Members are concerned about the Unitary Authority proposal from the County Council.
- b) Details of Covid test sites are on the WBC website.

110 (2020) **RECREATION GROUND**

- a) Playground re-opening: The Clerk reported that the playground was re-opened at the beginning of month, after all equipment was tested and cleaned and appropriate notices displayed regarding Covid 19 restrictions. It seemed that to date residents were observing the regulations and all was safe and under control.
- b) basketball hoop and stand: The Clerk has sourced an unwanted basketball hoop from another parish council, without charge. It will need new a new post, and the villge handyman will erect it shortly.
- c) Music event August bank holiday: due to the number of restrictions, the organisers have decided not to go ahead.

111 (2020) **EWHURST COMMON**

- a) Waverley BC have agreed that the Parish Council may replace the bin. Cllr White Proposed that the Parish Council purchase a closed bin from Broxap, with a cost in the region of £300.00, to include fixing spike and delivery. This was Seconded by Cllr Henry, with all in favour.

112 (2020) **REPLACEMENT FINGER POST SIGN**

Cllr Bloomfield reported that he had discussed their signs with Leigh Parish Council.

He is currently reviewing village gateways through the village, with the purpose of putting together a package for an application for CIL funding.

113 (2020) **EWHURST CEMETERY**

Members reviewed the proposals to improve the cemetery, together with outline costs. It was agreed to organise a site meeting prior to the September meeting.

114 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS:**

- a) Emergency Plan: circulated for review at the September meeting
- b) Treatment centre proposal for Cranleigh: members were asked to read the information circulated, for discussion at the September meeting.

115 (2020) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 21st SEPTEMBER 2020, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

116 (2020) **EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Motion: "In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted: staffing matters.

The meeting closed at 22.30pm.