



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at
8.00 pm on Monday 21st March 2022 at the EYSC

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, L Tingley, M White
3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk Mrs J Cadman

The Chairman asked for a minute's silence to honour the people of Ukraine.

- 035 (2022) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllrs N Clowes and J Lilley.
- 036 (2022) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr White declared an interest in agenda item 045 (2022) as he is manager at the Bowls Club.
- 037 (2022) **Appendix 1: MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21st FEBRUARY 2022 :** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 038 (2022) **MATTERS ARISING**
021 (2022) Tree Planting: LEAP have planted 60 saplings in the perimeter bordering Sayers Croft.
033 (2022) 30mph gate at the Green: the gate has been reinstated.
Firethorn Farm: technical drawings have still not been produced.
Gadbridge Lane: the recent closure was to allow Thames Water to install a new connection to Bildens Farm.
Traffic Calming: will be discussed in more detail at the APCM. Our MP had received a petition on traffic speeds. A piece in the Surrey Advertiser this week advises that SCC are re-assessing speed limits in country lanes, as advised by our County Councillor
- 039 (2022) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
a) A member of the public advised that the meeting minutes on the website are currently not up to date. The Clerk apologised, currently we are switching websites and as a result information is not as current as it should be. She expected the new website to be live by Easter.
- 040 (2022) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** members to receive an update on the current status of the Plan
Cllr Clowes had sent the following statement:
As reported last month, the Steering Group did indeed deliver our responses to the Examiner's enquiry early in March and are now awaiting his feedback.
As Chairman of the NP Steering Group, I note the new application for a proposed development of 20 dwellings at Treetops in Mapledrakes Road, together with the 55 letters of objection received on it, and urge all parishioners to vote to adopt the Neighbourhood Plan when it gets to the referendum stage shortly, to head off just this kind of unwanted application within the parish.
- 041 (2022) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
a) Minutes of planning meeting held 21st February 2022: were noted and approved
b) Planning update on meeting held 21st March: Cllr Henry gave a brief overview of the previous meeting.
c) *Hazelbank Stores:* the owner hopes to re-open on the 2nd May, two months behind schedule. There have been numerous problems with the refurbishment, and so this date is not certain.

- d) *Bulls Head*: the owner had hoped to open by now but had a number of issues with the building and with contractors. He now hopes to open by May. Floors 1 and 2 are complete, the toilet area is roofed. They are now tackling the ground floor, with flooring planned to go down soon.
- e) *Chanrossa*: this development is nearing completion. Cllr Henry has asked WBC for the conditions on the restoration of the footpath to the Green. Cllr Bloomfield is concerned that the opportunity might be taken to urbanise the path. He asked that the piped ditch is investigated with a camera, to ensure that it is not compromised. He noted that the new tarmac had resulted in a number of dead newts and worms.
- f) *Firethorn Farm: Street naming*: WBC had notified the Council that the developers have applied for names for the 4 new streets, as follows: Fallow Street, Mudstone Close, Newt Close, Pasture Close, on the basis that these all have local connections. The only objections acceptable were on the grounds of duplication, difficulty of pronouncing or spelling, or if the name could cause offence. Member agreed that all 4 names were offensive.

042 (2022) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) Receipts and Payments February 2022: payments for the period of £7,165.66 were noted and approved.
- b) Cost centre report to end February was noted and approved
- c) Bank reconciliation to end February current and savings account: noted and approved.
- d) CIL payments: members agreed to hold a discussion at some stage to decide how this money should be used.

043 (2022) **JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:**

The Clerk reported that arrangements are going well, but she would like to hear from more local clubs and societies and have their involvement.

Thursday: a LEAP walk in the morning. Beacon lighting, Fabulous Nobodies, barbecue and bar in the evening. The Footballers have offered to help with parking, the Village Club will run a bar.

Friday: Open Day at the village club, with a barbecue, games for the children.

Saturday: Ewhurst Players Anthology.

Sunday: Street parties: organisation of these appears to be going well, but more information would be welcome.

044 (2022) **GLEBE CENTRE:**

The post flood renovations are now complete and the Centre ready to be used, as from the 1st April. The blinds have been approved by the insurers and will be installed shortly. The tables and chairs have been returned to the centre, the china needs to be washed and returned to the kitchen.

045 (2022) **NEW DOOR FOR EWHURST BOWLS CLUB:**

The Bowls Club had proposed a composite door. As their insurers would not allow a key safe, this would mean that each member would need a key, resulting in approximately 100 keys. Members requested that the door be aluminium with an automatic lock.

046 (2022) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:**

The Clerk gave an update on plans:

Date and time: Monday 25th April, 7pm, village hall

Programme:

- i. Report from Chairman
- ii. Neighbourhood Plan update
- iii. Traffic calming update
- iv. Plans for the Jubilee
- v. Refreshments and networking.

047 (2022) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

- a) *Village Club car park*: is still used for coronavirus testing
- b) *Ewhurst Christmas event*: the organisers of the Christmas event are planning a third street market this year, on the 10th December, and ask to use the hall and car park in addition to the usual street locations. Members agreed to this, and to waive any charge for the hall, as the proceeds are for the Infant School.

- c) *Fabulous Nobodies*: Have requested use of the hall for their Christmas party on the 17th December, which will be a fund raising evening for the Infant School. This was agreed, with the hire fee waived.

047 (2022) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *Footpath 70*: the footpath diversion has been agreed by SCC.
- b) *Cherry Tree Lane*: the footpath is still closed.
- c) *Street sign at the junction of the Green and the Street*: this is very tired and needs to be replaced.
- d) *Bins on the Green*: there is one now, near the phone box. It had been agreed to replace it with a closed bin, to prevent dumping of kitchen waste, which is then removed and scattered by foxes. This hasn't been so much of a problem recently and the purchase of a new bin to be reviewed.

048 (2022) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL:** the third Monday in April is a bank holiday, the 4th is the date of the Annual Parish meeting.

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be on Wednesday 13th April, at 8pm, to be preceded by a planning meeting at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm