



# 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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**.

**Present:** Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Mitchell, X Riley, M White  
County Cllr A Povey  
2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

The Chairman welcomed all present and asked them to remember Nigel Farrington, past Chairman of the Parish Council from 1994 to 1999, who had just died. Nigel had done an incredible amount for the Community in so many ways and would be very much missed. A card of condolence had been sent to his widow and family.

The Chairman noted the fantastic work that had been done and was still being done by volunteers during the Pandemic and hoped that it would be possible to thank them formally at some stage in the future.

- 117 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Lilley. The Chairman recorded thanks to her for all that she is doing to support the Parish Council at this time.
- 118 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020:** Members resolved to accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, all in favour.
- 119 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None were made.
- 120 (2020) **SPEEDING IN THE PARISH – CLLR ANDREW POVEY**
- Cllr Povey wished to echo Cllr Henry's remarks about the invaluable work that volunteers are doing.
  - The community recycling centre in Cranleigh is now up and running, much as it was before. He asked residents to check the website concerning what recycling items will be accepted.
  - The government planning consultation has implications for Cranleigh and Ewhurst

### *Speeding in the Parish*

Cllr Povey acknowledged that there had been a lot of complaints about speeding in the Parish over the years, and that it had increased during the pandemic as traffic volumes have been lighter. This problem had been raised with the Police Crime Commissioner. The police mobile unit had visited the village on one or two occasions and had carried out some successful prosecutions.

The longer term plan is to try to change behaviour by traffic calming measures such as village gateways, removing road markings, road narrowing measures, these have all been proven to influence driver behaviour.

Colin Davis has done work on this in other Surrey parishes, providing studies and sketches to be presented to SCC Highways. Funding for this would come from the Parish Council initially, but schemes would attract CIL funding.

Cllr Mitchell raised the single track road between Shere and Ewhurst, through Pitch Hill, where the speed limit is 60mph, which is dangerous for both cyclists and pedestrians. It was agreed to look at whether the limit could be reduced with repeater signs along the route.

The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council should discuss this between meetings and bring back some proposals, with the help of Cllr Povey.

The Clerk asked Cllr Povey if something could be done about training for Speedwatch volunteers, There were a number in the parish who were keen to join the scheme, and were badly needed, but there was no training avail-

able. Cllr Povey was aware of this problem and undertook to raise it at the next Police Crime Commissioners meeting,

Cllr Bloomfield requested an update on school crossing personnel. Cllr Povey advised that there had been a meeting before lockdown between the headteacher, police, road safety and highways to take a look at the crossing situation. It is not possible to put a formal crossing there, because of the hill and the sightlines, but some work has been done in recent years to remove the bus stop layby, which has improved the situation. There were also flashing lights approaching the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The school recruited its own volunteers, which worked well. Once they were trained, they had a legal right to stop traffic. It did not seem, at present, that any additional volunteers were needed.

- 121 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
- a) *Lollipop ladies:* a resident agreed that they should be people from the village, but did not think that they should necessarily be parents, as they were involved in getting their own children to the school.
  - b) *Traffic calming:* there is a lot of heavy traffic in the Street. Any traffic calming would need to take into account residents so that noise levels were not increased,
  - c) *Bulls Head:* the resident was very pleased that the Parish Council is taking forward the initiative for community involvement in the Bulls Head public house. She asked that residents be kept up to date via the website and social platforms.
  - d) *Cobblers Brook:* a resident asked for an update on the foul water escape into the water course that led to Cobblers Brook. The Clerk advised that the Environment Agency and Thames Water had undertaken investigations but were now waiting for WBC contractors to dig out the culvert before they could proceed any further. Cllr Broomfield was not convinced that this would help. Cllr Riley said that he believed that this was a long term problem.

- 122 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:**
- Cllrs Riley had made the agreed amendments and was now working through the remainder of the document. He was reviewing the contributions from the Heritage and Environment sub committees, which were omitted from the last draft, and implementing their recommendations. He still had tasks to do, such as seeking advice from WBC on the habitat screening report, and amending the section on the allocation of sites. The traffic policies were not enforceable, and so need to be amended, as an important part of the plan.

Cllr Riley agreed that some help would now be useful and he would email his list of tasks to other members.

The Parish Council had purchased Parish Online, a mapping facility, which was proving very useful for this purpose.

- 123 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
- Decisions on planning applications received since last full Council meeting: These were noted.

Cllr Henry reported as follows:

**WA/2020/1122 Home Farm, Somersbury Lane, Ewhurst**

*Erection of a dwelling and associated works following demolition of existing buildings*

Subject to Eastern Area planning chairman, this will be referred to the planning committee.

**WA/2020/1128 land at Gadbridge Lane, Ewhurst**

*Erection of a dwelling and associated works (revision of WA/2020/0607)*

Subject to Eastern Area planning chairman, this will be referred to the planning committee.

**WA/ 2020/0982 Hurstlea, The Avenue**

*Erection of a dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling (revision of WA/2019/1394)*

Full Planning Permission

**WA/2020/1063 Star Daisy Cottage, Coophurst Lane**

*Erection of detached garage*

Full planning permission

**WA/2020/0650 Rumbeams Barn, Rumbeams Farm**

*Erection of extensions (amended description 26/6/20)*

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Invalid as pre-commencement conditions of the original planning permission have not been complied with.

**WA/2020/0871 Ellens Court, Furzen Lane**

*Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for formation of an area of hardstanding*

Granted

**WA/2020/0886 4 Wayside Cottages, Horsham road**

*Erection of extensions and alterations*

Full permission

**WA/2020/0890 2 Mount Close**

*Erection of extension*

Full permission

**WA/2020/0916 Hunters Lodge, Horsham road**

*Erection of detached outbuilding*

Full permission

Members considered the following applications:

**CA/2020/0148 Garlands, the Street**

*Ewhurst Conservation Area: works to and removal of trees.*

Subsequent to the meeting, members agreed that they had no objections to this application.

**DW/2020/0029 The Old Cottage, the Avenue**

*The erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.10m, for which the height would be 4m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 3m*

No objection

**WA/2020/1316 Tall Trees, Horsham Lane**

*Alterations to elevations including a tiled conservatory roof and boundary fence with gates*

Members noted that the fence and gate are 2.5m high, which seemed excessive. They also considered that hedging would be much more appropriate and in keeping with the environment.

**WA/2020/1341 Brookhurst Grange, Holmbury Road**

*Relocation of an existing field entrance complete with gates*

Object

The proposed entrance appears very wide and will result in the loss of hedgerow. This is one of our quieter roads and still very rural. SCC highways state that the proposed access gates will be set back 6m from the edge of the carriageway, which seems very excessive. No details have been given regarding the existing roadside ditch and drainage. The existing ditch appears to be blocked or filled in at the existing entrance. If the application is permitted, the ditch must be reinstated and then piped at the site of the new entrance.

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124(2020) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Receipts and payments to end of August 2020: noted and approved.*

*Expenditure against budget statement to end of August 2020: noted and approved.*

125 (2020) **REPORTS :**

*Planning – Val Henry:*

Firethorn – work has started, Cllr Henry has alerted WBC Enforcement.

Chanrossa – there is some activity on the site.

*Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White.*

Microsoft 365 application: Cllr Mitchell is concerned at the monthly outlay. He and the Clerk will discuss this with the webmaster.

*Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley.*

It was noted that the Parish Council still does not have control of the Ewhurst.org website, which has not been updated for some time and which is therefore misleading. Cllrs Mitchell and Riley will discuss.

*Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley.*

The ditches close to where the pub used to be are causing flooding.

The Culvert has still not been repaired.

Cllr Povey is now involved.

Cllr Clowes asked that Ellens Green be involved in the speeding review.

*Parish Buildings – Mike White.*

Hand sanitiser has been installed in all buildings.

The pre-school group is now back every weekday in the village hall.

Pilates is taking place once a week in the EYSC.

The Glebe is not being used at this time.

*Environment – James Broomfield.*

Rights of way

Footpath 432b Williams Close to Plough Lane (image 1) – During August the existing footbridge, that was in a poor state of repair, was completely rebuilt with brand new timbers. This was organised by SCC and I recommend we thank them for this important work.

Trees

Burial Ground – Mature Weeping Willow (T3) (image 2) – this tree has died and I have discussed with Clerk that advice should be sought from a tree surgeon.

Fly-tipping: On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September a quantity of rubbish was dumped near the telephone box on Ewhurst Cricket Green Common. I was able to remove a lot of this for recycling whilst the rest I placed by the rubbish bin and this was removed when the bin was emptied.

Cobbler's Brook Pollution: The incident is currently being investigated by Thames Water and the Environment Agency.

Chanrossa: there is a great deal of plastic contamination in the soil, which should be removed before anything further is done.

Leap: the September working party involved starting a wildflower area behind the cemetery pond.

*Waverley Update – Val Henry:* Cllr Henry advised using the website tools to report issues, as officers are not in the office and are hard to get hold of.

*Parish Update – Clerk:*

- Foul water escape into Cobblers Brook: The Clerk is liaising with the Environment Agency to work towards resolving this.
- Meetings: It is now possible to meet in public, but the Government recommendations are currently that this should be avoided where possible, and it is legal for all meetings to be held by conference call until May 2021. There are complications around ensuring social distancing for the public and the Clerk recommends that the Parish Council continues as it is until further guidance is received.
- Chanrossa: the developers had approached the Parish Council, asking for a contribution to naming the street through the Estate. Cllr Henry had suggested Nightingale Rise, as there used to be nightingales in the area. The Clerk asked for members to let her have any other suggestions in the next few days.
- Ditch at the recreation ground: following the clearing of the pipe across the recreation ground, which should help the winter flooding problem, the Clerk observed that the ditch is very overgrown and full of debris along the majority of its length. She recommended that it should be cleared of this. Cllr Bloomfield clarified that this is a watercourse and suggested that Sayers Croft be advised, as this might cause more water to be diverted to their land.

## 126 (2020) **BULLS HEAD**

The Parish Council had previously designated the pub as an Asset of Community Value and had now advised the Borough Council of their interest in becoming potential bidders. This gave the Parish Council six months from the 18<sup>th</sup> August to raise the funds required to purchase the pub. At the end of this period, the owner may sell to whoever and at whatever price they choose.

The Parish Council had sought support from the community for this action, through leaflets, the ebulletin and a survey, and had received 250 indications of support, with 6 people against the proposal. 70 people had indicated their willingness to join a committee to take this forward.

The Clerk would now contact all those who were interested in joining a committee, and ask for further information.

127 (2020) **EWHURST CEMETERY**

A site meeting took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> September and the Clerk had sent all members a summary of proposals. Cllr Henry asked all members to send their responses to the Clerk, so that a plan of action can be formulated. The Clerk will also seek volunteers for tidying up work through the ebulletin.

128 (2020) **TREE PLANTING**

SCC's proposals to plant 1.2 million trees in the next 10 years had been circulated. It was agreed to recommend that trees be planted where Ash trees had been removed in the recreation ground due to die back, and to consider disease resistant Ash, Beech and Hornbeam.

129 (2020) **REPLACEMENT FINGER POST SIGN & VILLAGE GATEWAYS**

*Village Gateways:* Cllr Bloomfield suggested that all village gateways should be cleaned and then it would be possible to identify those that need to be repaired. He volunteered to clean the gates on the Green, so that a decision can be made on the viability of this proposal.

*Finger posts:* Cllr Bloomfield had been advised that the Surrey Hills AONB will provide estimates to replace signs and may be able to contribute to the cost.

130 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS:**

- a) *Bowls Club car park potholes:* the Clerk had asked the contractor to carry out this work. Cllr White will pursue this.

131 (2020) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.