



+ **EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL**
WITH **ELLENS GREEN**

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the Parish Council held at

8.00 pm on **Monday 17th October 2022**

At The EYSC

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, V Henry, L Tingley
6 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

The meeting commenced with the presentation of Covid Awards to Hazelbank Stores, with the Parish Council's grateful thanks for all their work for the community during the pandemic.

The Chairman then voiced the Council's sadness at the death of Her Majesty the Queen and called for a minute's silence. The statement follows:

It was with a profound sense of sadness and loss that we on the Ewhurst & Ellens Green Parish Council heard of the passing away of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on September 8th last month.

As a mark of respect, and to observe the appropriate period of mourning, we cancelled our September meeting and, as such, this is the first occasion on which we have met since that sad day.

With that in mind, we wish to record and convey our heartfelt condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and all the Royal Family at this time of National mourning.

In my capacity of Chairman, and in conjunction with the Clerk, I have written to His Majesty's Private Secretary on behalf of the Ewhurst & Ellens Green Parish Council, to express our feelings not only of sadness and sympathy but also of our sincere thanks for Her Majesty's great service, dignity and enormous sense of duty to the Nation for over 70 years.

The letter concluded by sending to His Majesty, on the occasion of his accession to the throne, our most loyal greetings and sincere good wishes

118 (2022) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Lilley

119 (2022) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

120 (2022) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th July 2022:** agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour.

121 (2022) **MATTERS ARISING**

104 (2022): Path on Green: The Clerk advised that the developers were refusing to uphold the agreement made with SCC to restore the path as far as Plough Lane. Subsequently, part of the path down the Green was flattened more and grass seed spread, making the path itself narrower. SCC Highways and WBC Enforcement are now committing to some involvement.

105 (2022) 2: CIL Projects: the Clerk had sourced 3 different scoring sheets from different parishes, and would draw these together into a sheet which would work for this parish.

111 (2022) b: tree on Bulls Head Green: Cllr Bloomfield recommended either a Hawthorn or a Rowan. Both species are native and will be beneficial to pollinators as well as providing berries later in the year. Members agreed to purchase a Hawthorn, Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour.

116 (2022) b: stinging nettles around recreation ground: the Clerk has spoken to the contractor.

122 (2022) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern

1. *Village Hall Planters:* A complaint was made about the roadside planter at the village hall, which was an

obstruction to vehicles delivering to the hall and a danger to pedestrians, due to the lack of outside lighting. The Clerk will work with the village handyman to remove this planter, together with a bench that has been left outside the hall, and an extra planter inside the left hand planter, during the coming week.

2. *Village Hall lighting*: the Clerk explained that reactive lighting had been installed at the hall, but it had lit each time a vehicle passed, causing some distress to neighbouring properties. She believed there was a delayed reaction light in the hall now, and would advise.
3. *Village Hall committee*: the Clerk will arrange a meeting.
4. *Calendar for hall use*: a request was made for a physical calendar in the hall to show bookings. As this would take some work to keep updated, it was agreed that this should be a committee responsibility.

123(2022) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

- a) *Minutes of planning meetings held 18th July, 8th August and 27th September*: noted and agreed. Proposed by Cllr Tingley, Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour.
- b) *Planning update on meeting held 17th October*: Cllr Henry advised as follows:
Old Plough Farm: Permission approved
9 Hazelbank Cottages: Permission approved
Somersbury Cottage: application for garage and parking arrangements withdrawn. Application for extension approved.
Treetops: Cllr Henry suggested that our NP consultant be asked for her help to respond to the appeal against planning refusal. Cllr Henry Proposed a budget of £1,000 for this work, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.
Windacres: is to go to appeal, with the hearing on the 14th November. Members agreed to re-submit their objections to this development.

124 (2022) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) expenditure for July, August and September 2022: the expenditure for the period of £44,103.66 was noted and approved.
- b) cost centre report to end September 2022: noted and approved
- c) bank reconciliation statement to end September 2022: noted and approved.

125 (2022) **COUNCILLOR EMAILS**

Deferred to November meeting.

126 (2022) **TRAFFIC CALMING**

The Clerk reported on a proposal from Surrey County Council:

It had not been possible to introduce traffic calming measures into the centre of Ewhurst due to the lack of sightlines, and of lighting. Neither had it been possible to instigate a 20mph speed limit, as the average speed of cars was over 24mph.

SCC Highways had suggested a traffic calming measure at Ewhurst Green, to slow traffic approaching the junction with Cranleigh Road, a notorious accident spot. The proposal involved a build out at the village gates and new village gates, but with no priority. This had proved effective elsewhere in slowing traffic as neither car had the right of way, and was possible to do in this situation as the sightlines are good.

Members agreed to the idea in principle, subject to detailed plans and consultation with neighbours.

127 (2022) **GLEBE CENTRE**

Acoustics: After consultation with an acoustics expert, it was agreed to purchase acoustic tiling to cover 1/3 of the ceiling and to monitor the effect.

Members ratified the agreement, made out of meeting, to purchase and install acoustic tiling. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.

128 (2022) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

- i. *Covid boosters*: A walk in covid booster clinic will operate from the Glebe on Sunday 6th November. The facility is being widely advertised, the venue is offered by the Parish Council free of charge.

- ii. *Bike Stands*: a resident has requested that secure bike stands be offered in the village. Members agreed that the feasibility of providing these at the village hall car park and the recreation ground car park should be investigated and costed.
- iii. *Sign maintenance*: our County Cllr had asked for requests regarding sign maintenance including replacing old signs, decluttering and cleaning. Members would submit their proposals to the Clerk.

129 (2022) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- i. *Design Awards*: Cllr Henry advised that both the pub and the shop had been listed as eligible and now needed to be voted on, with only one vote for each contestant. Cllr Henry will forward more detail. The closing date for voting is the 28th November.
- ii. *Advice from WBC on how to keep warm this winter*: this will be sent out to residents via e-bulletin and the website.
- iii. *Drainage from Bostocks Close*: Cllr Bloomfield is concerned about the drainage from the site into an inadequate ditch. Cllr Henry is seeking a site meeting.
- iv. *Ewhurst Charity*: Cllr Clowes had recently attended a meeting and advised that they were seeking to help people in need and those who needed funding for education. The concern is that people are too proud to ask for help. It was agreed that people should be able to apply anonymously via the parish council website and that this should be advertised widely, through the website, through newsletters and also through maildrops.
- v. *BT phone box on Ewhurst Green*: the Clerk is still awaiting a response from BT, but notes that the phone is still working and the light is still on.

130 (2022) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 21st November EYSC.**

The meeting closed at 21.30.