



+ **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 21st November 2022**

At The EYSC

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, V Henry, L Tingley, M White
County Cllr L Townsend
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

131 (2022) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr J Lilley

132 (2022) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made

133 (2022) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17th OCTOBER 2022:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour

134 (2022) **MATTERS ARISING**

121(2022): Path on the Green: the Clerk advised that a meeting had been held with WBC Enforcement team, to inspect the flooding issues from Bostocks Close. They confirmed that they were waiting for a long overdue drainage report, and that no action would be taken until this had been received. SCC had advised that it might be necessary to sue the developers in order to resolve the problem of the damaged verges, and it is now understood that the Countryside Ranger from WBC is in contact with the developers in this respect.

121(2022): Appendix 2: Cil projects scoring sheet: It was agreed that the finance committee would score the potential CIL projects and bring the results to the finance meeting in December.

121 (2022) Tree on Bulls Head Green: the Hawthorn has been ordered. After further discussions with a resident, a Rowan has also been ordered.

122 (2022):1: Village Hall Planters: the front planter has been removed and relocated by the wall. The bench has been removed, and the extra planter.

122 (2022):2: village hall lighting: it was agreed to investigate a delayed lighting switch, to enable users to leave the hall with some light.

1122 (2022):3: village hall committee: The Clerk is arranging a meeting.

127 (2022) Glebe Centre: the acoustic tiles are in place.

128 (2022): 1: Covid Boosters: a clinic was held at the Glebe Centre on the 6th November and 30 people received a covid booster. Members applauded this initiative.

135 (2022) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern

a) *Local Plan Part 2:* Cllr Townsend reported that the Inspector had not asked for any changes and it does not seem that any more sites will be asked for. She anticipates that the Plan will be adopted in March 2023 and that this should be of help for the 5 year with respect to the 5 year land supply.

b) *Pavement from the car park to the school:* Cllr Townsend reminded members that she had undertaken to

get this repaired and was currently chasing SCC Highways. She expected the work to do be done in this financial year.

- 136 (2022) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Cllr Clowes reported that the two amendments requested, which had not been incorporated into the approved Plan, would now be included.
- 137(2022) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
- a) *Minutes of planning meeting held 17th October:* were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.
 - b) *Planning update on meeting held 21st November:* Cllr Henry reported as follows:
 - Somersbury Barn:* the licence application was approved. The owners had held an open afternoon which had been attended by some members. A site visit had been held previously.
 - Treetops:* the first application is now at appeal. The Council had made its representations previously and these would be made available to the Inspector.Cllr Henry noted that the number of appeals is increasing.
Cllr Townsend commented that a number of approved applications for development are not followed through, leading to penalties for the Borough Council for not achieving their targets.
 - Mascalls Cottage:* approved
 - Cherry Tree Cottage:* withdrawn
 - Land South of Wildwood: Forestry Building:* approved.
 - Land South of Wildwood: PRA to provide access to Forestry building:* refused.
- 138 (2022) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- a) expenditure for October 2022: the expenditure for the month of £5024.74 was noted and approved.
 - b) cost centre report to end October 2022: noted and approved.
 - c) bank reconciliation statement to end October 2022: noted and approved
 - d) **Appendix 7: External auditors report** noted and approved., All accounting documents are on the website, with an invitation for the public to inspect the accounts. Acceptance of the report, where there were no matters to report, was Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.
 - e) *Budget meeting:* members to advise the Clerk before the 13th of December of proposed projects for 2023/24, to be incorporated into the budget proposals for the coming year.
- 139 (2022) **COUNCILLOR EMAILS and WEBSITE**
- Website:* The webmaster would have the draft website ready to review by the 14th December.
Councillor emails: the webmaster suggested that he come to a meeting with all councillors, to bring their devices, and he would set them up at that time. If that was not possible, he would use Zoom for the purpose.
- 140 (2022) **WINTER ENERGY EMERGENCY**
- Members considered the Clerk's report and agreed to support the proposal to set up a Warm Hub in the Glebe, with the attendant requirements. A budget of £1,000 for this purpose was Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour. Cllr Townsend indicated that she may have some money from her allowance to contribute to this initiative.
- 141 (2022) **CRANLEIGH TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS**
- Cllr Townsend advised that a working party of councillors and volunteers had been put together to consider options for the village centre, following initial consultation. These would include removing parking outside the post office, moving a bus stop, tree planting, and a rain garden, amongst other proposals.
- 142 (2022) **BOUNDARY REVIEW**
- Members considered the proposed Boundary changes and the implications for Ewhurst. It was noted this refers to the Parliamentary Boundary. It was agreed that it was vital to have an MP who would fight for local issues, such as schooling and transport, and that a Dorking MP would not have the same impetus. In addition, Ellens Green would be moved to the Parliamentary constituency of Godalming, so the parish would in effect be halved. The Clerk will put together a response to the Boundary Commission, and circulate it for comments.

143 (2022) **20 IS PLENTY**

It was agreed to contact the organisers of this campaign and ask for their comments on our issues. Cllr Townsend agreed to ask the Place Making team if they would draw up plans to enable this scheme in our village. It was noted that any scheme would require consultation before any action was taken.

144 (2022) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK:**

- a. *Carnival:* a carnival is planned for next August 5th, on the recreation ground. Members were very pleased that this would take place again and thanked the organisers for their initiative.
- b. *Ewhurst Green:* The Clerk advised that she had engaged another contractor, a local man, to look after the edges and ditches of the Green, as the current contractor had not found it possible to do this work. A final tidy will be done before the winters, and then he will cut the verges and ditches each month from May to September, with a last tidy in October. The recently engaged farmer will cut the common once a year, in late August.

145 (2022) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a. *Weinerberger:* Cllr White had attended a recent meeting. He advised that they are planning a second brick kiln. This is a very busy operation, turning out 1 million tiles pa. They are aware of green issues, and are working on providing a footpath trail around the site.
The manager has offered defibrillator training.
The manager has offered a tour of the site.
- b. *Jubilee in Ellens Green:* the Queens Platinum Jubilee had been such a success that people in Ellens Green would like to make it an annual event, with the first celebration to be for the King's Coronation in 2023. Members supported this proposal and hoped that Ewhurst would also follow up the success of this year.
- c. *Christmas 2022:* The Clerk confirmed that the Christmas tree will go up on the village hall at the beginning of the month.
- d. *Ewhurst Green ditch:* Cllr Bloomfield asked if the pipe under the filled in ditch could be inspected by camera, as he was concerned that it might be broken, having been parked on by contractors vehicles for some time. It was agreed that this should be pursued.
- e. *Support funds:* members were signposted to the household support fund and the Surrey crisis fund. These will be advertised to residents.

146 (2022) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 16th January 2022 EYSC.**

A Planning meeting will be held on 19th December, to be followed by a closed session budget meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.50