

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

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Minutes of the meeting between Ewhurst Parish Council & the  
Football Clubs 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 6.30pm - EYSC

Attendees: Ewhurst Parish Councillor, Ian Davis. James Freemantle Nick O'Sullivan; Chris Robinson and Phil Rackcliffe (Senior Football Club). Geoff Webb; Tim Perry and Alan Roker (Junior Football Club).  
Jane Bromley, Clerk Ewhurst Parish Council;

- Apologies: Alan Roker apologised in advance for a late arrival.
- Minutes from meeting 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017: Action Points arising- All action points had been undertaken apart from the use of the notice boards and collection of keys for these from Councillor Richard Cleaves. The football clubs were to put up contact details on the notice boards and details as far as they could of home matches.
- Pitch Maintenance & EYSC Hire contracts for 18-19.  
Geoff Webb head coach of our U15 age group & is the second longest serving coach at the junior football club and also Chief Executive of The Institute of Groundsmanship, had various contacts in the industry and as a result had put together for Ewhurst a report on the Ewhurst pitch. GW mentioned that a ranking system was to come into force nationally for pitches with a score from Inadequate or lower basic upwards. The report carried out showed the Ewhurst pitches currently at the bottom level ranking which was not a dissimilar ranking to most grass roots pitches across the country. The pitch was set up in 2008 and since then the pitches had been insufficiently maintained. There is a build up of organic matter which is preventing proper drainage of the pitch. A scarification of the pitch is required as soon as the season ends and would take around 6 weeks to achieve. In addition aeration should be carried out at least 3 times a year. GW noted that the drainage system did not cover the whole of the junior pitch and that some of the capital from development S106 monies could be used for this and he was in favour of purchasing equipment so that some maintenance could be dealt with by volunteers whom could be trained on the equipment. The Football Foundation have equipment banks for use at this level.  
GW advised on regular maintenance; the importance of cutting grass to the correct height and the timing of certain operations on the pitch maintenance specification. We should consider re-tendering the regular maintenance contract once GW had reviewed the schedule of work.

GW was to update the specification for preseason/special aeration work and in season work and this might involve separate contractors dependent on what equipment our existing contractor had. **ACTION GW**

- Development S106 funding. The clerk had been trying to make contact with the correct person in Waverley borough Council regarding the monies available from the Backward Point developemnt but as the relevent planning case officer had left WBC she had not as yet been sucessful in getting a response to her query as to when the monies would become available. As such it may be that work on the drainage of the junior pitch would need to be set aside for next year as ideally it would be carried out as soon as the football season ended.

- Other matters. None
- Date for next meeting. A further meeting was to be called when the specification had been updated. **ACTION Clerk**