



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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MINUTES OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** OF EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL held at 7.45 pm on MONDAY 24TH JUNE 2019 at the EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Val Henry (in the chair), Michael Benoy, Nigel Clowes, Ian Davis, James Mitchell, Xavier Riley, Mike White.

8 members of the public

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

110 (2019) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All members were present

111 (2019) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** All members declared a personal interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.

112 (2019) **ADJOURNEMENT**

- a) A resident of Cox Green asked the Parish Council to put the Neighbourhood Plan in the public domain as soon as possible.
- b) A resident of Ewhurst considered that it was not now appropriate to include site assessments in the Draft Plan, as this sends a message that there is room for more housing in the parish. They were concerned that WBC might use this information to increase the allocation for the Parish in years to come.

113(2019) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Firethorn Farm appeal decision had undone a lot of the work done by the Steering Group, as it had effectively increased the number of houses allocated to Ewhurst to 115. The Steering Group proposed that, as Ewhurst has met its allocation, the site assessments will not be included in the main report, but will be in the back papers.

Thanks were recorded to Tim Hurley for all his work on edition 5.5 of the Neighbourhood plan.

Mr von Spreckelsen was invited to join the meeting and explained that the Regulation 14 consultation will last for a minimum of 6 weeks, and will allow parishioners to give their feedback on the draft Plan. Changes will be made to the document, based on those comments. At the end of the consultation period, WBC will appoint an inspector to review the document, and further alterations will be made at that stage.

Cllr Davis reminded the meeting that the Plan had been four years in the making and now needed to be proceeded, following the excellent discussion at the previous parish council meeting. He pointed out that if the HLAA was removed now, the whole document would have to be re-drafted.

The meeting noted key dates for current appeals against development refusal.

Mr von Spreckelsen requested that the Parish Council consider how the consultation feedback is collated.

Cllr Henry **proposed** that Version 5.5 of the Neighbourhood Plan is accepted, subject to minor changes, and the Regulation 14 consultation commenced as soon as possible. This was **seconded** by Cllr Clowes, with all in favour.

Members noted the following:

- The draft Plan v 5.5 will be uploaded to the website once the changes have been made.
- Responses will be made by Survey Monkey and also on forms to be made available locally.

- The consultation period will run for more than 6 weeks, to allow for the summer period.
- A letter will be written to the Inspector for the sites currently under appeal, advising them of the Regulation 14 consultation and sending them a link to the website.

114 (2019) **NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 15th July, 7.45pm, Ellens Green Memorial Hall**