



EWHRST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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MINUTES OF THE EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
held at 7.45 pm on TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2019 at the EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Mike Turner (chair), Elaine Benson, Mike Benoy, Ian Davis,
Tom Fawcett, Julie Francis, Val Henry, Mike White.

9 members of the public

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

052 (2019) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All members were present

053 (2019) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest in agenda item 061 (2019) Bowls Club.

054 (2019) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on 19th March 2019. Members resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the chairman.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 3rd April 2019. Members resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and agreed that they be published on the Parish Council website in their entirety. They were signed by the chairman.

055(2019) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) Mrs Handley expressed concern that the 3rd April meeting had been held in closed session, as she believed that everyone had a right to participate in discussions regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman advised that it had been important to be able to have a free discussion among members, but that the results of that discussion are in the public forum.
- b) Mrs Allen drew members' attention to her recent letter. Firethorn Farm is not out of step with the Local Plan and simply means that Ewhurst has met its numbers.
- c) Mrs Handley advised that the next newsletter was due out in the first week of May.

056(2019) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** members noted the observations recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th March and 2nd April

057 (2019) **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS** for March and monthly budget against expenditure statement. Members resolved to note and agree the financial reports, noting that this was not the final statement for the financial year. The Clerk advised that the Precept had been received on the 8th April.

058 (2019) **END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT** members noted that the final accounts for 2018 will be available for inspection from the 22nd April and the Annual Internal Audit has been arranged for the 6th June.

059 (2019) **REPORTS:**

Julie Francis - Ground Maintenance: The Clerk confirmed that the contractor had been in contact regarding the burial ground work.

Val Dixon Henry – Planning: a second application had been received for Backward Point, the Parish Council would submit the same objection as before. Hazelbank Stores had submitted an appeal regarding the refusal of their application for an extension. An application had been submitted for the barn at Yard Farm, change of use from stabling to agricultural use, and this had been granted by WBC.

Elaine Benson – Community: All the arrangements are in place for the Annual Parish meeting on the 24th April.

Mike Turner – Neighbourhood Plan, Website, Communications and Highways:

1. The website continued to be populated.
2. Communications: BOX Broadband are now in the far end of the recreation ground and have crossed the car park road on the way to the remainder of the village.
3. Highways: a response was awaited from Cllr Povey regarding the road between the Green and Somersbury Lane.

Tom Fawcett – Highways:

The new VAS had been installed in the Cranleigh Road, where it would remain for a month, followed by a month in Horsham Road. Evidence will be fed back to all concerned, including the police. He advised that it did not contain any new features, as these would have proved too expensive.

Mike Benoy – Neighbourhood Plan.

A meeting had been held by the Steering Group on the 26th March, when it had been agreed to ask the Parish Council to decide how it should proceed. The Parish Council had then held an extraordinary meeting on the 3rd April, and had come to a decision.

Mike White – Community Buildings:

1. Mrs Allen had called Cllr White to advise of a flood in her garden from the village hall. There is a leak between the stopcock and the water meter, which is the responsibility of Thames Water. The Parish Council will therefore be able to claim a refund for the cost of the wasted water.
2. A fence had been requested to disguise the bins at the school. Cllr White had investigated and this could be done for around £250.00. This expense was agreed.
3. The pavement outside Backward point had been damaged more than once by contractors vehicles. This has now been referred to SCC.

Cllr *Davies:* Members had considered an amended application for 9 further units at Backward Point. One of their concerns had been that this is an addition 9 houses to the 115 already approved, over and above the 100 agreed in the current version of the Local Plan. He understood that this application will go to Full Committee in June.

060 (2019) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Members noted and agreed the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th March.

061 (2019) **BOWLS CLUB:** Cllr Francis had reviewed and amended the draft received from the solicitor, which was now passed to the Clerk to update.

062 (2019) **MEMORIAL FOR RICHARD CLEAVES:** Mrs Cleaves asked if the Parish Council would plant a bush close to the seat in the Recreation ground in Richard's memory, rather than a plaque. Cllr Turner recommended to Council that an additional plaque is proceeded with and placed within the EYSC building and funded by Cranleigh Funerals. The bush and brass plaque would cost approximately £250, This was agreed.

063 (2019) **EWHRST VILLAGE HALL:** provision of storage
Members were advised that the Players intend to put on a production of *Oliver* and need a separate area for the children. They would also appreciate more dry storage.
It is feasible to extend the back of the hall. A quotation for a conservatory type extension estimated the cost at between £12,000 and £15,000 for a structure 10' long and the width of the hall. This was not feasible and a marquee structure was also considered. Cllr White believed that something more permanent could be done for around £5,000.
Members agreed with the idea in principle, but requested a plan and that a site visit should be organised, with fire officers attending. Cllr Henry pointed out that the village would receive some money through CIL, and that this could be considered a community project.

064(2019) **CHURCH RAILINGS**

Cllr White that these be replaced, like for like, as they are in a very bad condition. He will talk to the Heritage team at WBC.

It was also noted that SCC have started work on the footpath opposite.

065 (2019) **ACTING CLERK CONTRACT.**

Members agreed the draft contract for the engagement of an Acting Clerk, Mrs Joanna Cadman, for a period of 12 months from the 1st April 2019 to the 31st March 2020.

066 (2019) **PARISH BUSINESS**

- a) Garage on recreation ground: the doors are still in need of repair, the old mower has not been removed, nor the compressor. Members agreed that Cllr White should write to the football club and advise them that the Parish Council would welcome co-operation in order that it can accede to the football club's requests.

051 (2019) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING** of the Parish Council, 16th April 2019

- a) The village hall project
- b) Richard Cleaves memorial
- c) Revised Neighbourhood Plan
- d) Board outside the children's playground.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.