



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the **Meeting** of the Parish Council to be held at
8.00 pm on **Monday 17th January 2022** at the **EYSC**

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

001 (2022) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** all members were present.

001 (2022) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made

003 (2022) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th NOVEMBER 2021 :** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment: 180: Neighbourhood Plan, end of consultation period is the 23rd December.

004 (2022) **MATTERS ARISING**

188 (2021) Welcome Packs: Members considered the proposal put forward by the Friends of St Peter and St Paul: that a working party is made up of members of the Parish council and the Friends, together with other interested parties, to devise a welcome booklet, to A5 in size and approximately 40 pages in length, to allow for all village organisations and establishments to be properly represented. 600 to be printed so that existing residents would also receive a copy.

Members agreed the following:

- a) That Ellens Green must be included in the booklet, as part of the Parish.
- b) That the Parish Council would, in principle, fund the cost of the booklet, detailed costs to be provided once the booklet is nearing completion.
- c) That a working party will be created for this project.

190 (2021) Christmas Tree: The Clerk reported that she had purchased an artificial Christmas Tree, complete with lights, reduced from £275 to £100, after consultation. This would remove the need and expense of buying and collecting a new tree every year.

191 (2021) Weinerberger: Cllr Clowes reported that the Liaison committee will meet twice a year from now on, as it was not necessary to have as many meetings as before.

The factory had received more than 200 visits at the Heritage weekend, and feedback had been very positive.

The application for the second brick kiln had been postponed.

The old brick kiln site had received its Certificate of Lawfulness. An area of the site had been defined as suitable for development, for up to 34 homes.

Traffic complaints are low.

There is no chair of the liaison committee at present, members will chair by rotation.

ADJOURNMENT: - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern

Cranleigh Health Centre: a resident was concerned about communication and appointments. He thought it might be helpful if the Health Centre put together a rationale and sent it to the Parish Council for publication to residents. Not everyone can visit the health centre to make an appointment and it is difficult to make an appointment without doing that. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask for this information.

Parking at Chanrossa: a resident was concerned at the state of the verges. Cllr Henry advised that WBC have stated that the verges and footpath must be reinstated. Plough Lane and the Green are WBC land and the rangers will monitor this work. Firethorn has a Transport Management Plan.

Plough Lane, North Breache Road and Lower Breache Lane: these are all heavily used by HGVs but are designated as Quiet Lanes in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Ewhurst Green: A resident advised that a petition had been drawn up by residents on the Green regarding speeding traffic, and this will be brought to the Parish Council.

- 006 (2022) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Cllr Clowes reported that the consultation had ended on the 23rd December and an Independent Examiner was currently being appointed by WBC.
- 007 (2022) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
- a) Minutes of planning meeting held 15th November and 13th December: agreed as a correct record of the meeting.
 - b) Planning update on meeting held 17th January: Cllr Henry reported on the decisions taken at the planning meeting.
Connemara: approved
Silver Dale: refused
Barn Hill: approved
Firethorn Farm: a liaison group will be created shortly, headed up by the Parish Council. The trees between Pond Cottage and Malricks will be protected.
A resident reminded the Council of the protective ransome strip around Larkfield and hoped that the same would be done for this development. Cllr Henry pointed out that this would not be so effective, as the development abuts the village settlement. Further, the development borders the Surrey Hills AONB on one side, so there would be some protection there
- 008 (2022) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- a) Receipts and Payments November and December 2021: the expenditure for the period of £23021.52 was noted and approved.
 - b) Cost centre report to end December: noted
 - c) Bank reconciliation to end December, current and savings account: noted
 - d) *Budget setting 2022/23 and Precept Request:* Members ratified the budget for the coming year and the precept request of £105,000, representing a Band D equivalent Council tax levy of £84.48, an increase of 5%. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, all in favour.
- 009 (2022) **Appendix 7 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS:** first draft proposals were tabled by the Clerk, who tabled thanks to Mrs Helstrip, who had helped her draw them up. Members agreed to accept the recommendations, as follows:
- To engage with all village societies, organisations and residents to ascertain what they have planned and to liaise between them to ensure that everyone knows of all plans, with the intention of avoiding clashing. Preliminary list below.
 - To act as administrator for the celebrations, provide Parish Council facilities and premises where necessary, publicise events and support organisers.
 - to organise a Parish Council led event, if appropriate.
 - to draw up an outline programme as a guide, to be added to and adapted. Preliminary programme below.
 - to liaise with authorities and other parish councils and to obtain grants, fundings and permissions where appropriate.
 - to devise and produce a flyer, to be delivered to all households in the parish, with the programme of events.

Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour.

- 009 (2022) **GLEBE CENTRE:** the Clerk reported that she had visited earlier in the evening and progress is good. The kitchen is fitted, the walls painted and the floor screeded ready for the laminate flooring. She will seek a finishing date from the contractors.
- 010 (2022) **TRAFFIC CALMING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT:**
The Clerk reported that the traffic volume and speed measuring tubes had been installed in November and removed before Christmas, she awaited a report.
The Clerk asked members to consider the planter at the front of the village hall forecourt, which had not been popular. It was agreed to remove it for now, pending the public consultation.
- 012 (2022) **CEMETERY HEDGE:** members agreed the quotation to remove the scrub at the front and back of the cemetery, at £975. Members also agreed to utilise the digger which it will be necessary to hire to dig out the ditch on Pitch Hill, which has to be hand cleared each year, at a cost of £500. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, with all in favour.
- 013 (2022) **WAR MEMORIAL POSTS AND CHAINS:** members requested more information on the wood used to replace the wooden posts at the war memorial . **Agenda item:** February meeting.
- 014 (2022) **FREEZER FOR RAINBOWS END:** The Clerk advised that the pre-school group needed a freezer in order to purchase the requirements to enable them to offer meals to the children at lunchtime. They would purchase and install the freezer, in the bar area. This was agreed but a request would be made to check the energy usage.
- 015 (2022) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**
The Clerk reported that Sayers Croft wished to offer the services of their volunteers and Duke of Edinburgh Award residents to help with conservation projects. They are also willing to help with the Infant School tree planting, possibly with their youth groups. This offer was gratefully received.
- 016 (2022) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda
- a) *Footpath 70:* SCC have not been able to give permission for this diversion as there is, apparently, an unresolved objection. The matter is to go to the next Local Committee meeting. Cllr Bloomfield had noted that the diversion is, nevertheless, signed as the footpath. The Clerk will raise this with SCC and suggest that a site visit is organised with Cllr Bloomfield.
 - b) *Contractors:* Cllr Lilley was concerned at the number of contractors who seem to do nothing but sit in their vehicles all day. Apparently some workmen are employed to watch traffic lights all day, to ensure that they are working. It was noted that utility companies have autonomy.
 - c) *CIL money:* Cllr White suggested that a list is drawn up of potential projects.
- 017 (2022) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 21st February 2022 at the EYSC**
The meeting closed at 22.02.