

EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL

WITH ELLENS GREEN

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN
held at 7.45 pm on MONDAY 19th March 2018 at the EYSC (first floor).

ATTENDANCE: Parish Councillors: Mike Turner; Ian Davis; Tom Fawcett; Mike White; Elaine Benson.
WBC Kevin Deanus. Jane Bromley, Parish Council Clerk.

Approximately 25 members of the public.

042 (2018) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Parish Councillor: Richard Cleaves; Julie Francis; Val Dixon Henry.

043 (2018) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS. Cllr White declared an interest in matters concerning the Bowls Club,.

044 (2018) MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th February 2018. The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes.

(After the meeting closed Cllr Turner agreed with Cllr Davis that Cllr Davis' notes supporting the minutes could be included in the minute register along with the formal minutes. The Clerk was against this as the notes concerned a matter in which Cllr Davis had a declared an interest and his comments would in the Clerk's view constitute a breach of Code of Conduct. Cllr Turner confirmed Cllr Davis' notes would not be published on the website or notice board as they had not been ratified by the Parish Council.)

045 (2018) PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE. None.

046 (2018) ADJOURNMENT: -.

Agent for Land at Windacres Farm will be speaking regarding development proposals.

David Butcher WYG Planning Consultants; Naomi Crassweller Stakeholder Engagement, Consulto Ltd; Representative from Developers William Lacey.

Plans were handed around and D Butcher and colleagues talked through the proposals.

Questions through the Chair were invited for five minutes.

Questions were raised on issues such as:

What constituted Affordable Housing?

-30% affordable housing at 80% market rent value. 60:40 shared ownership to social rent.

What approach would be taken with regard to restrictive covenants on the land?

-Legal advice being sought in this regard.

Clarification of the address was sought as the site was in the resident's view neither in Rudgwick nor off Church Lane, this was part of Cox Green and there was to be no back land development in Cox Green.

- A policy for the sites development in the Neighbourhood Plan could override any ruling with regard to Back Land development. The fine details of address can be sorted out as the application progresses.

The site was not supported by sufficient infrastructure particularly public services and what would be the developers' contributions to mitigate this?

-Horsham District Council had a CIL policy but Waverley did not. Access only in Horsham district and so there would be complications with regard to CIL versus S106 but this would be sorted out by the planning process. In addition which Parish received the contributions or what share would be sorted out via the District and Borough Councils.

The field adjacent had been part of the pre application proposal was this to be included at a later date?

-Waverley Borough Council (WBC) had commented against the inclusion of this section. The developer maintained an option on the land but this did not necessarily mean it would be developed in the future.

To which Parish would the housing numbers be attributable?

-There was no certainty as to this most likely Ewhurst.

What was the site area?

Not known initially but thought to be around 2 hectares.

It was established by WB Cllr Kevin Deanus that WBC had a clear parking space policy and a clear policy on green field development.

Naomi Crassweller confirmed that all near neighbours would receive a letter offering a meeting to discuss any issues and a wider consultation would be held with residents from both parishes. In the meantime Ewhurst Parish Council Clerk had the contact details for Naomi Crassweller if anyone wanted to comment on the proposals as presented.

The site proposers and residents were thanked for their attendance and residents of Rudgwick were reminded that the site was to be presented at the Rudgwick Parish Council meeting on 9th April should they have further questions to ask.

047(2018) APPENDIX 1- THE PLANNING COMMITTEE. The observations were noted by the Parish Councillors with no comment.

048 (2018) APPENDIX 2 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS for February 2018. No comments.

049 (2018) REPORTS – Richard Cleaves – Finance and Extra Maintenance. No report.

Julie Francis - Ground Maintenance. Cllr Francis had asked that paving slabs be positioned at the entrances to the playground at the recreation ground and also in front of the dog bag bins. Cllrs agreed that the placing of slabs at the gate entrances to the playground may help with the muddy entrances but did not think it was necessary at the dog bins. The Clerk was to organise this. **ACTION Clerk**
Val Dixon Henry – Planning.

Outline planning for 49 houses at Land at Firethorn Farm had been refused at Joint Committee and the appeal withdrawn for 59 houses on this site. Planning applications on land south of Cranleigh Road and Chanrossa were still awaiting decisions.

Elaine Benson – Community. The speakers were confirmed for the Annual Parish Meeting: LEAP; Cllr Fawcett on traffic calming matters and the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan would update residents on the Neighbourhood Plan. Notices were to be put in the E Bulletin and the clerk was to write to organisations inviting their members. **ACTION MT/Clerk**

Carnival Committee. The Committee would be applying for a grant from the Parish Council 18-19 grant fund for £100 raffle prize. It was to be noted that Ellens Green had a Carnival on the same day and in the future it would be a good idea if organisers communicated to coordinate the events for different weekends. The Defibrillator installation at the Bulls Head was awaiting electrician availability.

Ian Davis - Community Liaison. There was to be a football club liaison meeting on Monday 26th March. Cllr Fawcett asked that attention be drawn to the clubs that the EYSC doors were left unlocked apart from the barn doors at one instance recently.

Mike Turner – Website- The Clerk and website designer were progressing the new village website and early stages of this would be available to view shortly.

Communications – Box broadband was progressing through the village and was already along Breache Road and the bottom of Plough Lane. The future plan was to progress up to Pitch hill.

Highways- Cllr White had attended on Cllr Turner's behalf a meeting when SCC Highways matters had been discussed but nothing appeared to be relevant to Ewhurst.

Tom Fawcett – Parish Buildings. A query as to whether it was time to replace the village hall boiler was to be put to the plumber who recently repaired the boiler. **ACTION MW**

050 (2018) PARISH CLERK REPORT. Update Hall fire safety. The actions required as per the fire risk assessments agreed by the SCC fire safety officer and the Parish Council had been put in place over the last month.

- 051 (2018) NOMINATIONS FOR CO OPTION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARISH COUNCIL. No nominations have been received.
- 052(2018) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Update. The site assessments had been carried out by the consultants and these were to be presented to the Steering Group and the Parish Council before a consultation on the sites was held with residents around mid April.
- 053 (2018) BOWLS CLUB LEASE RENEWAL AND RENT REVIEW- The Bowls Club Trustees have requested a meeting with Councillors to discuss some issues they have with the new lease. Dates and times offered and Councillors attending to be decided.
Cllr White was to ask the Trustees the nature of their issues in order that Councillors with the correct attributes could attend the meeting.
- 054 (2018) GLEBE CENTRE – Update. The Glebe Centre was to be closed from 29th March to 30th April for refurbishment and replacement venues in Ewhurst had been found for the organisations that use the Centre. The Parish Council would take on the lease on 1st May and it was likely that a committee to run the establishment was to be formed. The Village Hall and EYSC caretaker was to arrange bookings.
- 055 (2018) GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – Update with regard to Parish Council compliance. The Clerk discussed measures with regard to compliance with GDPR and that there was no fixed formula for what should be altered to achieve compliance. The Clerk felt that there was an area of weakness for compliance within the Council with regard to the use of personal emails and in confidential document exchange. The clerk and the website designer had come up with a solution which would be contained within the website as a secure section for councillor login to the new website where they would access their Parish Council emails and via Sharepoint be able to view and update documents not yet in the public domain.
- 056(2018) APPENDIX 3 ENERGY EFFICIENCY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FRO COMMUNITY BUILDINGS. The Parish Council to discuss the responsibilities for energy efficiency and the upgrading of efficiency requirements for 2023 and the plan financially for any energy efficiency investment. The Parish Council RESOLVED to adopt the recommendations to renew the tungsten lamps in the Village Hall and make provision in the Earmarked reserves for future energy efficient improvements to the Community buildings.
- 056 (2017) PARISH BUSINESS; - Items for general discussion. Allotment bonfire days- general idea. The Councillors were against the idea of bonfire days as they felt: bonfires were antisocial; would create a culture for bonfire with in the village; and likely to be unpopular with the residents.
- 057 (2017) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING of the Parish Council, 16th April 2018
No matters mentioned.