



EWHURST 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 MONDAY 19th March 2019 at the EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Mike Turner (chair), Elaine Benson, Mike Benoy, Val Henry,
Mike White.

5 members of the public

In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

036 (2019) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Parish Councillors Ian Davis, Julie Francis and Tom Fawcett

037 (2019) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest I agenda item 043 (2019) Bowls Club.

038 (2019) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on 18th February 2019. Members resolved to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting and they were signed by the chairman.

039(2019) **ADJOURNMENT:**

1. *Road between Ewhurst Green and Somersbury Lane:* the work is scheduled to be carried out in the coming financial year. Cllr Henry recommended using the pothole reporting complaints line at SCC.
2. *Neighbourhood Plan:* the development at Firethorn Farm, approved on appeal, makes the total of new houses for Ewhurst of 115 against the agreed allocation for the parish of 100. This suggests there is now no need for a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Benoy pointed out that the Local Plan runs to 2032, and the Parish Council should still invest in how the village will look at that stage, and therefore still needs a Neighbourhood Plan. In addition, it is not just about the number of additional dwellings, it also protects the school, and the environment, amongst other considerations.

040(2019) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** members noted the observations recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March. With regard to the application concerning Maybanks, Rights of Way at SCC had been asked to ensure that the correct signage is in place.

025 (2019) **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS** for February and monthly budget against expenditure statement. Members resolved to note and agree the financial reports. Cllr Benson asked for a comparison with expenditure at the same date in 2018.

026 (2019) **REPORTS:**

Julie Francis - Ground Maintenance: No report had been received

Val Dixon Henry – Planning: the Committee had requested that the application for another nine houses at Backward Point be considered by the full planning committee at WBC, as well as the application for a barn at Yard Farm.

Elaine Benson – Community:

1. Cllr Benson reported that the electricity supply to the defibrillator cabinet at Hazelbank Stores had failed, but the defibrillator had not been compromised, as the outside temperature was adequate. The electrician had been notified and the cabinet repaired. Both the Bulls Head and Hazelbank stores have Cllr Benson's contact details, it was agreed to give them the Clerk and Assistant Clerk's contact details as well.
2. Annual Parish Meeting: the speakers had been confirmed: the Chief Executive at Waverley CAB and a representative from Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Drinks and nibbles are arranged. The event

will be advertised on the website and on posters and there will be a voluntary collection for the Air Ambulance

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

1. The website continued to be populated.
2. Communications: BOX Broadband have managed to cross the Green and get up to the Street. They will access the EYSC via the Bowls Club and then on to the village hall and the other end of the village.
3. Highways: discussions had taken place, but there will be no progress as there is no money for the remainder of the financial year.

Tom Fawcett – Highways:

Cllr Fawcett had reported that the new VAS was due to arrive in the next six weeks.

Mike Benoy – Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Benoy reported that the Steering group were due to meet shortly to finalise the draft NP, to come to the Parish Council for review.

Mike White – Community Buildings:

Glebe: a new sign had been put in place, the emergency lights repaired and the post box replaced.

Village hall: a cupboard had been enlarged to improve storage and the floodlighting had been repaired.

EYSC: the window on the top floor had been repaired.

The football club wish to install nets behind the goal.

Cllr *Davies*: no report had been received.

043 (2019) **BOWLS CLUB**

The Clerk reported that she had, the previous day, received a draft lease from the solicitor, which now incorporated a clause that the insurance would be paid by the Parish Council and reclaimed from the Club. She would now pursue this to a conclusion with the assistance of Cllr Francis.

044 (2019) **MEMORIAL FOR RICHARD CLEAVES**

Plaque on EYSC: Cranleigh Funerals had kindly offered to donate the plaque, and Cllr Turner would ask Mrs Cleaves to decide on the wording. The plaque would be placed on the inside of the building.

Sign on cycleway: Cllr Turner is meeting with Alan Young shortly and will ask his views on where this should go. Cllr Benson asked that it be separate from the existing sign.

045 (2019) **REFURBISHMENT OF ALLOMENT ROAD**

A quote for repair had been received, at a cost of £1,900. Cllr Henry undertook to take up the responsibility of payment with Veolia. Cllr White will look at the specification.

046 (2019) **CHURCH RAILINGS**

Cllr White was of the view that, as they are steel, it would not be difficult to weld them. He had drawn a replica of the uprights which could be reproduced. He will obtain a quotation for repair or replacement and compare the costs.

Deferred to April meeting for Cllrs Henry and White to discuss in more detail.

The footpath by the school has been referred to SCC Rights of Way and they have undertaken to make it safer.

Pavement at bend at Glebe centre: Thames Water lorries had driven over it and caused the damage. It was understood that they and SCC Highways had inspected the damage. Cllr Henry will ask WBC to take a look and report back.

047 (2019) **NEW CLERK RECRUITMENT**

After discussion, members **resolved** the following:

1. As there had been no suitable applicants for the position of Clerk, the advertisement will be withdrawn.
2. Mrs Cadman will be retained on contract for a period of one year, from 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, for 20 hours a week at £20 per hour. More hours would be paid for if required.
3. The position of Clerk will be re-advertised from January 2020, with the view of filling the post from the 1st April 2020.

Proposed by Cllr White, **seconded** by Cllr Benson, all in favour.

048(2019) **TREE SURVEY.**

The Clerk advised that she had not been able to locate an up to date tree survey for the trees on grounds owned by the Parish Council. Members **agreed** that Ben Nicholson's firm should be asked to undertake a full survey of all areas and their quotation of £750 to survey the trees on the recreation ground was accepted. **Proposed** by Cllr Henry, **seconded** by Cllr Turner, all in favour.

The Clerk will establish the current position regarding risk assessments for all areas.

049 (2019) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Cllr Benson confirmed that there would be no report on the Neighbourhood Plan, as the Council would be in Purdah at the time of the APM.

050 (2019) **PARISH BUSINESS**

- a) *Parish bins*: these are all overflowing, as bills from Biffa had not been received. This has now been resolved and, in the meantime, Cllr White is managing the situation.
- b) *Glebe quiz*: Cllr White requested the use of the PA system for the Glebe quiz.
- c) *Village gates*: Cllr Henry was delighted that these had been cleaned.
- d) *Fingerpost at the top of Gadbridge Lane*: this is peeling. Cllr White will take a look.
- e) *Backward point*: the builders vehicles had damaged the pavement, causing a trip hazard. Cllr White will speak to the site manager.

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

No further matters were raised. **Members were asked to note the change of day from the Monday to the following day, Tuesday 16th**

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.