



+ **EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL**
WITH **ELLENS GREEN**

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at

8.00 pm on **Monday 20th September 2021** at **Ewhurst Village Hall**

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the Chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, J Lilley, L Tingley, M White
County Cllr L Townsend
Borough Cllr K Deanus
1 member of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 139 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from the Chairman, Cllr V Henry. In her absence, the Vice Chairman, Cllr N Clowes, took the chair.
The meeting was advised that Cllr Riley had resigned from the Council. Members recorded thanks to him for his work on both the Neighbourhood Plan and the Parish Council IT and wished him every success in the future.
- 140 (2021) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made
- 141 (2021) **Appendix 1 MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19th JULY 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after it was noted that Cllr Clowes statement on the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan had not been read out, although it had been received by members.
- 142 (2021) **MATTERS ARISING**
- 131 (2021): *Trees at the allotment:* the Ash trees have been removed.
- 132 (2021): *Carnival:*
- The Parish Council Pimms Tent had made a profit of £198.66.
 - Despite the initial rain, it had been a very good day and very well received by everyone. Thanks were recorded to Harriet and her team, who had worked so hard to make this first community event for two years a great success.
 - Some damage had been done to the football pitches, due to the rain and the footfall. Work was ongoing to remedy this.
- 133 (2021): *Village Gateways:* our handyman is working his way through cleaning and painting the gates and has been asked to clean all village signs when possible, including those in Ellens Green.
- 135 (2021): electronic displays at bus stops. The Clerk has written to Arriva but has not heard.
- 136 (2021)ii: *Woodland Trust:* the trees will be delivered in late October/early November and arrangements will be made between the school, LEAP and other volunteers to plant them.
- 137 (2021)c: *work at the top of the cemetery:*
- members agreed that the boundary between the cemetery and Mount close, at the top of the cemetery, is in need of work to improve the aspect. The Clerk will seek quotes to cut the area back to the boundary and advice on remedial work.
 - A meeting will be held with our grass contractor shortly.
 - The Oak tree in the boundary has been pollarded.

137 (2021)d: *cars in the village hall car park*: these have been reported. A horse box has been abandoned in Plough Lane and the Clerk has reported it to DVLA as although it is taxed, it has had no MOT since 2016.

137 (2021)g: *electrics at the EYSC*: Deferred.

147 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
County Cllr L Townsend:

- a) *Ditch by Bulls Head*: this is now on the ditching list. The work on clearing it will be complex.
- b) *Parking of contractors for Chanrossa site*: Cllr Townsend had received complaints about parking on Plough Lane. It was noted that this had greatly reduced, WBC Enforcement are monitoring the situation.
- c) *Asbestos pipes*:
- d) *Traffic Calming/Environmental Project*: Cllr Townsend will press SCC Highways for the promised meeting to assess priorities from the proposals. It had been acknowledged that some of the ideas in the proposals were not feasible and the committee had decided on three priority areas. There was some funding, in the region of £36,000, for elements of this project.
- e) *State of pavements and drains from Ewhurst to Cranleigh*: Cllr White had written in this respect. Cllr Townsend advised him to use the SCC database to log problems. It was hoped that street cleaning would improve with new equipment.

Neighbourhood Plan: A resident asked for clarification of the current status. Cllr Clowes confirmed that all responses were to be addressed and taken into account.

Borough Cllr K Deanus:

Windacre application: Cllr Deanus stated that the developers were likely to go to appeal if the application was turned down.

148 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cllr Clowes:

- a) Cllr Clowes read the statement written for the July meeting and this will be attached to the minutes.
- b) Cllr Clowes read an updating statement and this will be attached to the minutes.
- c) *Affordable Housing*: Cllr Clowes clarified the difference between housing made affordable by developers by reason of its size, and that imposed on them by planning law.
- d) *Sayers Croft*: it was noted that Sayers Croft is in two distinct parts, the outdoor learning centre and the environmental trust.

149 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

- a) Minutes of planning meeting held 19th July and 16th August: noted.
- b) Planning update on meeting held 20th September 7pm: members had agreed to object to the planning application for 37 houses on land at Windacre Farm.
- c) Barn at Yard Farm had been refused permission at WBC Planning Committee. The Chairman and the Clerk had both spoken against it at the meeting.

150 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) Receipts and Payments July and August 2021: expenditure of £34,001.60 for the period was noted and agreed.
- b) Cost centre report to end August: noted and agreed.
- c) Bank reconciliation to end August, current and savings account: noted and agreed. The Clerk advised that the second payment of the precept is due this month.
- d) Members received and approved the external auditors report at the conclusion of the audit for 2020/21. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour.

151 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE:**

- a) Drying the facility following the flood has taken longer than expected but it is hoped that work will start shortly.
- b) A new electricity meter has been fitted.
- c) Kitchen: Cllr White had obtained quotations for a new kitchen with drawers rather than cupboards, which

would be safer for elderly users and would hold more capacity. It seemed this alternative would cost little more than that identified by the contractors. The Clerk will discuss with the contractors and will also seek funding, if necessary from the WBC Covid Recovery Fund.

- d) **Central Heating:** Cllr White was of the view that the centre should be centrally heated, as being a more efficient and cost effective way of heating the premises. He stated that gas central heating could be installed for around £3,000. The Clerk advised that she had obtained funding from WBC's Covid Recovery Fund for just under £1,000 for wall mounted convector heaters. It was agreed to ask WBC if they would fund central heating instead.

152 (2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT**

- a) *Planters outside the village hall:* 3 of these are now planted up, by the Clerk and a member of the Horticultural Society, and it was agreed that they looked good. The fourth planter will be dealt with once it has been moved forward slightly.
- b) *Parish Consultation:* Members agreed that the consultation should take the form of an open morning or evening in the village hall, with illustrated proposals displayed around the hall and post-it notes for residents to make their comments. Rob Fairbanks, Director of the Surrey Hills, and Coln Davis, consultant, will be asked to attend. This meeting will probably take place in late November, but will depend on the result of discussions with SCC on the feasibility of priorities.

153 (2021) **WEBSITE:**

The webmaster had reported as follows:

- a) Email is up and running. The Clerk is using hers. Other members are still to be connected.
- b) The website will be created shortly and will be ready for checking before the end of the month.

154 (2021) **GATE AT BOWLS CLUB**

The gate has not been closed for some years and both gate posts need to be replaced. Members discussed whether to replace the posts at a cost of £350.00 or to remove the gate completely. It was agreed to replace the posts, proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.

155 (2021) **VAS**

A volunteer is sought to take over the operation of the VAS. The Clerk had put Cllr White in touch with the ex-councillor who still looked after it, so that they could discuss the workload.

156 (2021) **PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Members agreed to investigate the idea of a street party in Ewhurst, possibly on the recreation ground, partnered with a street party in Ellens Green, during the 4 day bank holiday in June 2022. Residents will be asked for their views and their involvement. The Parish Council will lead and underwrite some of the costs.

157 (2021) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

- a) *Christmas Fair:* The group who organised the Street Christmas Fair last year would like to organise a similar event this year, to be held on the 13th November, raising funds for the Infant School. The Parish Council were very pleased to give this their permission and support.
- b) *Playground:* a child had fallen out of a toddler swing the previous week onto its head. It was not hurt but its mother was concerned at the safety of the swing. As the annual playground inspection had just been completed, the Clerk asked for advice from the Inspector, who confirmed that the cradle swings were in good condition and fully compliant with Health and Safety regulations and therefore they would not recommend any signage or taking any further action.

158 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *August Planning:* Glenacre: Cllr Bloomfield had requested that proof is supplied that the trees that they wished to remove were responsible for the subsidence.
- b) *Burial Ground:* Cllr Bloomfield had removed brambles that were growing over the lych gate. The Clerk will speak to the contractor.
- c) *Village notice board:* needs updating. Cllr Bloomfield will take responsibility.
- d) *Heritage Event at Church:* this had been a very welcoming event, with very interesting talks by Janet Balchin of the History Society. Cllr Bloomfield was of the view that it would be helpful if newcomers to

the village understood something of its history and members discussed welcome packs. Cllr Tingley mentioned that the church used to give out welcome packs before the pandemic and it was agreed to firstly see what is currently being done by the church.

- e) *Footpath at Cherry Tree Lane*: this is the main footpath that people use to access the recreation ground. It is currently closed, for apparently no reason. Cllr Townsend undertook to request the closure order.
- f) *Footpath sign at the green, Ellens Green*: this had broken. Cllr Lilley has reported it to SCC.
- g) *Green opposite Bulls Head*: Cllr Tingley was concerned that people would park on this when the Bulls Head reopens. It was agreed to wait to see if this happened, and make a decision of a remedy at that time.
- h) *Weinerberger factory*: Cllr Clowes reported a very interesting visit to the factory over the Heritage Weekend. **Agenda item**: October meeting.

159 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 18th October 2021 at the EYSC**

The meeting closed at 22.00.