



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 21st January 2019 at the EYSC

Attendance: Parish Councillors: Mike Turner (chair), Elaine Benson, Mike Benoy, Tom Fawcett, Val Henry, Mike White.
11 members of the public
In attendance: The Locum Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

001 (2019) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Parish Councillors Ian Davis, Julie Francis.

002 (2019) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest I agenda item 011 (2019) Bowls Club.

003 (2019) **LOCUM CLERK CONTRACT:** The contract for the engagement of the Locum Clerk, Joanna Cadman, was approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

004 (2019) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21st November 2018:** members RESOLVED to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments:
178 (2018) Planning Committee: the observations were noted.
180 (2018) Highways: the steps referred to are not to the church, but are steps from the road to the foot-path between the village hall and the school.
182 (2018) memorial and funding for interment: the memorial wall is in the Parish churchyard, not in the parish council burial ground.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH December 2018.
Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes, which were signed by the Chairman.

005 (2019) **CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:**

- a) Richard Cleaves: the Chairman recorded with sadness the death of Richard Cleaves. He would leave an enormous hole in a lot of lives, and he personally missed him very much. He had offered condolences to Jane Cleaves from all members. Richard had done so much for the village over the last 25 years, it was unlikely we would see his like again.
- b) Recruitment of Clerk: two applications had been received. It was agreed that neither applicant had sufficient experience for the Council's current needs. SSALC will be asked to re-advertise the position.
- c) Financial Councillor and formation of Finance Committee: Richard Cleaves had served as both vice Chairman and Financial Councillor, and had been financial councillor for the last 20 years, working with the RFO. He had not wanted a finance committee, but it would be right to form one now. Cllr Turner will report further.

006 (2019) **ADJOURNMENT:**

- a) Newsletter: Sue Handley advised that the next village Newsletter will be published in early February.
- b) Lemans Farm Barn: the application for planning permission had been re-submitted, with an ecological report, and details of acoustic installation.

007(2019) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** members noted the observations recorded in the minutes of the meetings held on the 4th January and 8th February.

008 (2019) **PLANNING APPLICATION:**

WA/2018/2133 Lemans Barn Farm: *application under Section 73 to remove Conditions 2 & 3 of PRA/2016/0014 (conditions relating to noise)*

WA/2018/2132 Lemans Barn Farm: *erection of a new dwelling following demolition of existing agricultural buildings (revision of WA/2018/1669)*

CLlr Henry advised that the previous application had been withdrawn due to the lack of an ecological report. There was an existing approval for two buildings to replace the existing buildings, this application is for one dwelling, on the existing footprint. The access will be from Bookhurst Road.

Members noted the application, and recorded no comment.

009 (2019) **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS** for November and December 2019 and third quarterly budget against expenditure statement. Members RESOLVED to note and agree the financial reports.

010 (2019) **REPORTS:**

Julie Francis - Ground Maintenance: No report had been received.

Val Dixon Henry – Planning:

- a) Firethorn Farm: a planning inspector has been appointed to determine the appeal against the refusal of planning permission, with the public enquiry to commence on the 22nd January. The first day is set aside for local residents to speak, commencing at 10am.
- b) Weinerberger: a planning application has been received for a second scrubber unit. Okewood and Walliswood had expressed concern about extra lorry movements and their residents associations had sent views to SCC. CLlr Henry planned to visit the following day.
- c) Pollingfold: a planning application had been submitted for additional caravans, but was on hold at present.

Elaine Benson – Community: the Annual Parish meeting deferred to agenda item 14.

Ian Davis - Community Liaison: No report had been received.

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

- a) Neighbourhood Plan: report under agenda item 11.
- b) Communications: there was no further progress on BOX Broadband. It is available in Ellens Green, and good progress has been made in Walliswood, but, to date, WBC have not yet given permission to bring cables across the Green. CLlr White advised that he had spoken with them recently and had been advised that they would be laying cables past the Bowls Club in approximately 12 weeks' time.
- c) Highways:
 - i) In the last newsletter, residents had been advised that the potholes on the road through the Green would be dealt with, but this had not happened.
 - ii) Flooding at the junction to Ewhurst Green: this had been reported to Thames Water some time ago, but had since worsened. SCC need to deal with a bad mend by the post box.

Tom Fawcett – Highways:

- a) VAS: the new VAS is currently on test with its manufacturer. Once the tests have been completed, it will be purchased to replace the one stolen. It is hoped that this will be resolved soon, as the village has been without a VAS for over a year now.
- b) Path: the footpath opposite the church needs alteration to improve the access to the road. The pavement on the church side of the road is very narrow. CLlr Fawcett is arranging a meeting with SCC Highways.
- c) Parish issues: CLlr Benoy requested that the hedge at the entrance to the village hall car park be cut back, to improve the sight lines. CLlr Fawcett undertook to look at this. CLlr White reported a problem with the sight lines when leaving Broomers Lane, as cars park so close to the entrance. CLlr Fawcett will discuss this with SCC Highways. The Clerk will write to residents.

Mike Benoy – Neighbourhood Plan. CLlr Benoy reported under agenda item 011(2019)

Mike White – Community Buildings: Cllr White had nothing major to report until it was possible to start the repairs and renovations.

011(2019) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** members reviewed the draft Neighbourhood Plan document.

Cllr Turner stated that, as a result of the presentation of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, various comments had been made by members of the public and members of council and it had been agreed that members of the Council would meet with the working group to review the comments. Generally, the Parish Council considered the document to be sound, with the scope and layout being both comprehensive and well presented.

The document produced as a result of the review will go back to the steering group, who will make the necessary alterations to the Neighbourhood Plan.

James Garside, the Neighbourhood Plan expert, intends to check through the wording of the report on site selection.

The Neighbourhood Plan will then be returned to the Parish Council. With their agreement, the process will be started towards Regulation 14.

At present, neither the Neighbourhood Plan nor the HLAA are available on the website. When the Neighbourhood Plan goes to Regulation 14, they will be put on the website so that the public are fully aware.

012 (2019) **BOWLS CLUB LEASE RENEWAL AND RENT REVIEW:**

Information is currently awaited on the insurance situation for the Bowls Club.

013 (2019) **GLEBE CENTRE LEASE.** Members RESOLVED to approve the lease and authorise its signature, with all in favour. Cllrs Turner and Henry signed the document on behalf of the Parish Council, the Locum Clerk witnessed their signatures.

014 (2019) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** members agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 24th April, in the village hall. Further details to be advised in due course.

015 (2019) **PRECEPT-** Members RESOLVED to approve the precept requirement of £91,159, with all in favour.

016(2019) **FOOTBALL CLUB:** Members considered a request to install a 10/15m high net behind the senior goal to prevent the loss of balls into the woodland, and agreed in principle to this proposal, providing that the structure is done sensitively and as inconspicuously as possible, and is able to be moved if necessary. Members requested more information on its location. The Chairman and Clerk will manage the final decision.

017 (2019) **PARISH BUSINESS:**

a) Fees for public buildings: charitable organisations had requested free use of the buildings for their events which, it was understood, had sometimes happened in the past. Cllr Turner stated that he and the Assistant Clerk believed that the income from the buildings should reflect their actual use. Members agreed that all should be charged, with exceptions agreed by all members, and that organisations should ask for a grant from the council to cover their costs.

018 (2019) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING** of the Parish Council, 18th February 2019

a) Allotment road: the road had been damaged by bin lorries and WBC had requested the post-code and details of what was required.

b) Cllr Henry reported that £300 had been raised from carol singing at the Glebe.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.