



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 17th February at the EYSC.**

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs M Benoy, J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Lilley, J Mitchell, X Riley, M White

2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

022 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.:** were received from Cllr I Davis

023 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2020:** members resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

024 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest in the Bowls Club.

025 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:** No matters were raised.

026 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cllr Riley had received the Health Check and Analysis and response to representations from the consultant, SDNPA. On the 11th February Cllr Riley had circulated a plan of action on the NP for the Council to review. In reply Cllr Benoy had, on 13, 14 and 16th of February, submitted comments covering his Next Steps, the SDNPA's review of residents' responses, and finally on the retention of a Foreword to the next draft of the NP. Following some discussion Cllr Mitchell proposed that Cllr Benoy's suggestions be adopted by the Council and this was agreed.

Cllr Riley added the following clarifications:

- where changes need to be made to V5, the reason for these changes must be explained to residents. V6 should include a covering letter, pointing out where changes have been made and why.
- Cllr Riley would approach the Heritage and Environmental working groups, as their work was largely omitted from the Reg 14 draft. In the context of the current plan, which had not allocated housing, these had been the two most important elements and should be included at this stage. However, including this work might involve including policies that will concern WBC, as they would not have been consulted on.
- The alternative would be to proceed to publishing the Plan as quickly as possible, without this addition, and to commit to a review after a year, rather than the usual five. Cllr Riley will make enquiries.
- Cllr Riley had obtained the resources from Mr Hurley to make the proposed changes. He requested members' approval to write up the changes, which would then be presented to Council. He hoped this would be at the April meeting, but stressed that there was a lot of work to do. This was agreed.

Thanks were recorded to Cllr Riley and Cllr Benoy for all their work, both up to now and that committed to.

027 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE** Minutes of the meeting held 20th January were noted and agreed. Cllr Henry gave a brief update on outstanding applications and appeals. No other matters were raised.

028 (2020) **FINANCIAL REPORT: Receipts and payments** to end of January 2020 and expenditure against budget statement had been circulated before the meeting and were noted and accepted by all present.

029 (2020) **REPORTS :**

Planning – Val Henry: nothing further to report

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White: a finance committee meeting will be held in March, before the end of the financial year.

Neighbourhood Plan: Xavier Riley, Michael Benoy: nothing further to report

Glebe Committee – Val Henry and Mike White: A fund raising quiz night will take place shortly. The Glebe committee were applauded for their fund raising efforts, which were very successful.

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley: It is not possible to gain access to the old website, as it is hosted from the Ukraine. The Ewhurst.org domain is due to expire this year, and will be purchased if possible to regain control. Cllrs Riley and Mitchell will investigate any means of diverting people from this site to the current one.

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley:

- i. Appreciation was expressed for the funding gained for the new defibrillator. The Clerk will talk to the Trustees of the Memorial Hall about its positioning and is seeking funding for a cabinet.
- ii. Cllr Clowes reported that a neighbours kitchen had been flooded over the weekend.

Parish Buildings – Mike White.

- a) Cllr White asked for views on installing hand sanitising equipment at each building, in view of the Corona virus. It was agreed that this was not necessary.
- b) the Ewhurst Players had thanked the Parish Council for the extension to the Village Hall, which had been ideal for the children.
- c) Cllr White was in discussion with a company called Re-Energise, with a view to making all premises, and the school, carbon neutral. He was waiting for quotations for heat exchange systems, and advised that it would not be possible to obtain funding from the Borough Council for this work. This will be discussed in more detail once quotations are received.

Environment – James Bloomfield:

- a) LEAP had cleared part of the footpath 432 between Williams Close and Yard Farm at their February working party.
- b) Footpath 362, Rapsley Lane: Cllr Bloomfield was seeking advice regarding the right of way on this footpath.

Waverley Update – Val Henry: a report will be tabled at the March meeting, following the planned meeting with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

Weinerberger Liaison Group: Mike White and Nigel Clowes: Cllr Henry will provide liaison details.

030 (2020) **VILLAGE HALL FRONT WINDOWS:** Cllr White had received two quotations, from P&P Glass and Bramley Windows. Cllr White Proposed, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, that the Bramley Window quotation be accepted.

031 (2020) **TREES**

- a) Tree work at recreation ground. Ben Nicholson had advised that it was preferable to deal with the Ash by mechanical means as, due to its size and the fact that it is multi-stemmed, it will take 2.5 days for a gang to climb and dismantle it manually. The company also recommends mechanical works where possible, due to current safety guidance on felling Ash trees, which specify that the tree should be removed by mechanical means rather than climbing, where possible. The Company have agreed a reduction in price of circa £300 if all trees due for work on the recreation ground are dealt with at the same time, in the better weather.
- b) **Arboricultural report:** car park and burial ground: Members agreed that a quotation should be sought from our preferred contractor for three of the trees with a three month priority, T1, T9 and G1. further investigation would be done regarding T2, as this only shows symptoms of Ash dieback.
- c) **Arboricultural report:** allotments and playing field: The preferred contractor had submitted a quotation of £750. This was agreed by all present.

- 032 (2020) **EWHURST GREEN POND:** Cllr Bloomfield had nothing to report at this stage, as it had not been possible to meet with the Countryside Ranger. This item will be removed from the agenda until further information is available.
- 033 (2020) **ELLENS GREEN MEMORIAL HALL PLAYGROUND:** a grant has been committed from the SCC member's fund for a defibrillator. Funding will be sought for a cabinet and installation. (See also minute no 029 (2020)).
- 034 (2020) **JUNCTION OF GREEN AND STREET:** The Clerk reported on the site meeting and proposed action: she advised that it was not possible to erect a Stop sign at this junction as they could only be used where there was visibility of less than 100 yards in each direction at the junction itself. The different colouring in road surfacing would not be restored, as it delaminated too quickly and was not effective in traffic calming. A possible measure would be to build out the pavement on the right side of the junction when approaching from the Green, but this would require funding. The Parish Council will arrange for the foliage to be cut back to aid sightlines, and for the signs to be cleaned.
- Members were unhappy with this outcome and asked that SCC Highways put their recommendations in writing, so that these could be taken to our MP with a request for help. Cllr Benoy suggested that this matter be referred to the NP committee, for attention from a potential highways and traffic working group.
- 035 (2020) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** The Clerk reported the arrangements to date:
- Speakers: The Chairman, with a brief report on Parish Council activities over the past year. The Clerk had arranged a talk on Climate change: Guildford Environmental Forum. There will be an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to ask Surrey Police, to talk about personal safety and fraud, and to ask our new MP, who lives in our Parish.
 - The meeting banner will be displayed as usual on the corner of the Cranleigh Road/Ewhurst Green junction.
 - the Clerk will organise refreshments.
- 036 (2020) **STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** members reviewed the biographies of those putting themselves forward as Town and Parish representatives on the Standard Committee and agreed to vote for Tom Hughes, Bramley Parish Councillor, and Rowena Tyler, Cranleigh Parish Councillor.
- 037 (2020) **HIGHWAY TREE PLANTING AND VERGE ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES:** members discussed this initiative and agreed it to be a positive idea.
- Initially Cllr Bloomfield will talk to Mr and Mrs Yates, who had been instrumental in keeping the verge near their house uncut to allow the wildflowers to grow, as it was agreed that the verge enhancement scheme was the most important part of the document as far as this parish is concerned.
- 038 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS**
- a) *Ellens Green:* one 30mph roundel needed to be straightened.
 - b) *Bin collection:* members agreed that the standard and efficiency of the bin collection had deteriorated since the contractors had changed. Bins were either completely missed, particularly food waste bins, or they were treated very carelessly, being thrown back on the verges.
 - c) *Cemetery:* a tree has fallen from either the Rectory or the Old Rectory grounds and a branch was resting on the cemetery shed.
 - d) *Cemetery:* the tree report had highlighted earth and vegetation around the conifers, which would ultimately cause them to rot. It was agreed to create bays for this debris.
- 039 (2020) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: 16th March 2020, 8pm, EYSC**
- a) Bowls Club Door
 - b) final arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting
 - c) Tree survey for allotments and playing field
 - d) verge enhancement scheme.
 - e) Leap – wildflower planting

the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

