



EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL

WITH ELLENS GREEN

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Minutes of a REMOTE MEETING of the Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 18th May 2020.**

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, J Mitchell, X Riley, M White
One member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

072 (2020) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllrs I Davis, V Henry and J Lilley.

073 (2020) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th APRIL 2020:** Members *resolved* to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting, once the spelling of Cllr Bloomfield's name had been amended. Proposed by Cllr White, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour..

074 (2020) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** Cllr White declared a personal interest in the Bowls Club.

075 (2020) **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC:** The Clerk reported that all Council premises remain closed, excepting the Hall, which is used by Rainbows End twice a week to provide pre-school care for the children of key workers. The premises are cleaned bi-weekly and the water and fire alarms checked weekly. The tennis courts are now open, with social distancing regulations in place, but the playground remains closed.
The Clerk continues to receive requests for help and enquiries from volunteers. Requests for help have, at this stage, been relatively few and are mostly managed by Ewcare, the majority being help with shopping and collecting prescriptions. The Parish Council and the Henry Smith Charity had worked together to provide financial support for three residents in total at this stage.

076 (2020) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
No matters were raised.

077 (2020) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** Cllr Riley continues to work on the Regulation 14 responses. To resolve the map issue outlined last month, the Parish Council had purchased Parish Online, but Cllr Riley had also asked WBC NP Liaison for their help. The money agreed for additional consultant time was not needed at present. Cllr Riley acknowledged that assistance would be very helpful, but it would be difficult to train someone to do what he is currently doing and he hopes to be able to involve others after this is completed. Cllr Riley and Cllr Bloomfield will discuss the next stage and how they can work together.

078 (2020) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Responses to Planning Applications since last meeting: All applications were discussed and responses agreed as follows:

WA/2020/0453 Longmeadow Barn, 25 Hermongers Lane

Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for rear porch ground floor extension with roof light and alterations to existing single dwelling

Although the Parish Council cannot formally comment, WBC have been alerted to the following concerns:

- these extensions bring the total extensions very close to the permitted 40%
- the design is poor
- it is not clear what has happened to the donor building (in comments in respect of WA/2019/1030 which was withdrawn)
- the reason for a 'dummy door' is not clear
- the status of the mobile home is not clear

WA/2020/0507 Inchdrewer, 3 Williams Place

Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of extensions including dormer windows

No objection

WA/2929/0518 Farmers Cottage, Shere Road

Erection of extension following demolition of existing extension

No objection

WA/2020/0511 Rosewood, Gransden Close

Erection of extension following demolition of existing

no objection

Hoyle Cottage, The Street

Ewhurst Conservation area works to trees

No objection, noting the safety aspect of this work

WA/2020/0581 Marylands Pitch Hill

Erection of new entrance gates

No objection

Request that, if reclaimed bricks are not used, then consideration be given to sandstone being used in the pillars' construction, either completely or as a dressing to hide the brickwork.

WA/2020/0396 Marylands Pitch Hill

Erection of outbuilding following demolition of existing

Design statement now received, the lack of which we had raised in our previous response. Our previous comments apply: *Ewhurst Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:*

- *There is very little information with this application, making it very hard to take a reasoned view on its merits or otherwise.*
- *We would also expect a biodiversity report by an independent biodiversity consultant, given the age and situation of the building to be demolished. There should, at the minimum, have been an appropriately timed bat survey.*

We also note that there have been a considerable number of applications for this property.

If it is decided to approve this application, we would ask for a condition to ensure that the building cannot be used as a separate dwelling.

Wa/2020/0599 Hurtwood House School Radnor Road

installation of a sewage treatment plant and associated worked and decommissioning of the existing sewage treatment plant and reinstatement as car parking

Happy to support

WA/2020/0607 Land at Gadbridge Lane

Erection of a dwelling and associated vehicular access

Object. (four in favour of objecting, one abstention)

We are concerned that the placing of the building on one side of the plot leaves the land open for future development.

We would refer you to the fact that this site is located in open Countryside beyond the Green Belt and outside of the defined settlement of Ewhurst. There was an Appeal on this site in 1990 (and again for 20 units in 2016/17) where the Inspector's view was that this land was part of the open Countryside surrounding Ewhurst. He found that; 'There is a substantial difference between the east side of Gadbridge Lane, which is residential in character, and the west side where the character is predominantly rural.' He dismissed that appeal because of the impact upon the character of the Countryside. Policy has altered since 1990 but the NPPF and the Waverley Local Plan still support these principles. That judgement, having been made by a higher authority, in 1990 has not changed.

If the building was centred on the plot, my Council would have no objection.

WA/2020/0638 Lower Orchard House, Coneyhurst Lane

Erection of detached stable building

No objection

WA/2020/06750 Rumbeams Barn, Rumbeams Farm

Erection of single storey link extension

Concerns:

1. Existing floor plans submitted with this application do not match those submitted in 2017. In particular, a large extension on the east side of the barn is shown as existing.
2. no mention is made of materials, other than that they will be sympathetic.
3. This is a heritage building and has special status interest. The roof tiles were removed last October, most of the wall cladding and some of the frame has been removed, the building is vulnerable.

WA/2020/0697 Maple Stud Equestrian Centre

Change of use and alterations including part demolition of existing storage building to provide a dwelling; change of use and alterations of part of another building to provide additional residential floor space to an existing dwelling; use of land to provide private amenity areas to new and existing dwellings, car parking, landscaping and erection of boundary wall (revision of WA/2019/1538)

No comment.

079(2020)

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Receipts and payments to end of April 2020: noted and approved.

expenditure against budget statement to end of financial year. Noted and approved. The Clerk advised that Annual Return would now go forward to Internal Audit, and the report from the internal auditor would come to the June meeting for approval before all documentation is sent to the external auditor and the public right to examine the Parish Council's finances is advertised.

Reserves: members approved the recommended reserves as at 31/3/2020, as follows:

Balance at bank: £58,866.

Brought forward reserves: £24,135, made up of: village hall roof: £4,600, rec car park posts: £600, building refurbishment fund (previously capital building fund): £18,935.

Football pitch maintenance £18,638 (£106 paid to Council 2018)

Bowls Club maintenance: £4,755

Infant school grant (not paid 2019) £3,000

Members approved the recommendation by the Finance Committee to remove village hall roof and rec car park posts from reserves.

Unallocated reserves: £13538.

Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.

080 (2020)

REPORTS :

Planning – Val Henry: No report had been received.

Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White: Nothing further to add to minute no 079(2020) above.

Neighbourhood Plan: Xavier Riley: nothing further to add to minute no 077 (2020) above

Glebe Committee – Val Henry and Mike White no meetings had taken place.

Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley: nothing to report

Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley: Potholes and broken surface issues on the roads in Ellens Green were being addressed with SCC Highways.

Parish Buildings – Mike White. All buildings are closed at present, with the exception of the occasional use of the hall, so no repairs or refurbishment are taking place.

Environment – James Bloomfield.

Fly tipping

Incident of fly tipping on roadside verge of Somersbury Lane. Reported to Waverley B.C. (Ref: FS 205575877) on 10.5.20 and was quickly removed by them.

Rights of way

Footpath 436 footpath leading from Cranleigh Road to Recreation Ground. I was asked to inspect this, following concerns about the positioning of new fencing that was being erected. Subsequent inspections have shown that

a new set of fencing (running parallel to the first set of new fencing) appears to be in the process of being erected therefore creating a gap wide enough for vehicular access. Currently, the rights of way along this footpath appear not to have been effected.

Bridleway 374 – I noticed on 13th May that a large metal gate had been erected where this bridleway emerges onto Somersbury Lane. I assume this is in response to the regular incidents of fly tipping at this location. Access to and from this bridleway has not been effected.

Trees

Bull's Head Green – I was asked to check the small area bushes/small trees adjacent to the Bull's Head Green for any evidence of nesting bird. One nest was located and I have recommended that work on this area be postponed until later in the year.

Burial Ground - The large dead Beech tree that fell during the winter, whose removal was delayed due to the soft ground conditions, has now been removed.

Sale of Lower Canfold Wood – The signs advertising the sale of this land by auction have now been removed, however it is still being advertised on the agent's web site. I understand that the current owner, who has placed this woodland on the market, purchased it in April 2020.

Waverley Update – Val Henry: no report had been received

Weinerberger Liaison Group: Mike White and Nigel Clowes: no meetings had taken place.

081 (2020) **RECREATION GROUND ACTIVITY**

- a) A proposal for 'pilot bootcamp, to take place once social distancing regulations have been relaxed, had been received by the Parish Council. Members agreed, subject to a trial of 8 weeks, consideration to be given to parking so that it does not impact on others users, references to be taken up, and sight of the users public liability insurance. The boot camp would also be restricted to adults only. Cllr Mitchell will draft a response.

- b) damage to Anouk's bench: The Clerk advised that two families had picnicked on the recreation ground, using the bench as a base for their disposable barbecue and then disposing of the barbecue, while still burning, in the nearby bin. This had all been observed on the CCTV, the number plates of the cars had been recorded and the police advised as well as our insurers. Members deplored this damage and noted that barbecues are banned on the recreation ground.

082 (2020) **REPLACEMENT FINGER POST SIGN**

Cllr Bloomfield tabled a proposal to replace the finger post sign on the corner of Peaslake Road, which is in a bad state of repair, as it is a heritage sign and he was anxious that it should not be replaced by a generic wooden sign. As the quotation received was expensive, Cllr Bloomfield will look into funding options. Deferred to June meeting.

083 (2020) **VEGETATION ON VILLAGE GREEN**

WBC had agreed that the Parish Council could remove the unsightly vegetation on Bulls Head Green. The village handyman had estimated the work at two days for two men, as a large amount of vegetation would have to be cut down and removed from site, and the area made good, at a cost of £750. Cllr White Proposed that this quotation be accepted, with the work to start at the beginning of September, once the nesting season is over. Seconded by Cllr Riley, all in favour.

084 (2020) **PARISH BUSINESS:** cemetery work party: LEAP had met at the beginning of May and cleared some of the overgrown graves in the cemetery. Thanks were recorded to them for their work and for the visual improvement to the cemetery.

085 (2020) **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 15th June 2020, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.