



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

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Minutes of a **REMOTE MEETING** of the Parish Council held at 8.00 pm on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Present:** Cllr V Henry (in the Chair), Cllrs N Clowes, J Bloomfield, J Lilley, J Mitchell, X Riley, M White  
County Cllr A Povey  
2 members of the public  
**In attendance** The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

017 (2021) **WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed all present.

018 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All members were present.

019 (2021) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY:**  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes as an accurate account of the meetings. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.

020 (2021) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None were made.

021 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern  
Cllr Povey advised as follows:  
a) The County Council has put through its budget for the coming financial year and set the Council tax. The government set a maximum increase in the budget of 2%, plus 3% for adult social care, making a total possible increase of 5%; the Council had decided on an increase of 2% plus 0.5% for adult social care, a total increase of 2.5%.  
b) Capital budget: as interest rates are so low, the Council is investing capital in supported living for adults with learning disabilities, schooling for children with special needs, highways work and climate change projects.

A member of the public asked for reassurance that the public would be involved in the discussions and decisions regarding traffic calming. The Chairman confirmed that residents would be involved at every stage.

022 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** Minutes of meeting with consultants had been circulated.  
Cllr Clowes reported as follows:  
The intention is to simplify the plan, with a number of sections either deleted or moved to other areas. Navigus are currently populating the template for the revised plan, and thanks were recorded to Cllr Riley, whose work had provided the template.  
Green space: a lot of work had been done by the environmental group, and it is intended to include this work in the new draft.  
Housing allocation is no longer in the plan, as the parish's quota has been met. But it is important to bear in mind the possible consequences of a change in housing policy.  
As the draft plan will have been altered, it will be necessary to re-run the Regulation 14 consultation.  
Cllr Clowes hopes that the template will be complete by the next meeting, as he is concerned that the agreed time frame is slipping.  
Cllr Riley advised that the consultant had asked him for clarification regarding the green space identified by the working group, and confirmed that he would respond.  
A meeting of the steering group will be held shortly.

023 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

Decisions on planning applications received since last full Council meeting: the list was noted and agreed.

With regard to NMA/2021/0011 Land at Hurtwood Park Polo Club: it was noted that this is an amendment to an application agreed in 2001. It did not appear that any work had been done to date, and the Clerk will ask WBC for clarification.

Recent applications, to be determined at this meeting: it was agreed to hold a separate meeting, later in the week, to determine these applications.

024 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

*Receipts and payments* to end of January 2021: the expenditure of £3,913.95 for the month of January was noted and approved.

Expenditure against budget statement to end of January 2021: noted and approved.

Request from Ewhurst Infant School Governors for a grant to support Explorers: Cllr Clowes Proposed that a grant of £300 be given to the school for this purpose. Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour. The grant will be taken from the Covid fund.

025 (2021) **REPORTS :**

*Planning – Val Henry:* The Barn at Yard Farm and Lemans Barn Farm have both been called in.

*Finance – James Mitchell and Mike White:* nothing to report.

*Communications and Technology – James Mitchell And Xavier Riley:* Cllr Riley had submitted a 'right to be forgotten' request with respect to the old website, and had received a reply after two months advising that, as the request was in a professional capacity, the right to be forgotten classification did not apply.

Members discussed council email addresses. Cllr Mitchell had been concerned about the cost, Cllr Riley believed that the best option was to proceed with the available system until a better option was identified.

Box Broadband: Cllr Mitchell reported that the company hoped to have the council buildings connected before the end of March. Service will be available to the Bowls Club when it is required.

*Ellens Green – Nigel Clowes, Julia Lilley:*

- a) There is a lot of surface water on the roads.
- b) There is no gritting box in Ellens Green. Cllr Henry undertook to talk to the Environmental Team at WBC.

*Parish Buildings – Mike White:* Cllr White reported problems with the heating in the hall, and a faulty heater in the Glebe. He and the Clerk were dealing with this. There is heat in both buildings, but it is not well regulated.

*Environment – James Broomfield:*

- a) There had been an incident of fly tipping in Somersbury Lane.
- b) Cllr White reported the fly tipping at the village hall, where the recycling bin had been filled with household refuse, including letters which pointed to a house in Cranleigh. The Clerk will write, but the occupiers are unidentified.

*Waverley Update – Val Henry:* Cllr Henry reported that it is quiet at Waverley at present.

*Clerk – parish update:*

- a) *Glebe Pavement:* the Clerk has reported the badly eroded pavement to SCC Highways, who have undertaken a site visit and committed to a repair within 7 days.
- b) *Path to the Green:* the path is covered with mud from Larkfield down to the Green, and is receiving run off from the common land between the Chanrossa site and the path. The Clerk had met with the handyman, who proposed to scrape it clean, and to divert the run off to the road via a pipe under the path. The Clerk and Cllr White will meet to view this proposal, and it was agreed that the appropriate work should be undertaken by the handyman once this is identified. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.

- c) *Covid Act 2020*: the Clerk advised that the Regulations covering Parish Council meetings come to an end on the 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021. From that day on, it will not be possible to make legal decisions by remote meetings, and if it is not possible to legally meet in public, it will not be possible to conduct parish council business. Members agreed the following recommendations:
- i. That the Annual Meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May to conduct statutory business.
  - ii. That, at that meeting, authority is delegated to the Planning Committee and to the Finance representatives to make decisions on behalf of the Council with regard to planning and to expenditure. No new contracts will be entered into, but this will enable the paying of contractors and staff, and any emergency expenditure.

026 (2021) **BULLS HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE**

Cllr Henry reported that the Bulls Head had been purchased by a local couple and was saved as a public house for Ewhurst. The steering group and the parish council had been invited to a tour of the property, to view the plans for renovation, which were impressive. The new owners hoped to be able to open the Bulls Head to the public by the end of the summer.

027 (2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING/GREENING THE PARISH:** minutes of January meeting had been circulated.

Members approved the proposals in the confidential document and the next steps in principle, but agreed that the detail should be discussed at a further meeting, arranged for the following Thursday.

028 (2021) **WATER POLLUTION COBBLERS BROOK**

Cllr Henry reported that the source of the problem had been identified and a notice had been served on the landowner to resolve this. Residents now had clear water in their service drains, but there was an ongoing problem with the culvert in the Avenue.

Residents in Ockley road had restricted the flow of the culvert by piping it through their properties, making it harder to clear.

Maintenance of the culvert is the responsibility of the landowner adjoining the culvert. Thames Water and the Environment Agency have investigated and have made recommendations to residents.

Members agreed that the Parish Council should write to the landowner at the source of the pollution and urge immediate action to resolve the problem.

The Parish Council will ensure that a complete record is made of the drain system for future reference.

029 (2021) **EWHURST CRICKET CLUB**

Members agreed to support the Cricket Club's initiative to secure the future of the Club. Their plans include placing a new artificial cricket pitch on the edge of the current playing square, for all weather use, which will make it possible to increase the number of Colts they can accommodate and also installing two new mobile cricket nets, which will make it possible to increase the number of players that can be coached at one time. The Club is seeking a grant from WBC's CIL scheme and has requested the Parish Council's support for the grant. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Mitchell, all in favour.

030 (2021) **VILLAGE HALL HEATING:**

Members agreed to approve in principle the quotation of £750 from our preferred contractor to replace the broken thermostats, which will improve the heating efficiency at the hall and reduce costs. Cllr White will seek alternative quotations to establish whether the cost could be reduced. Proposed by Cllr White, Seconded by Cllr Mitchell, all in favour.

031 (2021) **ALLOTMENTS:**

The Clerk had been approached by allotment users, asking for a bonfire site and an occasional skip to remove rubbish from the allotments. Members did not approve a bonfire site but agreed to provide an 8 yard skip at £334 + vat for one time only to clear any backlog of rubbish. Allotment users would be asked to take their rubbish home after this.

032 (2021) **CHAIR OF FRIENDS OF THE HURTWOOD:**

Members noted that a new chairman is sought for this committee.

033 (2021) **BRICK WORKS**

Cllr Clowes had attended the Weinerberger liaison committee meeting of the previous week, the first for more than a year. The major issue of the committee is traffic and traffic violations, and the effect on Okewood Hill residents. The Okewood Hill representatives were concerned that small van traffic will increase now that the new factory has started to make specialised tiles, as they will not observe the carefully constructed one way system that larger vehicles use.

It was noted that the traffic resulting from the brickworks has far less impact on Ewhurst.

Weinerbergers have produced a video, which they had asked to be put on the Ewhurst Parish Council website. This was agreed.

034 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS**

- a) *Re-opening of Horsham to Guildford Railway Line:* Cllr White talked through his proposals. He referred to the new houses at Dunsfold and the increased size of Cranleigh, and the impact on the A281 along its length, but particularly at the Guildford gyratory system. The cost of restoring the railway would be in the order of £100m, and would involve moving the cycle path. Members agreed to support the proposal in principle.

035 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm