



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

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EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL WITH ELLENS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.  
Minutes of an **EXTRAORDINARY REMOTE MEETING** of the Parish Council  
6.00 pm on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**Present:** Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Lilley, X Riley, M White  
I member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

The meeting started with a minute's silence in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh, who had died the previous Friday. The Chairman praised his exemplary service to the Country, the Commonwealth, the Queen and his family.

059 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Mitchell.

060 (2021) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.** None were made.

061 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern  
The member of the public raised three points for the attention of the Steering Committee:

1. They had sent an updated consultation summary table, which she felt more accurately reflected the timeline for the progress of the NP.
2. They asked how soon the Parish Council planned to report back to the community on the responses to the first consultation.
3. The site assessment report had been included in the list of evidence documents at the end of the draft Plan. As there were no sites allocated in this report, and as the previous site assessment was flawed, she questioned the relevance of this report.

062 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

The Chairman advised that, due to the death of the Duke of Edinburgh, the Council had been advised that it would be correct to postpone the launch of the consultation until after the end of the period of public mourning. The consultation period will now begin on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and will still allow for 6 weeks of consultation until the planned end date of the 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Cllr Clowes, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, addressed the points raised during the adjournment, as follows:

1. This was noted and will be re-visited.
2. The responses to the first consultation will be included in the consultation report submitted to WBC, following Regulation 14.
3. It had been understood that this work should be included in the appendix in case it needed to be referred to in the future. The resident was of the view that these sites would be out of date and a new site assessment would be necessary. Cllr Riley advised that a number of responses to the last Regulation 14 consultation had raised issues about the site assessment and, in his view, it would be better removed from the Plan.

Cllr Clowes ran through the updates arising out of the previous meeting, and these were agreed.

Cllr Clowes thanked all those who had contributed to the Neighbourhood Plan over several years and several redrafts. Too numerous to mention individually, they had all worked tirelessly to bring the Parish to this second Regulation 14 consultation.

He wished to further thank all the parishioners who took the time and made the effort to complete the survey in 2019, the results of which had materially influenced the current Plan

This second consultation with the parish of Regulation 14 had been deemed necessary as a result of some of the changes made to reflect the concerns and wishes of parishioners and Cllr Clowes both urged them to comment once again and thanked them in advance for doing so.

This is one more step on the road to adopting a practical and defensible Neighbourhood Plan for the next decade to ensure our parish of Ewhurst & Ellens Green retains the character and rural nature we all desire.

Cllr Clowes Proposed that members approve the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and agree that the Regulation 14 consultation can now proceed, commencing on the 19<sup>th</sup> April and running for 6 weeks, to the 31<sup>st</sup> May. Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour

063 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

The meeting closed at 6.25pm