



+ **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 21st June 2021** in Ewhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllr V Henry (in the Chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, N Clowes, J Lilley, L Tingley, M White
Remote attendance: County Cllr L Townsend, Borough Cllr K Deanus, 2 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

105 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Riley.

106 (2021) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

107 (2021) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5TH MAY 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

108 (2021) **MATTERS ARISING**

068 (052d): Van in car park: the van has been removed

100: food truck: the Clerk advised that the American Barbecue truck was using another car park in the village.

101: cycling events in the Surrey Hills: The Clerk advised that Rob Fairbanks was concerned about the over-use of footpaths and bridleways by inexperienced cyclists and would prefer that events are professionally organised.

This view was supported.

109 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT**

a) *Cllr Townsend:* Cllr Townsend had attended the meeting to listen this evening, and looked forward to the opportunity to discuss some matters shortly. The Chairman welcomed the opportunity to have a discussion on various matters in the parish, in particular the £70,000 pledged by the previous county councillor to the traffic calming/environmental enhancement project in the parish.

The Zoom connection was lost at this point and it was not possible to re-connect.

110 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** members to receive a report

Cllr Clowes reported as follows:

The Regulation 14 consultation ended on the 31st May. There had been 125 resident responses and 6 statutory responses, including WBC, Natural England and Thames Water.

WBC had noted that the Steering Group had taken their comments on the previous draft plan on board and had ensured that they were addressed.

Work is still ongoing on analysing the responses and to identify the most important comments. It had been noted that parishioners were asking for the Plan to be completed as soon as possible, due to concerns about more development.

The Steering Group had been advised not to include Sayers Croft and Heritage Assets, as these had already been awarded special status, but they will be brought into Regulation 15.

Cllr Clowes advised that a full breakdown of responses will be brought to the July meeting.

111 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

a) Minutes of planning meeting held 5th May: were noted.

b) Planning update: Cllr Henry reported on recent planning decisions at WBC.

c) Land at 1 Gadbridge Villas: The application had been refused at WBC. The Chairman and Clerk had both spoken, together with a Ewhurst resident, and had been supported in their objection to this application by both Cllr Townsend and Cllr Deanus.

112 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) *Internal auditors report:* Members were appreciative of the new internal auditor's report, which was much more thorough and allowed them to respond to the Annual Governance Statement with assurance. Adoption of the report was Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, with all in favour.
- b) *Annual Governance Statement:* recommendation: members considered and responded to the statements as set out, in conjunction with the Internal Auditors Report. Acceptance of the Annual Governance Statement was Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Lilley, with all in favour.
- c) *Accounting statements 2020/21:* members approved the accounting statements for the year 2020/21. Proposed by Cllr White, Seconded by Cllr Henry, all in favour.
- d) *Receipts and Payments April and May 2021:* noted and approved.
- e) *cost centre report to end May:* noted and approved.
- f) *bank reconciliation to end May, current and savings account:* noted and approved.
- g) *Finance Committee:* members agreed the appointment of Cllr Clowes to the finance committee, to replace Cllr Mitchell who has recently resigned.

113 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE FLOODING:**

The Clerk advised that, thanks to Cllr Mitchell and his contact at the Sunday Times, the insurers had now agreed to pay out on the claim. Work had started on stripping the asbestos and drying out the building. Cllr White and the Clerk had met to review the specification on the tenders currently submitted to contractors and agreed some potential changes and additions. Cllr White suggested that he would like central heating to replace the current gas heaters.

114 (2021) **GLEBE WATER POLLUTION ISSUES:**

The Chairman reported that repairs have been carried out to the sewer in the Glebe, however there are further sections still to be investigated. The whereabouts of the pipes had now been established, and their ownership.

115 (2021) **EWHURST INFANT SCHOOL:** as part of the School's recovery plan, the Parish Council agreed to commit to continuing with its annual grant, for a minimum period of 2 years.

116 (2021) **ENTRANCE GATES TO THE VILLAGE:**

- i. Cllr White had repaired the gates at Ellens Green
- ii. Cllr Bloomfield advised that the Shere Road gates are in need of repair.
- iii. Cllr White and Cllr Bloomfield will investigate the missing gates on Ockley Road by a site visit. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- iv. The village handyman will be asked to clean, paint and repair gates where necessary.
- v. Cllr Clowes will strim the sign at Ellens Green.

117 (2021) **TREE AT THE CEMETERY:** members agreed that the tree should to be reduced in line with the recommendation from our preferred tree contractor, at a cost of £975 plus vat. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour.

118 (2021) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK:**

- a) *Village Hall:* The planned environmental enhancements to the forecourt of the hall, as part of the parish traffic calming/environmental project, will start on the 10th July. Ewhurst Leap will work with Andrew from Conservation and Access on making four planters, one under each window, one to replace the current bin store and one near the road. The scheme had received enthusiastic support from the main hall users, one of which had offered potential financial support. They looked forward to the enhancement of the hall and the potential calming of traffic at this point in the village. The project may have to take two stages, with construction first and then filling and planting at a second working party.
- b) *Defibrillator at the Bulls Head:* has been stolen, it seems, as it has been missing from the box for more than two weeks. The Clerk has reported the theft to the police and started an insurance claim. Members discussed ways of keeping the defibrillator safer without locking the box, which was agreed to be detrimental to the purpose of the defibrillator.

119 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *The Queen's Platinum Jubilee*: Cllr Clowes recommended that planning for this started as early as possible. The event would be marked by a long bank holiday weekend on the Queen's official birthday in June. Ellens Green are planning a street party in Furzen Lane. It was agreed to ask members of the public for ideas on how to celebrate this event.
- b) *Carnival*: members noted the arrangements to date: Cllrs Lilley and Tingley will source the Pimms and mixers. The Clerk will provide a gazebo and draw up a rota, with consultation, on manning the stall. Gifting of profits to be agreed at the July meeting.
- c) *Speeding*: Cllr Clowes reported on software used by Rudgwick which tracks mobile phones. **Agenda item:** July meeting.
- d) *Abandoned car in village hall car park*: Cllr Bloomfield had reported this to the Clerk.

120 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 19th July 2021 at Ellens Green Memorial Hall**

121 (2021) **EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Motion: "In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted:

- a) staffing matters
- b) GDPR issue: the Clerk to report.