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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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021** at **the EYSC**

**Present:** Cllr V Henry (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, J Lilley, L Tingley, M White  
Borough Cllr K Deanus  
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

The Chairman asked for one minute's silence in memory of Sir David Amess, MP for Southend, who had been killed whilst conducting his weekly surgery for constituents.

160 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr N Clowes

161 (2021) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

162 (2021) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman

163 (2021) **MATTERS ARISING**

*146 (2021): Electrics at EYSC:* Cllr White reported that he is due to meet with Turners, the security firm, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, to deal with the connection that there should be between the smoke alarms and the fire alarm system.

*147 (2021)b: Parking for Contractors in Plough Lane:* contractors are again parking outside the Chanrossa site as they are moving floors and roofs onto the site before winter. The contractors are also working past 1pm on Saturdays. Enforcement have been advised and are taking action.

Members also discussed the horse box on Plough Lane. This has been reported to DVLA, as instructed by WBC, and an attempt has been made to contact the apparent owners.

*147 (2021)c: Asbestos pipes:* The clerk has written to WBC Chief Executive to ask for his help in this matter, as this is a problem suffered by other local parishes.

154 (2021): *gate at Bowls Club:* our village maintenance man has been asked to replace the posts.

155 (2021): *VAS:* the volunteer is currently away.

156 (2021): *Queens Platinum Jubilee:* residents have been asked for their views and involvement in the autumn Village Society newsletter.

158 (2021)c: *village noticeboard:* this has been cleared and updated. Members discussed the bus shelter noticeboards, which are all in a bad state of repair. The Clerk will obtain quotes for replacements. **Agenda item:** November meeting.

158 (2021)d: *welcome packs:* The Clerk will bring recommendations to the next meeting. **Agenda item:** November meeting

158 (2021)e: *footpath at Cherry Tree Lane*: members to receive a report: Cllr Townsend had not sent a report. **Deferred** to November meeting.

158 (2021)h: *Weinerberger factory*: **deferred** to November meeting.

- 164 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern Cllr Deanus reported as follows:
- a) *Boundary Commission*: the consultation on the Boundary Review ends on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Proposals include reducing the number of councillors at Waverley from 57 to 50. Cllr Deanus asked that this Council respond to the consultation.
  - b) *Horse Box*: Cllr Deanus suggested contacting our Neighbourhood Officer.
  - c) *Local Plan Part II*: Cllr Deanus suggested that the Parish Council might make a comment.
- 165 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**  
The Clerk reported that all documents had been sent to WBC today, in order to start the Regulation 16 consultation. The documents will be uploaded to the Ewhurst Parish Council website once WBC have confirmed that they have everything they need.  
The Clerk confirmed that members had been advised and approved of all steps to reach this point. The approval of the regulation 16 documents will be ratified at the November meeting.
- 166 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**
- a) *Downhurst Road*: a short meeting had been held earlier in the day with WBC Housing Department officials, who set out their plans for dealing with the houses suffering with subsidence on the Ockley Road. The outline plan is to remove these and replace them with a small development of between 12 and 15 dwellings between Ockley Road and Downhurst Road, using part of the playing field between the two roads and upgrading the play equipment. This will take time to come to inception, with it being unlikely that a planning application will be submitted in under 12 months.
  - b) Minutes of planning meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> September: noted.
  - c) Planning update on meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> October: members had discussed the Firethorn Farm reserved matters application and had a number of concerns. They were also concerned that work had started on demolishing nos 44 and 45, despite conditions stipulating that no work should take place on the development until the Construction Transport Management Plan had been approved by WBC.
- 167 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- a) Receipts and Payments September 2021: the expenditure for the period of £10,924.21 was noted and approved.
  - b) Cost centre report to end September: noted and approved.
  - c) Bank reconciliation to end September, current and savings account: noted and approved
  - d) *Budget setting 2022/23*: members were asked to consider capital and revenue projects for the new financial year, as part of the budget setting process to inform the precept. The Clerk advised that a meeting of the Finance Committee would take place in November, to agree on a draft budget to be presented to the budget meeting in December.
- 168 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE:** the Clerk advised that the drying out process had taken much longer than had been hoped, culminating in all the plaster having to be removed from the walls in order to facilitate the removal of moisture. This had resulted in the contractors moving to other work, and the timetable for completion was currently not clear.
- 169 (2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT**
- a) *Meeting with SCC Highways*: the meeting to assess the three priority areas agreed by the Parish Council took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Richard Cooper, SCC Highways, advised that the most effective traffic calming would be build-outs about 50 to 80 yards each side of the shop, and the same at the school. This would have the effect of slowing traffic down safely, but keeping sight lines clear. The Clerk had discussed moving the village gates with Adrian Selby, SCC Highways, and he advised that, as the current gates hold

the speed limit signs, it would be better to place new gates at the new position and leave the current gates in situ.

These proposals were accepted in principle by members. SCC will produce technical drawings, specifications and costings. This will mean deferring the public consultation for a short time, as the proposals have altered from those first drawn up by Colin Davis, but the environmental aspect would still be very relevant.

Concern has been expressed by village hall users regarding the planters on the forecourt of the hall. Members recalled that these had been put in place to indicate the plans for the village, prior to consultation, as agreed by full Council, but Cllr Bloomfield was of the view that consultation should have taken place first. The Clerk intends to hold a meeting with users shortly and will report back.

170 (2021) **WEBSITE:**

The new webmaster has been unwell, which has delayed the completion of the website, but he hopes to have a first draft ready for viewing in the coming week.

171 (2021) **FUNDRAISING EVENT AT VILLAGE HALL**

The Fabulous Nobodies are holding a concert at the village hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> November to raise funds for the village school, and have asked if the Parish Council would waive the hire fee in this instance. This was agreed.

172 (2021) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

- a) *Welcome back fund:* WBC have allocated monies from this fund for cleaning signs and have offered to clean up to 4 signs in each village. The Clerk will identify the signs most in need of cleaning and discuss with the village handyman, as he had also been asked to do this work.
- b) *Commons:* Mr Knight, who has cut the hay on the common and the allotments for some years, has now retired. Members recorded grateful thanks to him for all his work and attention to detail.

173 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

No further matters were raised.

174 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at the EYSC**

The meeting closed at 9.17pm