



+ **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 20th February 2023**

At The EYSC

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, V Henry, L Tingley, M White
Borough Cllr K Deanus
5 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

The meeting started with a presentation to Nicky Fawcett, Chair of Ewcare, in recognition of the exceptional work that this organisation to help and support local people during the Covid pandemic of 2020 and 2021.

- 016 (2023) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Lilley. Apologies were also noted from County Cllr L Townsend.
- 017 (2023) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.
- 018 (2023) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16th JANUARY 2023:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 019 (2023) **MATTERS ARISING**
- 134 (2022): 1: Covid Boosters:* a clinic was held at the Glebe Centre on the 12th January. 6 people attended but the organisers were still happy that it was a worthwhile event and has boosted the take-up in this area.
- 005 (2023)c: Bulletin:* the Clerk has send out a bulletin and has discovered that a number of people have not received one for the last year. It is not clear what has caused this problem, but she has advised recipients that a further bulletin will come out shortly to announce the date of the Annual Parish meeting, so that people are aware that they will receive a further one during the week and hopefully advise the Clerk if this does not arrive.
- 005 (2023)f: Firethorn:* The Clerk has asked for a meeting with the developers.
- 005 (2023)h: Neighbourhood Plan:* the factual amendments have not yet been made but the Shrimplin Brown site assessment report has been removed from the Parish Council website. If it is not possible to obtain the help of our advisor with the amendments, the Chairman and Clerk will deal with this shortly.
- 005 (2023)j: Communications:* more information has been added to parish council noticeboards. The Clerk has been advised that a draft version of the new website will be available during this coming week.
- 008 (2023): CIL Projects:* a site meeting was arranged for Saturday 25th at 10.30am to discuss ideas for the cemetery. Cllr White is meeting with tarmac companies to obtain quotes for the resurfacing of the car parks.
- 010 (2023): Winter Emergency:* supplies are now stored at the Glebe. The grant of £200 has been paid to the Baptist Church.
- 014 (2023)a: holes in village hall car park:* the contractors who are repairing the pavement to the school have filled the potholes, in return for use of a car parking space for their equipment.

014 (20223)d: *noticeboard on the Green*: the Clerk has asked our handyman to repair this.

- 020 (2023) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
- a) *CIL Projects*: a resident queried why the cemetery had been scored so highly when no decision had been made on what work needs to be done. The Clerk advised that the scoring sheet had been used for all projects and this scored highly on community benefit. The project will be re-scored when potential work has been agreed.
 - b) *Lights in the Glebe*: only 3 lights are working, thus presenting a hazard to the elderly people who live in the Glebe. These lights are the responsibility of WBC, Cllr Henry and the Clerk will meet to discuss this and other issues and then talk to WBC.
 - c) *Yellow mark on pavement opposite village hall*: this needs to be renewed.
 - d) *EYSC – lights on footpath*: these are not working.
 - e) *Stile on footpath 434*: the stile on the footpath that leads from Mapledrakes Road to the Ockley Road has collapsed on one side. This has been reported.
 - f) *Sleeper bridge on footpath 425*: the sleeper bridge on the footpath from Shere Road to Bramblehurst has been removed. This has been reported.

Borough Cllr K Deanus:

- a) *Windacres*: it was a matter of concern that WBC planning department had recommended approval for this application, ignoring their own evidence, which they did not mention in the report.
- b) *WBC Planning*: it seems likely that the department will go into special measures, after the Inspector had written advise that the department's performance is failing. WBC have blamed technical issues, if the Inspector does not accept this then the department could lose its planning powers.
- c) *Potholes*: In January there had been 6000 reports of potholes. These reports were now down to 1200 a week. All repairs are currently temporary, in order to deal with the volume, and will be repaired again later.
- d) *Road Works*: 85% of the roadworks currently in place are utility companies. The making good is guaranteed for 2 years and the utility company is obliged to return if the work fails.
- e) *WBC Budget*: WBC Council had agreed to increase it by 2.9%.

021 (2023) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

- a) *Minutes of planning meetings held 16th January*: were agreed as a correct record of the meeting. Cllr Henry advised that Cherry Tree Cottage had been approved.
- b) *Planning update on meeting held 20th February*: Cllr Henry advised on the recommendations of the planning committee at the meeting held earlier.
- c) *Windacres*: Cllr Clowes' statement is attached to the minutes.

022 (2023) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) expenditure for January 2023: the total outlay of £11,436.92 was noted and approved.
- b) cost centre report to end January 2023 was noted and approved
- c) bank reconciliation statement to end January 2023 was noted.

023 (2023) **VILLAGE HALL**

Following a further accident caused by a fall over a planter, the three against the village hall wall have been removed. The fourth planter will be removed next week, and the bins put back in its place. A resident asked if the bins could be in a different colour so that they do not stand out so much.

024 (2023) **Appendix 6: DEVELOPERS FUNDS FOR LIGHTING SCHEMES**

- a) £7,000 for Village hall car park from Backward Point development
- b) £14,670 for Bowls Club car park from Chanrossa development

Members asked for more detail on the agreements made with the developers.

025 (2023) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: date and content**

The Clerk suggested the end of March, as Easter falls in the middle of April and the elections at the beginning of May. The date to be agreed by email. The meeting will include discussions on CIL projects, lighting in the village and traffic calming as well as a celebration of the Design Awards.

026 (2023) **CORONATION**

6th May: The Clerk advised that outline plans to date in Ewhurst are for a concert on the recreation ground on the evening of the coronation, together with a barbecue and a bar. She is in discussion with those who can help make this happen.

7th May: Ellens Green are arranging a street party for the next day.

The Clerk will investigate the possibility of providing a coronation mug for each child in the parish.

027 (2023) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

028 (2023) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *WBC Design Awards:* Cllr Henry attended the awards and advised that Ewhurst had won twice in the Community Section: Hazelbank Stores as overall winner, the Bulls Head were commended. Elstead were runners up.
- b) *Ukrainian Flag:* Cllr White will purchase a replacement, as the current flag is torn.
- c) *Bostocks Close:* The Clerk confirmed that SCC are now suing the developers for the damage to the foot-path down to the Green, which has not been rectified. WBC are suing the developers for not publishing a drainage report, as they were required to do.

029 (2023) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 20th March: EYSC. 8pm
To be preceded by a Planning Meeting at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 21.25