



+ **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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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

- 064 (2021) **WELCOME:** The Chairman marked the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, and called for a minute's silence in his memory. Prince Philip had been a remarkable man in every way, and would be very sorely missed.
- 065 (2021) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Riley. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Riley for his work over the weekend on getting the Draft Neighbourhood Plan onto the website in time for the beginning of the consultation period.
- 066 (2021) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.
- 067 (2021) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
Cllr Clowes Proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record of the meetings. This was Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, with all in favour.
- 068 (2021) **MATTERS ARISING**  
052d: *Van in car park:* the van, which seems to have been abandoned in the village hall car park, has been reported to Waverley. Two notices have been fixed to the van, advising of its removal.  
  
052e: *Footpath and damage to verges at Chanrossa:* the developers have undertaken to repair the verges when work at the site is complete. Investigation is still ongoing on the water coming from the site onto the footpath.  
  
052f: *Plough Lane:* Cllr Henry has been able to arranged with the site manager for contractors vehicles to be parked on the Chanrossa site, rather than on Plough Lane as had been the case previously.
- 069 (2021) **CO-OPTION:** Mrs Tingley introduced herself, having sent a short CV to all members prior to the meeting. Her co-option onto council was Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr Mitchell, with all in favour. Cllr Tingley joined the meeting.

070 (2021) **ADJOURNMENT: -**

1. Cllr Povey advised as follows:
  - a) *HGV Watch*: this is to be re-launched on similar lines to Community Speed Watch. There will be a concentration on roads where there is a local restriction.
  - b) *Speed limits on rural roads*: SCC's Road Safety Officer is reviewing speed limits on rural roads to ensure uniformity and appropriateness. There is some funding for this.
2. *Cobblers Brook*: a resident asked for an update on the sewage leak. Cllr Henry advised that Thames Water had found a section of foul sewer in the Glebe that needed repair, and will address this. Waverley Borough Council are also involved. Temporary work carried out in January to divert the foul water will remain in place until this is resolved.
3. *Neighbourhood Plan Reg. 14*: a resident commented on the survey being used in conjunction with the publishing of the Reg 14 Draft Plan, believing it to be unusual. Cllr Clowes replied that the concept had been taken from one used in Bramber, which had proved successful.
4. *Path down the hill from the School*: Cllr Povey confirmed that he had reported the state of this footpath and asked others to do so as well.

071 (2021) **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:**

Cllr Clowes reported as follows:

The Regulation 14 consultation had been launched today, the 19<sup>th</sup> April. He recorded thanks to the people who had worked so hard to get it to this point in such a timely manner, particularly Jan Allen, who had made an enormous contribution in the last few weeks, the steering group and the Clerk.

Two projects will now be run alongside the consultation: the traffic calming project, which is combined with the village enhancement scheme; and secondly the protection of our village assets. Cllr Clowes had met remotely with the conservation officer at WBC in this connection. We are fortunate that the History Society had already compiled a list of sites, and this will form the basis of the heritage project. Sayers Croft will also be included. He would convene a committee to deal with this, which would address the NDHA section of the NP. He advised that the current list of heritage assets included trees, ponds and wells, but the heritage department at WBC intended to make this a tighter scheme, primarily focussed on buildings.

It was agreed that Cllr Clowes and Cllr Bloomfield will work on this.

Cllr White referred to a potential new route from Plough Lane, giving a route to the village centre behind Chanrossa and Firethorn Farm. Cllr White and Cllr Henry will discuss this.

072 (2021) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

Maple Stud: Full permission

Brookhurst Lodge: full permission

073 (2021) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Appendix 4:** *Receipts and payments* members noted and approved the expenditure to the end of March of £22,700.50.

**Appendix 5:** Members noted the expenditure against budget statement to end of March 2021 and that

the final end of year statement would be presented at the May meeting.

074 (2021) **GLEBE CENTRE FLOODING:**

The Clerk reported that the Council's insurers had refused to meet the claim for the flood damage at the Glebe, as they said that the utilities should have been shut down, as the building was unoccupied. She had explained that the building was as much used as before the pandemic, as it was cleaned once a week, visited by the assistant clerk once a week, by the Clerk and Councillor in charge of premises on a regular basis, and the utilities had to be kept running as the Glebe Centre provided the aerial for a number of properties in the Glebe, and the electricity for the pavement lights. The building was visited as much as before the pandemic and, as the heating was kept on to keep the building operational, the frequency of occupancy of the building had no material effect. Ecclesiastical Insurance had still refused the claim and she had asked Cllr Mitchell for his help.

Cllr Mitchell had spoken to colleagues and believed that the parish council had a very good case. It is not possible to use the Ombudsman, as they would only deal with domestic cases, but he was prepared to step in as a retired solicitor. The Sunday Times had also been suggested, specifically the people who write for Times Money.

Cllr Mitchell had been in contact with them and they were interested in taking the case on. He now sought Council approval to engage Times Money to fight this on our behalf. If they were not successful, he would get his colleagues involved. Cllr Mitchell's proposal was Seconded by Cllr White, with all in favour.

075 (2021) **TRAFFIC CALMING/GREENING THE PARISH:** the Clerk requested that this item be deferred to the next meeting. This was agreed.

076 (2021) **VILLAGE HALL HEATING AND MAINTENANCE WORK:** Cllr White reported that a new timer had been fitted to the village hall heating controls, rather than new thermostats. This option was considerably cheaper and allowed us to control the heating.

The village handyman had redirected the drain pipe at the rear of the building into a new soak away.

077 (2021) **ENTRANCE GATES TO THE VILLAGE:** members discussed the village gates and agreed that, although they would be addressed as part of the village greening/traffic calming project, they should have some attention now. It was noted that the Ockley Road gate is missing. Cllr Clowes will repair the Ellens Green gate. Cllr Bloomfield will assess the condition of the gate on Shere Road. Cllr White will present a budget for this work.

078 (2021) **BOX BROADBAND:** Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk had met with Graham Sargood, Managing Director of Box Broadband, on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and Cllr Mitchell's memorandum after this meeting had been circulated to all members. A draft agreement had been received from Box Broadband and plans were in place to connect the EYSC in the next few weeks.

079 (2021) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK:** the Clerk reported as follows:

- a) *CIL:* WBC had advised the Clerk that Ewhurst Parish Council will receive 15% of the CIL receipts from the Bulls Head development, amounting to £26,879.30. This will be paid shortly.
- b) *Concerts on the Green:* a resident on the Green is opening his garden on the 24<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August for Cranleigh Arts Centre to put on two concerts, starting at 3pm. All proceeds from the concerts will be divided between Cranleigh Arts Centre and two locally based charities.
- c) *Food truck:* The Council has received a request from a mobile food truck operator, specialising

in American BBQ food, to trade from a Parish Council location. **Agenda item:** May meeting.  
d) *Litter pick:* thanks were recorded to LEAP for their recent socially distanced litter pick.

080 (2021) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *Lower Canfold Wood:* Members discussed the potential threat to this ancient woodland, which was advertised for sale last year. Cllr Bloomfield would like to see the woodland purchased by the community and managed in a sympathetic way.
- b) *Somersbury Lane:* Cllr Lilley advised that a number of new homes signs had been placed all over the parish. Cllr Povey advised that it was not permitted to place additional signs on high-ways signs. Cllr Lilley will take photographs and send to Cllr Povey and the Clerk.
- c) *Litter Pick:* Cllr Clowes recorded thanks for the recent litter pick in Ellens Green, organised by Chris Westbrook.
- d) *Defibrillator:* Cllr Clowes recorded thanks for the new defibrillator and box that have been purchased for Ellens Green, using grant money from our SCC Councillors allowance and Ellens Green Mission Hall fund.

081 (2021) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021, BY CONFERENCE CALL.**

The meeting closed at 10pm