



+ **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 15th January 2024**

At the EYSC

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, T Bloomfield, V Henry, M Higgins, J Lilley, L Tingley, M White
12 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

001 (2024) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllr Mitchell..

002 (2024) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

003 (2024) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20th NOVEMBER 2023:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

004 (2024) **MATTERS ARISING**

151(2023) Field next to Pennings: Cllr Higgins reported that WBC had undertaken a site visit in November and that their initial view was that what had taken place on the site was not permitted, but he had not heard any further. He advised that it would probably be some time before they took action, as they would give the landowner time to rectify the situation first. The Council was then informed that a 14 day order to remove the mobile van expired at the end of this evening, but Cllr Higgins thought it likely that the landowner would counteract this with a new planning application.

151 (2023) Glebe users meeting: to take place this month. The meeting was advised that the solar lights to the right of the Glebe had not worked since installation.

151 (2023) Phone box on Ellens Green: members to receive an update on a potential new K6 phone box from Cllr White: *Deferred to February meeting.*

Cllr Higgins advised that a kiosk had been sourced for the Green, and was now with engineers. He had agreed with them that electricity should be installed.

152 (2023)b: Speedwatch: The Clerk reported that she now had the name of the new co-ordinator and had suggested to her that the need for volunteers is advertised through our website and other social media.

152 (2023)e: Road by Cornhill Manor: Cllr T Bloomfield had been advised that no major works were planned in this area. Project Horizon planned a extensive programme of road re-building, including the road from Cranleigh to Baynards. He suggested that the Council make representations to Project Horizon to put some of the local roads into their programme.

156 (2023) CCTV: the quote for up to date CCTV is still awaited.

161 (2023) ii: Defibrillator at Ellens Green: this has been more clearly signed.

161(2023)v: the repainting of the yellow marker is on the handyman's list.

161 (2023)vi: Tennis court notices: a notice has been ordered and received and will be put in place shortly.

161 (2023) vii: *road closure on Ockley Road*: Cllr T Bloomfield had nothing to report at present.

161 (2023) x: *Box Broadband*: **Deferred** to February meeting as Cllr Mitchell is not at this meeting.

- 005 (2024) **ADJOURNMENT:** - During the adjournment members of the public may speak on matters of concern
- a) *Bowls Club*: deferred to 013 (2024)
 - b) *Council*: a resident thanked the Councillors and Clerk for all the work they do.
 - c) *Average Speed Cameras*: Cllr T Bloomfield and the Clerk to investigate and to talk to Rudgwick Parish Council.
 - d) *Speedwatch*: Cllr T Bloomfield and the Clerk will arrange to meet with them.
 - e) *20mph speed limit*: this has been installed in the wooded road outside Peaslake,
 - f) *Footpath*: a resident stated that the footpath on his land should be reinstated as a bridleway, as it has been used as such for some time. Cllr J Bloomfield will progress this.
 - g) *Lighting for hall access*: there is a light on each gate pillar on the house opposite the hall, which the owner is happy for the Parish Council to have repaired. A contribution to the cost of electricity was agreed.
 - h) *Blocked drains*: there are a number of blocked drains on the Cranleigh Road as well as in the village itself. Reporting these on the SCC website was not helpful, as each was treated in isolation rather than a connected problem. It was agreed to discuss this with Cllr Townsend.
 - i) *Cox Green*: the chevrons have been damaged and not repaired.
- 006 (2024) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**
- a) *Minutes of planning meeting held 20th November*: were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.
 - b) *Waverley Borough Council New Local Plan 20023-24 Call for sites for the Land Availability assessment*: WBC are calling for a minimum of 5 net dwellings in the parish in order to give them consideration. Members agreed that this parish has no sites to offer. Cllr Higgins will update the Council when he receives more information.
- 007 (2024) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**
- a) *Expenditure for Nov and Dec 2023*: expenditure of £19,816.31 for this period was noted and approved.
 - b) *Cost centre report to end Dec 2023*: noted and approved
 - c) *Bank reconciliation statement to end Dec 2023*: noted and approved.
 - d) *Interim audit report*: one audit point had been raised, that the asset register should be updated annually to show the asset's continued existence, together with a health and safety inspection. The Clerk was congratulated on an excellent report.
 - e) *Budget 2024/25*: members ratified the proposed budget and precept request for 2024/25. The precept request would be for £112,777, an increase of £2,392. This would not have an impact on a Band D equivalent property as the number of properties in the parish had increased from 1254.8 to 1282. Proposed by Cllr Henry, Seconded by Cllr J Bloomfield, all in favour.
 - f) *Charges*: the charges for hall hire, allotment rent and burials were reviewed and agreed. Proposed by Cllr T Bloomfield, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.
- 008 (2024) **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- a) *Facebook*: Cllr Higgins has created a Facebook page for the Parish Council and will update it with information sent to him by the Clerk.
 - b) *Community Board*: the aim is to create a link between social media and the website so that people can sign up to receive information.
- 009 (2024) **Appendix 9: SCC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
- a) *Website*: this will be promoted on the Parish Council website.
 - b) *Cycling and Walking improvement plan*: a resident was involved in this Plan. He advised that footpaths can be turned into bridleways, but only by Act of Parliament. However, a landowner can change a footpath's designation on a permissive basis.
 - c) *Responses*: Members were asked to send their comments on the Plan to Cllr J Bloomfield and the Clerk, so that a response can be collated for the February meeting.

010 (2024) **CLIMATE CHANGE LEAD**

Members considered WBC's request that Parish Council's appoint a Climate Change Lead and asked what the Lead's duties would be and what WBC hoped to achieve. The Clerk to report back at the February meeting.

011 (2024) **HALL FORECOURT**

A request has been received to fence the bins in, and to provide a plant pot to fill the space between the hall and the Rainbows End sign. Members recalled the efforts that have been made to improve the frontage of the hall, none of which have received favour.

Members agreed to relocate the bins to the car park and to notify all users of this decision and to ask them to bin their rubbish up and take it to the car park at the end of their session in the hall. Proposed by Cllr White, Seconded by Cllr Tingley, all in favour.

012 (2024) **FRIENDS OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL: Family Fun Day 27th July**

- a) Permission requested to use the area between the recreation round pitches and the hedge alongside Sayers Croft for parking, together with the Bowls Club parking area. Stakes and tape will be used to prevent parking on the pitches. This was agreed, noting that they would be asked to use the Carnival plan of no cars on the recreation ground at all if the ground was sodden with heavy rain, cars on the periphery if the ground was lightly wet, and no restrictions in the case of good weather.
- b) Donation of £100 requested as the main raffle prize for the event raffle. Agreed. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Lilley, all in favour.

013 (2024) **BOWLS CLUB**

The fence between the car park and the bowling centre is in need of replacement, at a cost of £6439. The Bowls Club have requested the financial assistance of the Parish Council in principle. The Bowls Club have sufficient reserve grant from the Parish Council to cover this cost, and it was agreed that they could use their grant money for this purpose should they so choose. Proposed by Cllr Tingley, Seconded by Cllr Lilley, all in favour. Cllr White abstained from this vote.

014 (2024) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**

- a) *Village Hall*: Broadband is now installed in the Village Hall, using a company called Now. The contract can be cancelled on a monthly basis, should Box be able to install broadband at the hall.
- b) Meeting with Marissa Heath, prospective parliamentary candidate for Dorking and Horley, and Surrey County Councillor. The Chairman and Clerk had met with Ms Heath and discussed various parish issues, including traffic, Thames Water, the Boundary Review, the Borough Council and the Neighbourhood Plan. The same courtesy would be extended to all candidates.
- c) The Players have requested permission to store their empty hampers at the EYSC for the duration of their upcoming production. They will be stored, under cover, on the balcony.
- d) WBC operatives inspected the cleaned the ditches on the Green on the 5th January and advised the Clerk that they inspect the ditches monthly and clean them out annually. She has received confirmation from the Countryside Ranger that this is the case.

015 (2024) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *House on the Green (Ellens Green)*: Issue with hedging and ditches. The Ranger had been asked to investigate and Clerk will ask him for the result of his investigations.
- b) *Footpath 362*: SCC had spent a great deal of money on this footpath some years ago, but it had fallen back into disrepair. Cllr J Bloomfield suggested that the Parish Council arrange a digger to clear the ditch, which would improve the surface of the path. SCC would also be asked to write to the owner of the land, to ask for their assistance. Mr Breeveld confirmed that LEAP would also look at the problem.
- c) *Car park for Bowls Club*: it had been agreed that this was a high priority for CIL monies. Cllr White was

asked to obtain 3 quotes for its repair.

d) *CIL monies received*: to be reviewed at the February meeting.

016 (2024) **NEXT FULL MEETING ON THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 19th February 2024 at the EYSC
To be preceded by a Planning Meeting at 7.30 pm**

Annual Parish Meeting: Members agreed to hold the meeting on the 8th April, subject to confirmation at the February meeting, and to use the CAB presentation as the main topic.

The meeting closed at 22.14.

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