



+ **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 19th February 2024**

At the EYSC

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

Public Session:

1. *Light in village hall car park:* the light nearest the bin is not working.
2. *Surrey County Councillor:* Marissa Heath introduced herself. She is currently County Cllr with responsibility for Environment, but also prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Dorking and Horley, this parish's new parliamentary constituency.
3. *New meeting format:* in response to a question regarding the new layout of the meeting agenda, Cllr Clowes explained that he hoped this would assist in addressing residents' concerns early in the meeting.
4. *Bins outside village hall:* the Clerk confirmed that they would be moved shortly, as she felt it expedient to allow the Players' production to run its course first.

016 (2024) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** All members were present.

017 (2024) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made

018 (2024) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15th JANUARY 2024:** these were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

019 (2024) **MATTERS ARISING**

- *151(2023) Field next to Pennings:* Cllr Higgins advised as follows: the claimant had claimed that the caravan on the site is lawful in ancillary agricultural use. Enforcement at WBC were not satisfied that the caravan is currently being used for this purpose and have ordered that it is removed by the 21st February. To date, it has not been moved.
- *151 (2023) Phone box on Ellens Green:* Cllr White advised that he had investigated potential K6 replacements and found that they were very expensive and usually in very poor condition. It was agreed not to pursue this.
- *Phone box on Ewhurst Green:* this was replaced on 6th February Cllr Clowes recorded thanks to everyone involved in bringing back a K6 phone box to the Green. It was noted that the box contained a telephone, but that it is not possible to access it at the moment.
- *161 (2023)vi: Tennis court notices:* a notice has been placed on the door to the courts. Cllr T Bloomfield asked all members to be vigilant and to remove people using the court for any non-tennis activity.

- *161 (2023) x: Box Broadband:* Cllr Mitchell reported as follows:
 - The Glebe:* As Box rely on infrastructure supplied by BT, and BT will not assist, the only option is for residents to pay the additional cost of installing broadband to the area of the Glebe including the Community Room, that Box cannot currently reach.
 - Village hall:* Box will be able to provide a definite time scale for installing broadband at the village hall by the end of this month. At present it is anticipated to be 22nd March.
 - Refund of over payment:* Box have now repaid £929.50 to the Parish Council as a refund of higher bills than originally agreed.

Cllr Mitchell undertook to push for more detail on the Glebe and Village Hall installations **Action: JM**

- *004 (2024)Glebe users meeting:* took place on the 30th January and included all users of the Glebe Community Centre. It had been a positive and useful meeting, sharing ideas and problems, and would now take place quarterly.
- The Clerk advised that she had asked the Parish Council's electrician to investigate the very high cost of the electric supply to the Glebe, and he would put a tracking device on the output for a week. Discussion could then take place on actions to reduce the high consumption.
- Cllr White was concerned that the drawers in the kitchen were very overloaded in some cases, which would result in damage.
- *005 (2024)c Average Speed Cameras:* The Clerk requested a **deferment** to the March meeting, as no progress had been made on this. This was agreed.
- *005 (2024)f: Footpath:* Cllr Bloomfield had not been able to arrange a meeting with the owner of the land over which Footpath 362 crossed yet, but will do so before the next meeting. **Action: JB.** He noted that the owner is clearing ditches adjoining the footpath but cannot deal with them all, as they are not his responsibility, once the footpath leaves his land. The adjoining owner believes that SCC promised them they would maintain their ditch, having done some extensive work to the footpath on their land. Cllr J Bloomfield is concerned that, if the situation gets out of hand, it will cost a great deal of money to rectify the situation. Cllr Heath undertook to work with Cllr J Bloomfield to try to resolve this.
- *009 (2024)c: Climate Change Lead:* no more has been heard from WBC on this subject and this would not be pursued.
- *009 (2024): Lighting for village hall access:* The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the owner of the house opposite the hall and had agreed that the lights would be re-activated and maintained by the Parish Council, and the owner reimbursed for the cost of the electricity.

020 (2024) THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :

- Minutes of planning meeting held 15th January:* were agreed as a correct copy of the meeting. Cllr Henry reported as follows:
 - WA/2023/02569 Folly Hill:* approved
 - WA/2023/02764 June Cottage:* approved
 - WA/2024/00030 Maybanks:* 5 letters of objection had been received. SCC Rights of Way had also objected.
- Start time of Planning meeting:* it was agreed to move the time back to 7.15pm.

021 (2024) FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Expenditure for January 2024 of £11,108.35 was noted and approved.
- Cost centre report to end Jan 24 was noted and approved
- Bank reconciliation statement to end Jan 24 was noted and approved.
- CIL monies received.* Members agreed a working group of Cllrs T Bloomfield, M Higgins, the Chairman and the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Tingley, Seconded by Cllr Lilley, all in favour. It was noted that some parishes use the CIL monies to support other voluntary group projects, rather than taking on the whole cost of a project themselves.

- e) *Ellens Green Playground*: discussion regarding the funding of new playground equipment will be taken forward by the working group.

022 (2024) **COMMUNICATIONS**: Cllr Higgins is maintaining Facebook and, at the Clerk's request, posted a comment about fly tipping.. The Clerk responded to an article on Nextdoor regarding the phone box on the Green. Cllrs Mitchell and Higgins will meet to discuss a joint collaboration on Facebook **Action: MH/JM**

023 (2024) **CCTV UPGRADE FOR EYSC** Members reviewed the proposal submitted by Turners, who supply and maintain our current CCTV and alarms for the EYSC and the Hall. The Clerk explained that the upgrade would give clearer and more comprehensive coverage of the recreation ground, the playground, the tennis courts and car park, clearer pictures and better access to recordings. There would be additional cameras to cover access to the EYSC. The quotation of £3997.00 + VAT includes all hardware and software, installation and training, 2 year warranty and 12 months maintenance. Members agreed to proceed with this upgrade. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr Mitchell, all in favour.

Cllr Mitchell will explore the method by which those using the EYSC Wifi have to sign in, so that safe usage can be monitored. He will report to the March meeting. **Action: JM**

024 (2024) **SCC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**: Members reviewed the questionnaire and additional information drawn up by Cllr J Bloomfield and the Clerk. It was agreed to add, in the section where better communication was requested, and assistance offered, that we would welcome a discussion on how the Parish Council could tap into financial support in order to deal with day to day issues.
The response was approved, Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr T Bloomfield, all in favour.

025 (2024) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**: Members agreed that the meeting should be held on 29th April, from 7pm, in the village hall and the content will be: Chairmans report on the previous parish council year; CAB on scams; Speed-watch. Residents will then be invited to propose CIL projects whilst taking refreshments.

026 (2024) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**
The Clerk had nothing further to report.

027 (2024) **PARISH BUSINESS**: other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda

- a) *Defibrillator*: Cllr Tingley advised that one was badly needed for the Church Wilson Room.
- b) *Horsham Road*: Cllr T Bloomfield advised that there is a notice on the Cranleigh to Horsham Road advising that it will be closed for 4 weeks. This is for the Project Horizon re-build. Traffic will inevitably be diverted down Somersbury Lane and through the village. The Brick Works need to be advised of this action, as they work to defined routes.
- c) *Coneyhurst Lane*: Cllr T Bloomfield will draft letter to Project Horizon requesting that they address the problems on Shere Road. **Action: TB**
- d) *80th Anniversary of D Day*: it had been agreed to explore refurbishments to the memorial on the recreation ground. **Action: Clerk**
- e) *Bowls Club car park repairs*: Cllr White to provide 3 quotations. **Action: MW**
- f) *Ewhurst infant school bell tower*: this is in need of repair but acknowledged that it is the responsibility of the Diocese.
- g) *Damaged memorial bench*: the bench at the junction of Gadbridge Lane and Cranleigh Road, dedicated to the memory of Lt Nicholas Vicary, who died of his wounds at El Alaamein in 1942 aged 19, has been damaged. Cllr J Bloomfield and the Clerk will investigate. **Action: JB/Clerk**
- h) *Unresolved Water Leak on Ewhurst Green*: this leak has got increasingly worse over the last year and Thames Water persist in ignoring it. Cllrs Higgins and Mitchell will explore the possibility of seeking legal

redress. **Action JM/MH.**

- i) *Ellens Green Communal Litter Pick*: to take place on the 16th March.
- j) *Parish Council cemetery*: Cllr J Bloomfield volunteered to lead a regular working party to deal with untidy graves.

028 (2024) **NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 18th March 2024 at the EYSC, 8pm**
To be preceded by a Planning Meeting at 7.15pm

The meeting closed at 9.37pm

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