



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 April 2024** At the EYSC

Present: Cllr N Clowes (in the chair), Cllrs J Bloomfield, T Bloomfield, V Henry, M Higgins, J Mitchell, L Tingley, M White
County Cllr L Townsend
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Ms J Cadman

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. *Neighbourhood Plan meeting:* A resident was concerned that the recent meeting had suggested considering a site for development. This matter was brought forward for discussion from agenda item 050 (2024) but is recorded under that item.
2. *Report from County Cllr:*
 - i. *Traffic calming on Ewhurst Green:* £90,000 of S106 money had been identified for this project, which may leave a surplus that could be used on some traffic calming on Cranleigh Road.
 - ii. *VAS:* SCC do not support VAS, as they do not believe that they work. Sussex seem to have a different policy. It might be possible to achieve VAS cameras in time, by challenging SCC, but the general view is that they would have to be hard wired, as solar power is not effective. Cllr T Bloomfield will consult further with Rudgwick PC on the efficiency of their solar powered cameras and other points raised by SCC
 - iii. *Sign on corner of Cranleigh Road and The Green:* this has been on the ground for some months and Cllr Townsend has chased it up again.
 - iv. *NP meeting:* this will be held with WBC officials shortly.
 - v.

042 (2024) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.:** were received from Cllr Lilley.

043 (2024) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

044 (2024) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18th March 2024:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

045 (2024) **ACTION LIST**

Date of meeting	Minute no	Action	responsibility	Outcome
Feb 24	019 (005)	Footpath 362 – to arrange a meeting with the owner	JB	JB had met with the owner and inspected the footpath, the surface of which is eroded. They discussed various responsibilities and issues regarding boundaries, and will keep in touch Completed
Feb 24	022	Communications – Cllrs Mitchell and Higgins to meet re Facebook	MH/JM	Postings had been made about the APM and the leak on the Green. This work will be continuous Completed
Feb 24	027d	Refurbishments to memorial in rec	Clerk	It was agreed to continue with proposed refurbishments. The handyman will repair the plinths and the base, the Clerk will seek the best proposal for the plaques and will report back via email. A budget of £1,000 for the plaques and £200

				for the repairs was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Clowes, seconded by Cllr Higgins, all in favour. Agenda item May meeting
Feb 24	027g	Damaged memorial bench - investigate repairs	JB/Clerk	JB will seek someone who is qualified to carry out repair work of this nature. Pending – to remain on list
Mar 24	033	Glebe Lease	JM/MH	Agenda item 053(2024)
Mar 24	040ii	Telephone box on Ewhurst Green Clearing the ground/ commissioning	Clerk/MH	Clearing the Ground: the Clerk will ask the handyman to clear back 18” from the box and lay hogging. Commissioning: the box will be commissioned next time BT have an electrician in the area. Completed
Mar 24	040iii	Sandbags outside hall	Clerk	Have been removed. Completed.

046 (2024) **MATTERS ARISING not covered by the Action List**

- *Field next to Pennings:* Cllr Higgins reported on Enforcement Action as follows: the site had been visited and it was confirmed that pigs were being kept there. No further action will be taken at present, but the file will be kept open.
- *Leak on Ewhurst Green:* this has now been resolved. The Clerk had met with a Thames Water official on site and the leak was now mended within a few days of that meeting. There were now 2 plates above the leak site, which would make it easier to identify in the case of future problems. The Sunday Times Money Columnist had taken an interest in this, so it was agreed that, if it happened, again, she would be asked to get involved.

047 (2024) **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE : Minutes of planning meeting held 18th March**
These were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

048 (2024) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Expenditure for March 2024 of £18,581.03 was noted and approved.
- Cost centre report to end March 24. Noted and approved. The Clerk advised that members would review this again after the Internal Auditor had submitted his report, at the June meeting.
- Bank reconciliation statement to end March 24 for both accounts. Noted and approved.

049 (2024) **CIL MONIES :** Members received notes from the last two meetings.
Cllr T Bloomfield reported as follows:

- He had met with a contractor from Tidey and Webb and asked for a specification and budget for the extension to the car park at the Bowls Club and a newly laid car park at the Recreation Ground. He had also asked for a separate quote to fill the potholes in the Bowls Club car park.
- Cllrs J and T Bloomfield had met at the Cemetery. The rear wall has collapsed and it was agreed to either plant a hedge along the border or decorative native trees. Advice will be sought on the best solution and types of hedge/trees. It was agreed that this will be financed from PC funds and was therefore removed from the CIL list.
- Cllr Higgins Proposed that the CIL Policy and application form be adopted. This was Seconded by Cllr T Bloomfield, with all in favour.
- The Clerk will draw up a form for comments and proposals, to be used by residents at the APM.
- Ellens Green Playground: the Memorial Hall Committee had requested funding for the Playground. They would be asked to submit an application.

- 050 (2024) **NP Working party:** members received notes from a meeting and a report from the working group: Cllr N Clowes reported as follows:
The meeting had discussed the new NPPF paragraph 14, which appeared to remove protection from NPs that had not allocated a site. Our consultant advised that this was not the case, that para 14 extends extra protection to NPs that have allocated a site but does not remove it from those that have not.
- It has always been the case that WBC could put in a speculative allocation as their Local Plan will not come into effect until 2027, and housing allocation is less than required. It was agreed that, if extra housing is required by WBC, the Parish Council would work with WBC to identify a site that could be put forward, rather than have one arbitrarily allocated.
- If this route was taken, it would not be necessary to do a new Neighbourhood Plan, a referendum and a call for sites
- 051 (2024) **EYSC – Secure wifi:** Cllr Mitchell reminded members that the broadband at the EYSC is available to everyone at present and so is vulnerable to misuse. The intention is to restrict access so that those wanting to use the WIFI will need to sign in, as is the accepted custom in most public places.
- Cllr Mitchell had obtained two quotations from Art of WIFI, a one off cost of £813.15, or an annual cost of £200, where the captive portal would be supported. Cllr Mitchell recommended this option. A router and mesh would also be required at a cost of £400 and £143 respectively and supported Mailchimp at £10.00 per month. He pointed out that it would be necessary to duplicate this in each community building, once WIFI is installed.
- Cllr Mitchell Proposed that this quotation for the implementation of secure WIFI be accepted, Seconded by Cllr Clowes all in favour.
- 052 (2024) **CCTV at EYSC:** Following a site survey, it had been identified that scaffolding would be needed to reach the camera above the balcony. The Clerk had also requested better coverage of the car park to ensure that number plates could be read.
The following alternations to the quotation were proposed:
- i. Tower scaffolding: £441.00
 - ii. Additional camera to give good coverage of the car park. The first camera to concentrate on coverage of the recreation ground, playground and tennis courts.
- Proposed by Cllr White, Seconded by Cllr Bloomfield, all in favour.
- 053 (2024) **GLEBE: Heads of terms:**
Cllrs Higgins and Mitchell had met to discuss the lease and tabled proposed Heads of Terms and summary of the lease. Their amendments were agreed. **Action:** Cllrs Higgins and Mitchell to draft a new lease, based on the old one. Proposed by Cllr T Bloomfield, Seconded by Cllr Clowes all in favour. **Agenda item:** May meeting
- 054 (2024) **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Date of meeting: Monday 29th April 7pm**
Format:
- i. Report from Chairman
 - ii. CAB presentation on Scams.
 - iii. Speedwatch.
 - iv. CIL: bids for funding – to be pursued during refreshments and networking.
- 055 (2024) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**
There were no further matters to report.

056 (2024) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda
a) *Fly Tipping:* Cllr White reported that he had experienced fly tipping from a local builder in the Bowls Club bin but had managed to identify the perpetrator and have the rubbish removed.

057(2024) **NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 20th May 2024 at the EYSC**

The meeting closed at 21.41