



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 July 2024** At **Ellens Green Memorial Hall**

Due to the length of the previous Planning Meeting, this meeting commenced at 20.20

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

PUBLIC SESSION: an opportunity for members of the public who live or work in the parish to ask questions relevant to the work of the Council.

- a) *Culvert on the side of Ewhurst Green:* recorded under minute no 106 (2024)
- b) *Light in car park:* the Clerk had asked our electrician to attend to this.
- c) *Defibrillator at Glebe:* recorded under minute no 105 (2024)
- d) *WiFi at the Glebe:* Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk had met with Box on the 1st July and had understood that the possibility of installing WiFi at the Glebe was becoming more realistic

093 (2024) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** were received from Cllrs V Henry and J Lilley.

094 (2024) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none were made.

095 (2024) **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 17th June 2024:** agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

096 (2024) **ACTION LIST:** to receive reports from Members and the Clerk

ACTION LIST: July 2024

Date of meeting	Minute no	Action	responsibility
Feb 24	027g	Damaged memorial bench - investigate repairs	JB/Clerk Cllr J Bloomfield intended to repair the bench over the summer
Mar 24	033	Glebe Lease	JM/MH On agenda
April 24	049	Cemetery – advice on planting	Clerk Pending a site visit
April 24	050	NP meeting with WBC	NG/TB/MH/Clerk completed
May 24	077a	Footpath from Bostocks	Clerk The Clerk has written to WBC but has not yet had a response
May 24	077bii	Sign at village hall car park	Clerk These have been received and a new sign will be ordered Completed

May 24	077d	Invasive pond weed	Clerk Control measure identified, costs awaited from manufacturer
May 24	077f	Tennis courts	TB To advise on options for refurbishment Waiting for contractor
May 24	077g	Phone box	Clerk Reported BT to Ofcom
June 24	Public	Lights in village hall car park	The electrician has been asked to investigate
June 24	Public	Stile on footpath 434	Cranleigh Clerk has not responded
June 24	Public	Community speed watch	the co-ordinator has not responded
June 24	091a	Asbestos pipes	The Clerk to discuss with SCC councillor
June 24	091d	House on Furzen Lane	The Tree officer at WBC is talking directly to the owner completed

097 (2024) **MATTERS ARISING not covered by the Action List**

Family Fun Day: Members noted that the Friends no longer need to use the recreation ground for parking as they have been offered an alternative site.

98 (20 **THE PLANNING COMMITTEE :**

24) *Minutes of planning meeting held 15th June:* were noted and approved

099 (2024) **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- a) Expenditure for June 2024 of £11,011.53 was noted and approved.
- b) Cost centre report to end June: noted and approved.
- c) Bank reconciliation statement to end June 24: noted and approved.

100 (2024) Second quotation for bowls club car park potholes, in the sum of £1155.00, from Jennings Surfacing Ltd had been received by Cllr White. As this company had been used before and the quote was for less than that quoted by the first company, Cllr T Bloomfield that it be accepted, subject to receipt of the written quotation by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr T Bloomfield, Seconded by Cllr Clowes, all in favour.

101 (2024) **CIL:** minutes of meeting held 9th July.

Members agreed the recommendations and proposed next steps:

1. Application for Funding

The Cricket club have submitted an application for 80% funding of £8,500 quotation to replace the balcony of the cricket club and the roof over, due to water ingress to the changing rooms below and safety of the balcony.

Members agreed this to be a worthwhile project, with a well presented application form and community backing. It was agreed to respond to them with outline support for the project, advising them we are considering funding 70% of the project, but seeking the following information:

1. Who else they have approached for funding
2. Who else pays to use the facilities
3. Two quotations for the work, specifying the work to be carried out, in line with Parish Council financial regulations.

2. Current Projects

Members reviewed the scoring from the consultation for the current projects and agreed the following:

- a) *Bowls Club:* the Bowls Centre car park extension scores very low and will be very expensive, and so is taken off the list of projects.
- b) *Recreation ground car park:* this project received good support and should be pursued. A quotation received for this work cited £29,000 for this work, which is a large proportion of the CIL money available.

Action: TB to asked the contractor for a fuller specification
Additional funding to be sought

- c) *Speed indicator Cameras*: this project received the greatest support, with a great deal of concern being expressed over speeding in the parish.

It was noted that SCC do not support speed indicator cameras, although they receive full support in West Sussex. The Clerk will write to SCC Highways to formally request that the Parish Council is given permission to install 2 poles, one in Ellens Green and one in Ewhurst, and one trial camera, to be moved between them, using Parish Council funding. This letter will be copied to our County Councillor and also Jeremy Hunt, MP for Ellens Green, who is championing speed cameras elsewhere in his constituency.

3. Ellens Green Memorial Hall

They are requesting funding for playground refurbishments, specifically replacement of the roundabout, which had to be removed for safety reasons.

The Clerk will send them an application form and ask them to specify other sources of funding in their response.

4. Other projects to support

1. *Refurbishment of Village hall*: the group will undertake a site visit of the hall and EYSC in the next week, to take a view on what could potentially be done to improve the facilities.
2. *Cycle racks*: the Clerk will investigate costs, with a view to installing a rack at the shop, the village hall, the recreation ground and the cricket club.

Members agreed that these actions should remain with the CIL Committee until they were at the stage of needing council approval.

102 (2024) **NP**: meeting with Katharine Dove:

Cllr Clowes outlined the content of the meeting with Katharine Dove, Principal Planning Officer (Policy) WBC and advised as follows: WBC cannot demonstrate a five year housing supply and are therefore starting again, with new quotas in order to reach the current target of 14,000 houses over the next 20 years. The fact that Ewhurst has exceeded its current quota will not be taken into account, but WBC will assess each parish in terms of infrastructure. WBC acknowledge Ewhurst's Neighbourhood Plan, which affords protection and it had been agreed to work with WBC, through the NP process, in order to influence the outcome for the Parish in terms of number, if any, and location of houses.

The decision to work in partnership with WBC was endorsed by all members.

103 (2024) **GLEBE: Heads of Terms**: the Clerk advised that the proposed changes in the lease were currently being reviewed by WBC's legal department.

104 (2024) **EYSC WiFi captive portal deployment**

Cllr Mitchell reported that he and the Clerk had met with a representative from Box that afternoon, to finalise arrangements for the WiFi captive portal deployment, which will hopefully be ready for use during August. The equipment will allow a free access to local community organisations (such as the carnival), and also limited access to the playing fields and residents.

The contractor had also confirmed that Box (Community Fibre) has agreed to provide WiFi to the EYSC and Village Hall without further charge, as part of their community outreach.

Cllr White asked if this could be extended to the Bowls Club. Cllr Mitchell will talk to the contractor.

105 (2024) **DEFIBRILLATOR WALL BOX FOR GLEBE:**

The Clerk reported that the Henry Smith Charity had kindly agreed to give a grant for the purchase of a wall box for the defibrillator at the Glebe, and also to pay for its installation. She will now proceed to an order.

106 (2024) **DITCH OUTSIDE FAIRVIEW, THE GREEN**

The owners of this property had filled in and piped their ditch, but had been advised by the Countryside Ranger, WBC, via the Parish Clerk, that they should have applied for permission and were, as a result, asked to restore the ditch.

Cllr T Bloomfield advised that they had done this, but their access to this busy road has returned to being dangerous, as there is no verge between their property and the road. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the Countryside Ranger, advising them of the Parish Council's support for a piped ditch, with access points for inspection and cleaning.

- 107 (2024) **1 THE GLEBE**
Cllr T Bloomfield had met the resident of 1 The Glebe and had been advised that, not only had the property been left unoccupied since the last tenant left 8 months ago, but it was in a very bad state of repair, including a shed in the garden with an asbestos roof.
Cllr Higgins agreed to visit the tenant and to raise this matter with WBC.
- 108 (2024) **BOWLS CLUB:** Members considered a request from the Bowls Club for permission to put potential sponsors' advertising banners on the fence bordering the car park or on the side of the clubhouse. It was agreed that banners would be acceptable on the fence facing the car park, in principle, but that each application should be treated individually.
Cllr White will relay this decision to the committee.
- 109 (2024) **FOOTPATH 365a**
The Sayers Croft Volunteers will be available on the 29th July and again on the 5th August. Tom Rice, Deputy Head of Centre, has requested 20 tonnes of limestone at a cost of £600 + vat. The Council holds £250 in reserves for footpath work and it was agreed to add £350 to this to make the sum needed, Proposed by Cllr Clowes, Seconded by Cllr White, all in favour.
- 110 (2024) **PARISH UPDATE FROM CLERK**
Nothing further to raise.
- 111 (2024) **PARISH BUSINESS:** other matters to be noted or included on a future agenda
Cllr White will look into the high costs of electricity in all our buildings.
- 112(2024) **NEXT FULL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: Monday 16th September at the EYSC.**
A planning meeting will be called in August, if required.

The meeting closed at 21.20