



## Minutes of the Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2025

**Parish Councillors present:** David Solomon (DS/Chair)

Barry Tindall (BT) Paul Stillaway (PS) Rebecca Lanigan (RL)

**District Councillors present:** Sue Cooper (SC) Andrea Powell (AP)

Joanna Brock (Clerk) 3 members of the public

57/25 **Apologies for absence:** Nigel Layton (NL) is working and Sally Stockings (SS) is away.

58/25 **Declarations of interest:** None.

59/25 **Minutes of last meeting 12/03/2025:** These were agreed and signed.

60/25 **Public session:** D. Cooper (DC) EPC's Transport Representative, attended the meeting. DC said the 136 & 139 bus services contract is up for renewal in August. OCC is consulting on the best route for these services. EPC has asked parishioners for feedback. The best route was discussed and will be reported back to OCC.

Julius Parker attended the meeting and is the Liberal Democrat candidate standing for election in May at OCC.

61/25 **County & District Councillor reports:** SC & AP sent a monthly report before the meeting and both attended the meeting. OCC is again top for recycling in the country. Oxfordshire is also top of the league for the least amount of waste per head of population in the whole country.

62/25 **Common flooding:** K. Walker (KW) from the cricket club attended the meeting. DS had a meeting on the Common with L. Travers (LT) a Flood Risk and Drainage Engineer from SODC last month and a survey of water levels was conducted. LT is also liaising with Grundon and writing a report for EPC. It is believed there is a pipe under the recreation ground which was laid approx. 70 years ago. DS will share the report with EPC and KW when it is received.

63/25 **Planning:**

- **P25/S0850/HH:** Spring View, Ewelme, OX10 6HQ. External insulation and rendering. Replacement of the fence with a wall to match the height of the existing fence. Replacement of the garage with a timber garden office and replacement of the wooden shed. Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

64/25 **Accounts and Administration:**

(a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.

(b) RESOLVED new income and expenditure authorised. *See appendix.*

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

(c) The Clerk's printer has failed. A new purchase at approx. £190 was approved.

(d) VAT paid for 2024-25 has been claimed and received.

(e) CIL report for 2024-25 has been submitted to SODC.

(f) EPC's finance meeting has been booked for 17<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm at Quiet Waters.

65/25 **Benson Veteran Cycle Club:** Permission was given for the BVCC to use the pavilion on 6<sup>th</sup> July at no charge.

66/25 **Extra Councillor Seat:** It was resolved that EPC would be the subject of a community governance review. A report will be compiled and it will be discussed at EPC's finance meeting.

67/25 **Traffic:** EPC have received a complaint that the 20mph zones are not working. In addition to implementing 20mph zones, EPC has also installed two SIDs. The SIDs initially demonstrated a reduction in speed.

DS attended a meeting at County Hall on 31/03/2025 regarding the Hazell & Jefferies' CLEUD. The recommended CLEUD was agreed. EPC will continue to use the speed lapse cameras to monitor traffic and will report back to OCC on a monthly basis.

68/25 **Green Spaces:** A few months ago, A.Walker (AW) wrote a post on Facebook and asked whether parishioners would like to sponsor an owl box. Four boxes were sponsored and will be installed by WREN this weekend.

Thames Water (TW) repaired a burst water main in the village last week. This may have been caused by vehicles driving across the bridleway. Further investigation is needed

AW has started cutting down the trees with red dots on the recent tree survey. AW will email the Clerk with details.

AP said there is a problem with phosphorous in freshwater systems and Lord Jay is looking into this. M. Powell (MP) is liaising with Lord Jay to check local water quality. DS asked whether MP could attend a PC meeting to say how EPC can help with this issue.

69/25 **Health & safety issues:** The playground repairs have been completed.

70/25 **Village maintenance including:** The Clerk will liaise with SS regarding the litter pick on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Clerk has provided a risk assessment form, sign in sheet, equipment and refreshments.

A new playground safety sign has been erected, replacing the old faded sign.

The bus shelter display boards are up. DS will write an article for the EN and ask parishioners what information they would like to see in the display boards.

71/25 **Reports from meetings and training courses:** DS & PS attended a grants meeting with SODC and said this was very useful.

72/25 **Correspondence.** Nothing of note.

73/25 **Other items of interest.**

It was agreed that EPC is not organising an event for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in May.

The manager of the Benson Millstream Centre has resigned.

Another football team has enquired about hiring the pavilion. The two teams and the Clerk will liaise with each other.

SC & AP strongly recommended that the Ewelme Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) should be reviewed. The Clerk said a meeting was held with the NH Planning Team at SODC on 13/03/2024. The conclusion at the time was that there is no requirement to submit a formal review to SODC.

Broadband installation in the village is still being considered.

The meeting closed at 2115

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next meeting – 14th May 2025

**Appendix**

**Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts  
April 2025**

Ref	Minute ref	Payments for authorisation	Amount
		Administration costs	1,213.79
	42/25 (e)	Grundon	29.99
	42/25 (e)	E-On	54.63
	42/25 (e)	Castle Water	17.58
	42/25 (f)	EN	75.00
09.04.25.02	42/25 (f)	Oxford IT Solutions	12.00
09.04.25.03	13/25	J Martin - playground maintenance	285.00
13/03/2025		Sports pavilion small business rate relief	0.00
		Debit card purchases (below)	1340.74
			<b>3028.73</b>

Date	Receipts	Amount
17/03/2025	EN advertising	138.00
03/04/2025	Half year precept	20000.00
04/04/2025	VAT reclaim	1525.32
		<b>21663.32</b>

Ref	Minute ref	Debit card purchases	Amount
25/03/2025	28/25	Notice Me - bus shelter display boards	1053.58
28/03/2025	52/25	Your Security Sign (playground)	79.33
01/04/2025	64/25 (c)	Canon printer	197.94
02/04/2025		Euro Office - laminating paper	9.89
			<b>1340.74</b>