



## Minutes of the Ewelme Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024

**Parish Councillors present:** David Solomon (Chair) Rebecca Lanigan (RB) Nigel Layton (NL) Paul Stillaway (PS) Sally Stockings (SS)

**District Councillors present:** Andrea Powell (AP)  
Joanna Brock (Clerk) 2 members of the public

150/24 **Apologies for absence:** Barry Tindall (BT) is unwell. Sue Cooper (SC) as AP is representing SODC.

151/24 **Declarations of interest:** None.

152/24 **Minutes of last meeting 11/09/2024:** These were agreed and signed.

153/24 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in other sections.

154/24 **County & District Councillor reports:** SC & AP sent a monthly report before the meeting. AP attended the meeting and said SODC approved the Regulation 19 publication version of the new Joint Local Plan. They believe local planning authorities are best placed to determine housing. The Council's finances remain robust. The operational shortfall of around £1m is covered by increased income from investments.

### 155/24 **Planning:**

**P24/S2765/HH:** 2 Eyres Close, Ewelme, OX10 6LA. Garage conversion, ground floor front extension and proposed detached garage. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

**P24/S2217/FUL:** Sideways, Hollantide Lane, Roke, OX10 6JU. Replacement and enlargement of storage barn/shelter. To include covered horsebox parking and other machinery, storage for hay and bedding and shelter for horses. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

**P24/S3043/LB:** West Cottage, Ewelme, OX10 6HQ. Replace 2 timber casement windows with like for like windows. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

### 156/24 **Accounts and Administration:**

(a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.

(b) RESOLVED new income and expenditure authorised.

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

(c) RESOLVED the new NALC Financial Regulations were adopted with changes.

157/24 **Common flooding:** DS discussed the flooding with R. Kent. It is believed there is a pipe running the length of the recreation ground but it is no longer effective. R. Kent suggested planting trees to soak up the water. A level survey was also suggested. The Clerk and DS will research the grazing rights on the Common.

158/24 **Car park expansion.** The pre application advice received highlighted a number of reports that would need to be undertaken amounting to a significant cost to EPC. BT is going to contact the planning officer and ask for advice on how to make the application more favourable. BT will be asked to progress this.

159/24 **Bus shelter refurbishment.** The Clerk will chase up Ben Bateman for the roof replacement. DS suggested putting up display boards inside the shelter with information about the village, local walks and village history. DS would also like to research installing lighting within the shelter. The district councillor grant, which may fund this, closes on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

160/24 **Traffic.** The Hazell & Jefferies' CLEUD is still pending. The Highways Engagement meeting has been postponed. PS noticed that parking alongside Old London Cottages is causing a difficult traffic situation at school drop off time. This situation will be monitored.

161/24 **Green Spaces.** A. Walker (AW) will research whether TOE would fund a survey or a management plan for Cow Common. AW has completed his chainsaw training. AW will start cutting down the trees in the triangle at the end of the Common after completing a risk assessment. This wood will then be sold.

162/24 **Health & safety issues.** EPC's risk assessment states that a regular survey should be carried out on the trees on the Common by a registered arboriculturist. The Clerk is meeting with a tree surgeon for a quote.

163/24 **Village maintenance.** The last cut will be done by the landscape contractor at the end of this month and then an invoice will be sent for the season.

164/24 **Reports from meetings.** PS and RL attended the Benson Millstream meeting earlier this month. PL is happy to be a EPC Millstream representative.

165/24 **Correspondence.** The Horticultural Society have asked that the pavilion fee is waived for the village show due to financial difficulties. It was agreed to waive the fee next year and the Clerk will suggest they apply for a grant next year.

166/24 **Other items of interest.** The new lights from the RAF base are shining into residences in the village. The RAF will investigate this and see whether the lights can be angled away from the village.

The meeting closed at 2120

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

Date of next meeting – 13th November 2024

**Appendix**

**Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts October 2024**

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
DD	Administration costs	1,159.80
	E-on	85.50
09.10.24.02	EN editor	75.00
09.10.24.03	BT meeting refreshments	16.60
09.10.24.04	Insurance - Clear Councils	830.79
09.10.24.05	Vale Training - Chainsaw - additional	165.00
09.10.24.06	NP Design & Print	519.00
09.10.24.07	Vale Training - Chainsaw	468.00
	Debit card purchases (below)	55.23
		<b>3,374.92</b>

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
	Nil	
		<b>0.00</b>

**EPC debit card purchases**

Date	Item	Cost
10/09/2024	Robert Dyas - staple gun staples	11.94
12/09/2024	Robert Dyas - credit note	-6.95
24/09/2024	Meeting refreshments	5.25
26/09/2024	Cartridge Discount - ink	44.99
		<b>55.23</b>