



Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022

Present: Gemma Benoliel (GB) David Solomon (DS) Barry Tindall (BT)
Sally Stockings (SS) Nigel Layton (NL) Sue Cooper (SC)
Joanna Brock (Clerk) 8 members of the public

- 1/22 **Apologies for absence:** Roger Moore (RM) is away. Andrea Powell (AP), SC is representing SODC.
- 2/22 **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 3/22 **Minutes of last meetings: 08/12/21:** These were agreed and signed.
- 4/22 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.
- 5/22 **Planning**
P21/S5037/HH: Alterations and extensions to dwelling house including demolition of existing outbuildings and construction of new detached single bay car port. Address: St Mary's House, Parsons Lane, Ewelme, OX10 6HP. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.
P21/S5213/LB: Installation of a new WC and kitchenette facility and structural repairs in the Old Stables. Address: Manor House, The Street, OX10 6HQ. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.
P21/S5264/FUL: Additional parking area. Address: Nolay Close, Ewelme, OX10 6HG. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.
- 6/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** SC and AP sent a report before the meeting and SC also attended the meeting. SODC have adopted a new policy on parental leave for councillors. GB asked if it would be extended to careers. SC said it wouldn't, that comes under different legislation. There was zero homelessness across both districts on 31st December. SC said there have been a huge backlog of complaints regarding planning during the pandemic. SODC have adopted a new Planning Enforcement Statement.
- 7/22 **Community Shed:** R. Field (RF) gave a short presentation on the plan to have a community shed in Benson for users in the local area. This scheme was inspired by the Men's Shed movement in Australia but has been extended to include anyone over the age of 18 years old. There are currently 600 in the UK and 150 more in development. The Community Shed idea is that members make and create together. There are 6 trustees, RF is leading the group. The Community Shed needs a premises. NL will talk to the RAF regarding a premises. RF will write an article for the next EN.
- 8/22 **Wilding:** A. Walker (AW) reported that there was a meeting with Grundon on 21/12/2021 regarding the site at the top of Rabbits Hill. Grundon has asked the Parish Council to come up with a proposal. AW has written a proposal which has been circulated. The wilding group would like to create a community orchard in Ewelme

using free trees which are part of the Queen's Green Canopy project. GB said she was concerned about the ongoing management of the site. AW hopes to speak and collaborate with Benson Nature Group who manage wildlife areas owned by Benson PC. AW's proposal and the Treescape report on Ewelme can be shared with the public. AW will change a section in his proposal regarding management of the site and recirculate it to the PC to be approved and then sent to Grundon.

9/22 Accounts and Administration:

(a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.

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

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

(c) Councillor Grant Scheme: the total cost of the traffic initiative with a single speed camera is £11,818. EPC have budgeted £10,000. The Clerk has applied to SC and AP for £1,818. This application is still under assessment. Once this has been completed, EPC will apply to FVM for OCC funding.

10/22 Airband meeting: a date has been set for 25/01/2022, this may be online.

11/22 Traffic: no update.

12/22 Eyres Lane: BT said there was a perception that traffic is flowing faster in Eyres Lane since the road was made wider after the road works. BT has purchased wildflower seeds for the verges. A team of volunteers will plant these on 30/01/2022.

13/22 Festival of Ewelme: a meeting date needs to be set.

14/21 Health & safety: Clerk will chase up Benson Sawmills who are replacing the rotten posts in the play area.

The footpath from the car park to Cow Common needs extra scalplings. Clerk will contact Hazel & Jefferies.

Huntercombe prisoners cannot work in the village at this time due to covid.

The legionella report on the pavilion has been conducted but not received.

GB has been researching first aid courses which include using a defibrillator.

15/21 Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common: Nothing to report.

16/21 Reports from meetings, training and other events. A Grundon meeting was held on 21/12/2021, see 8/22.

17/21 Correspondence: GB has received correspondence from several parishioners regarding domestic security lighting in the village. An article will be written in the EN drawing resident's attention to antisocial lighting.

Radio Oxford contacted the Clerk because they would like to report on the community payback scheme with Huntercombe Prison. GB contacted Radio Oxford and also mentioned the Festival of Ewelme which they may publicise.

18/21 **Other items of interest:** None.

The meeting closed at 2120

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 9th February 2022

Appendix

**Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts January
2022**

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
12.01.22.02	Administration costs	1195.45
	L Brock - ink cartridges	20.99
12.01.22.03	Oxfordshire County Council - traffic	3,255.00
12.01.22.04	SLCC subscription	144.00
12.01.22.05	TV Water Services - pavilion	264.00
		4,879.48

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
04/01/2022	Doyleys Farm - EN	23.00
		23.00