



Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022

Present: Gemma Benoliel (GB) David Solomon (DS)
Sally Stockings (SS) Nigel Layton (NL) Roger Moore (RM)
Freddie VanMierlo (FVM) Andrea Powell (AP) Joanna Brock (Clerk)
3 members of the public

- 19/22 **Apologies for absence:** Barry Tindall (BT.) Sue Cooper (SC), AP is representing SODC.
- 20/22 **Declarations of interest:** NL declared an interest in 24/22 P22/S0280/DIS.
- 21/22 **Minutes of last meetings: 12/01/2022 & 17/01/2022:** These were agreed and signed.
- 22/22 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.
- 23/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** FVM sent a report and also attended the meeting. FVM said that OCC's budget was approved yesterday. Money has been set aside for 20mph limits in villages and towns and £1.3 million to address climate change. Money has also been set aside to speed up SEND assessments. The Transport Plan consultation is still open until the 16th March. GB expressed concern that there has been a cut in bus services. OCC are calling on the government to devolve more powers to OCC for 'moving traffic' offences. GB mentioned that OCC had passed a rule that only vegan food is to be served at official events. SS objected to this, as a local farmer. SC and AP sent a report before the meeting and AP also attended the meeting. SODC are hoping to pass their budget next week. Finances are in a much better position than predicted and as a result SODC have protected all their core services. Money has been budgeted for the Climate Plan and community wellbeing. SODC published their Infrastructure Funding Statement recommending a change in the schedule of charges as rates are currently modest.
- 24/22 **Traffic:** DS drew up a report investigating the conditions of the Hazell & Jefferies' Certificate of Lawfulness which is believed to be regularly contravened. EPC gave DS permission for his report to be sent to OCC. FVM will send the Clerk the contact for OCC for this report. NL suggested legal advice should be taken but it was decided that EPC would not at this time.
- There is a trench on the road outside the Old Gym on Green Lane. The Clerk will ask D. Cooper, as EPC's Fix my Street Superuser to report this.
- DS wrote to Jon Beale to ask for an update on the progress of the traffic initiative. Jon Beale advised DS that the bulk of the signs and gates are due for delivery in the couple of weeks which can then be installed.
- DS informed members of the public that a moveable speed camera will be installed on Green Lane and Eyres Lane.

25/22 Planning

P22/S0135/FUL: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning application P21/S0598/FUL. To extend the rear extension an additional 2m and to include solar panels. To create a three bedroom dwelling by extending existing timber building. Address: The Granary Barn, Fields End Farmhouse, Parsons Lane Ewelme, OX10 6HP. The applicant attended the meeting. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

P22/S0063/HH: First floor and rear extension, changes to fenestration and addition of balcony to front. Address: 2 Britwell Road, Ewelme, OX10 6JA. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

P22/S0164/DIS: Discharge of conditions Condition 5: Foul water drainage & Condition 6: Tree protection. Address: Cottesbrooke, Benson Road, Ewelme, OX10 6HB. This application was noted by EPC.

P22/S0224/HH: To install source heat pump at front of house. Address: 14 Eyres Close, OX10 6LA. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

P21/S4527/HH: New location for a new timber fence and new metal fence on boundary. Address: Church Barn, Parson's Lane, Ewelme, OX10 6HP. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

P22/S0280/DIS: Discharge of condition 3 (submission of details) on Planning Application P20/S4783/LB. Address: Thatchings, The Street, Ewelme, OX10 6HQ. This application was noted by EPC.

P22/S0329/HH: Installation of three new AC units on anti-vibration mounts within a louvered timber acoustic box. Address: Church Barn, Parson's Lane, Ewelme, OX10 6HP. RESOLVED EPC have no objections subject to SODC being satisfied that the units will not cause unacceptable noise levels.

P21/S5164/FUL: proposed new workshop building, with staff canteen area/rest area. Address: 41 Green Lane, Ewelme, OX10 6DA. This application was withdrawn. EPC have investigated this site and it is believed that the additional land bought is being used without change of use of land planning permission. Also, the hours of business stipulated are being exceeded. DS will write a report to be submitted to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

26/22 Accounts and Administration:

(a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.

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

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

(c) County Councillor Priority Fund. The Clerk has applied to FVM for a grant towards the speed camera.

(d) A date has been set for the finance meeting for 23th February at 6.30pm

27/22 **Brook management:** DS is continuing to work with the Benson Nature and Chalk Stream groups. There was recent concern that sewer waste was being discharged into Kings Pool. DS will contact Thames Water.

28/22 **Airband meeting:** A Zoom meeting was held with Airband and parishioners and a letter sent to residents. Notes from the meeting have been posted on the Ewelme village FB page. There was some confusion over the comparison between Openreach

and Airband and what they would be able to offer residents. If the public need more information, they can contact S. Maine and T. Wilson.

- 29/22 **Wilding:** BT and a team of volunteers planted wildflower seeds along Eyres Lane on the 29th Jan with a donation from Hazell and Jefferies.
BT is still waiting to hear about their collaboration with Grundon. If it goes ahead it will be called 'Ewelme's Green Canopy'. They have a Whatsapp group with 6 members, if anyone else is interested they can join up.
The mowing team are happy to continue to mow as before. The gang mower should be back this week.
- 30/22 **Festival of Ewelme:** A meeting will be held on the 15th February. This is progressing well. A member of the public suggested there be a classic car show during the festival.
- 31/22 **CCTV on Parson's Lane:** The owners of Church Barn have offered to buy an additional CCTV camera for use in Parson's Lane. This was discussed and due to legal implications and other parishioner's opinions, it was decided not to go ahead. The Clerk will write to the owners of Church Barn to thank them but to decline the offer.
- 32/21 **Health & safety:** EPC have received a legionella report on the pavilion. The Clerk has contacted a local company who will take a look at carrying out regular checks as recommended in the report. A member of the public suggested EPC contact their insurers.
The rotten posts in the playground have been replaced.
A resident has reported that the light on the defibrillator box at the pavilion is not working. The Clerk will check the switch is still on and then contact A. Spink.
Several posts in the car park need replacing.
- 33/21 **Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common:** A local resident planted trees on land at Martyn's Way one of which was knocked down by OCC. A meeting will be arranged with J. Hammond from OCC to discuss planting further trees on this land.
EPC would like to be part of the Great British Spring Clean. The Clerk will put this on the March agenda.
The Horticultural Society have asked whether they have permission to park on the Common for the Open Gardens in July. EPC have given permission for this.
- 34/21 **Reports from meetings, training and other events.** There was a meeting with OCC to discuss Operation London Bridge. BT will lower the flag on the church as necessary.
GB is organising a first aid course to include defibrillators.
- 35/21 **Correspondence:** A local resident suggested the idea of a car boot sale on the Common. It was decided not to go ahead with this idea due to the damage on the Common and number of vehicles it would attract.
- 36/21 **Other items of interest:** None.

The meeting closed at 2145

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 9th March 2022

Appendix

Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts February 2022

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
	Administration costs	948.71
03.09.02.22	Hall hire	120.00
04.09.02.22	J Martin	45.00
04.09.02.22	Filmbank Media - festival	150.00
		1,263.71

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