



Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022

Present: Gemma Benoliel (GB/Chairman) David Solomon (DS)
Sally Stockings (SS) Barry Tindall (BT) Nigel Layton (NL)
Roger Moore (RM) Sue Cooper (SC)
Joanna Brock (Clerk) 0 members of public

78/22 **Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman:** GB was elected as Chairman and DS as Vice-Chairman.

79/22 **Apologies for absence:** None.

80/22 **Declarations of interest:** None.

81/22 **Minutes of last meetings: 09/03/2022 & 13/04/2022:** These were agreed and signed.

82/22 **Public session:** No members of the public attended the meeting.

83/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** SC and AP sent a report before the meeting and SC also attended the meeting to answer questions. SODC have a website dedicated to the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. OCC have an ongoing survey to understand resident's opinions and understanding of climate change in the Oxfordshire area. SC reminded EPC of the planning application call-in process. The government is asking people to comment on proposals to alter the process of changing street names. Water safety advice is being issued by OCC's fire and rescue service. SODC is working with other Oxfordshire Councils to help Ukrainians wishing to seek refuge here. SODC is trialling 'no mow may', a national campaign to let grass grow in May to help biodiversity.

EPC are also encouraging wildlife by leaving some grass areas to grow. GB will reply to the Ewelme Trust's email regarding Burrows Hill. The Clerk will inform Azalea it is the same cutting schedule as last year.

84/22 **Planning**

P22/S1559/LB & P22/S1558/HH: Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory. Conversion and extension of existing detached garage. Address: Brook Cottage, The Street, Ewelme, OX10 6HQ. RESOLVED EPC have no objections subject to SODC being entirely satisfied that the conversion of the garage (which will result in a loss of parking), that adequate parking will still remain to the west of the dwelling. Also, the new single storey extension will remain in keeping with its Grade 2 listed status and that the application will have minimal impact on the nearby watercourse as the new extension to the garage will be 7.5 metres close to the chalk stream and not the recommended minimum 10 metres.

P22/S1563/FUL: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on planning application P20/S4288/FUL – design amendments (Demolish Pole Barn, erect new dwelling and carport, and alter front boundary wall.) Address: The White House, Cat Lane, Ewelme, OX10 6HX. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

85/22 Accounts and Administration:

- (a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.
- (b) RESOLVED new income and expenditure authorised. *See appendix.*
RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.
- (c) RESOLVED year end accounts 2021/22 were approved.
- (d) Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 was approved and signed.
- (e) Section 2 of the Accounting Statements 2021/22 was approved and signed.
- (f) CIL report for 2021/22 has been submitted to SODC.
- (g) All Councillors confirmed their register of interests were up to date.
- (h) Grants were decided for 2022/23. It was agreed to award £400 to the following organisations - Ewelme and Benson Cricket Club, Ewelme pre-school, Benson Millstream Centre, Benson library and donate £50 to the Royal British Legion.

86/22 Allocation of Councillor responsibilities:

Finance and Administration working group – all Councillors
Pavilion and Common group – BT & NL
Planning and NHP Committee – GB, DS, NL & BT
Grundon, Severn Trent and Hazel & Jefferies – SS, RM, BT & GB
RAF liaison – BT & NL
EPC representative for the Watercress Centre management committee of the Chiltern Society – RM
VHM liaison – DS & GB
Transport – David Cooper
Benson Millstream Centre – DS

87/22 Neighbourhood Plan: This month is the Plan's annual review. A working group will be set up and a meeting held to review and update the Plan if necessary.

88/22 Wilding: BT and his team have planted more wildflower seeds down Eyres Lane with seeds donated by Hazel & Jefferies. Seeds have also been sown along the path by the allotments, although this will be monitored in case it hinders pedestrian's safe passage along The Street. A. Walker's article in the EN about helping nature has had some positive response from the village. The wilding team are looking at more areas suitable for hedge planting. Vehicles are still parking on the verge down Green Lane. This is OCC land so BT will ask permission from OCC to plant here.

89/22 Health & safety: The SID will be moved tomorrow by BT and his team. It does seem to be making drivers reduce their speed.
The pavilion's basic legionella checks are being done by the cleaning company and the Clerk has also put up safety signs within the pavilion.
Benson road was full of potholes. These were filled in as it is a cycle route, however the road is still uneven.

90/22 Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common: The mowers are working well since they have been repaired and the team are currently

mowing once a week. The team need more volunteers to help. Mowing takes place within school hours for health and safety reasons.

RM reported that the bench in the playground is in need of repair. BT will look at this and will also check the swings tomorrow.

The mowing team are looking after the Common and it is looking well maintained.

Miss Edwards has asked whether EPC can replace some of the pedestrian gates to Cow Common. SS will ask Miss Edwards for the specific gates. EPC will approach the Chiltern Society which has recently carried out voluntary work repairing gates in the area.

91/22 **Correspondence:** The Clerk received an email from a member of the public whose dog was attacked on the Common by another member of the public's dog. This is not an isolated incident. EPC will write to the owner of the dog to request they keep their dog on a lead when on council land.

92/22 **Other items of interest:** NL & BT attended a liaison meeting with the RAF. RAF Benson has said that in May night flying will increase to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, possibly until 3am. The schedule will be published on the RAF Benson website each week. The Clerk has shared this information with the general public via Facebook. The next RAF liaison meeting will be in October.

The meeting closed at 2110

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 8th June 2022

Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts May 2022

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
	Administration costs	1,029.90
11.05.22.02	Jane Olds - internal audit	210.00
11.05.22.03	Music licence - Festival of Ewelme	706.88
11.05.22.04	NP Design & Print - EN news	436.00
11.05.22.05	Running Imp - jubilee mug boxes	105.59
11.05.22.06	Grundon - festival bins	229.80
11.05.22.07	Tulu toilet hire - festival	328.80
11.05.22.08	Lucky to be Alive - P on the P band	1,300.00
11.05.22.09	Anna Field - minute Clerk	48.00
11.05.22.10	VH hire	120.00
11.05.22.11	VH hire	390.00
11.05.22.12	G Benoliel - meeting refreshments	29.65
11.05.22.13	T Scott - Watercress Painters	49.30
11.05.22.14	NP Design & Print - festival programme	469.00
11.05.22.15	J Martin - playground repair	55.00
11.05.22.16	J Brock - float	200.00
11.05.22.17	Henman Marquees - festival	1,943.10
11.05.22.18	Jubilee mugs (extra ones)	287.71
		7,938.73

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
08/04/2022	Precept - half year	15,000.00
21/04/2022	Ewelme Almshouse Charity - festival donation	520.00
28/04/2022	VAT reclaim	4,150.30
29/04/2022	Shepherd's Hut	23.00
03/05/2022	Britchford - EN advert	48.00
04/05/2022	Clarissa Germanos - festival donation	50.00
04/05/2022	Hillcrest Motors - festival donation	50.00
06/05/2022	Rowse Honey - festival donation	200.00
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