



Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd August 2022

Present: Gemma Benoliel (GB/Chairman) David Solomon (DS)
Barry Tindall (BT) Roger Moore (RM) F. VanMierlo (FVM)
A. Powell (AP) Joanna Brock (Clerk) 5 members of public

111/22 **Apologies for absence:** S.Cooper (SC), AP is representing SODC and N. Layton (NL) is away.

112/22 **Declarations of interest:** None.

113/22 **Minutes of last meeting 08/06/2022:** These were agreed and signed.

114/22 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.

115/22 **Wilding:** BT said turtle doves have been sighted in Ewelme. There has been some success with the seeds sown around the village. Grundon do not wish to collaborate with the Ewelme group at this time. A. Walker spoke about the little copse known locally as the 'ninth hole.' Overall this area is in good condition and doesn't warrant any more trees planted. The ash dieback is minor but the area needs to be managed and trees should be thinned out. A. Walker said he can approach the Chiltern Rangers, Benson Nature Group and a Watlington nature group. RESOLVED EPC have asked A. Walker to pursue this project.

116/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** FVM sent a report before the meeting and also attended the meeting. FVM said from September there will be new lower Park & Ride charges. The LTCP has been adopted. FVM gave an update on the Hazell & Jefferies site on Eyres Lane. After spot checks, the operator may be breaking the terms of their licence. The operator has not engaged with inspectors so it's likely more formal action will take place in the next few weeks. OCC have set the timetable two years ahead for roadworks and road maintenance in the area. OCC have recognised a lack of special schools in the area and are addressing this.
SC and AP sent two reports before the meeting and AP attended the meeting. SODC has published its 2022 5 year housing supply, they have demonstrated a figure of 5.58. SODC are working on a Joint Local Plan. SODC recent motions are food and farming, sewage discharge and the cost of living.

117/22 **Planning**

P22/S2539/HH: Single-storey side link extension. Address: 2 The Kings Pool, Ewelme, OX10 6HP. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

P22/S2261/HH: Residents of 3 Britwell Close have stated that the latest architectural plans for 2 Britwell Close were not what was originally granted by SODC. AP will contact the planning department for further advice.

118/22 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 EPC accepted the external and internal auditor's reports.
- (d) RESOLVED EPC will NOT set up a direct debit to Castle Water.
- (e) RESOLVED EPC approved a direct debit to Biffa.

119/22 Councillor's Code of Conduct:

RESOLVED EPC will adopt the new Code of Conduct.

120/22 Replacement toddler swings: Clerk has ordered the new toddler swings.

RESOLVED EPC will use CIL to pay for the swings.

121/22 Festival of Ewelme: DS asked EPC if he could progress a working group to come up with suggestions for the legacy of the festival. GB said one suggestion is a village website. This will go on the next agenda. DS will write an article for the EN.

122/22 Ewelme NHP: GB suggested EPC needs to look at the current version of this to ensure it meets the needs of the village, for example clearly stating a village envelope. The Clerk will start a dossier of amendments.

123/22 Grazing rights: the current contract with Ford's Farm ends in December 2022. EPC will review the grazing cost and discuss extending the contract for 5 years at the next meeting.

124/22 Huntercombe Prison: The prison is ready to have suitable prisoners volunteer in the village. GB and the Clerk will discuss suitable jobs and liaise with the prison.

125/22 Health & safety: The Clerk has ordered a new bin service with Biffa after SODC is stopping this free service. Two bins have been ordered for the play area to be emptied weekly.

126/22 Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common: The trip hazard by the basketball net has been cut away and made safe. The Clerk will ask Benson Sawmills to clear the ditch by the pavilion. The pavilion floor will need repainting.

127/22 Correspondence: The Clerk and Chairman were contacted by a resident regarding inconsiderate parking and hedges overgrowing footpaths in the village. The resident will write an article for the EN. RM will see if there are any national guidelines for footpaths and hedges.

RESOLVED EPC will not accept a donation from Benson Veteran Cycle Club but will look into a repair station for cyclists at the bus stop and may ask for a donation towards this in the future.

128/22 **Other items of interest:** None.

The meeting closed at 2150

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 14th September 2022

Appendix

Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts August 2022

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
DD	Administration costs	944.80
	E-on	100.00
03.08.22.02	Moore - external audit	360.00
03.08.22.03	Maltby's the Bookbinders	105.00
03.08.22.04	G Watts - festival	136.87
03.08.22.05	NP Design & Print - minutes	38.40
		1,735.07

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
13/07/2022	Chiltern Chase pavilion hire	20.00
13/07/2022	Ewelme Society festival donation	400.00
		420.00