



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

Present: Gemma Benoliel (GB/Chairman) David Solomon (DS)
Barry Tindall (BT) Nigel Layton (NL) A. Powell (AP) Joanna Brock (Clerk)
1 member of public

129/22 **Apologies for absence:** VanMierlo (FVM) is away. S.Cooper (SC), AP is representing SODC. Sally Stockings (SS) is working and Roger Moore (RM) is away.

130/22 **Declarations of interest:** None.

131/22 **Minutes of last meeting 03/08/2022:** These were agreed and signed.

132/22 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.

133/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** FVM sent a report before the meeting. SC and AP sent a report before the meeting and AP attended the meeting. SODC has introduced a maximum Hackney taxi tariff. OCC has responded to a letter that SODC wrote to their leader regarding their business investment policy. SODC state it is not compatible with their target to be carbon neutral by 2025.

134/22 **District Councillor grants:** This scheme is opening again in November. EPC asked whether road markings would be considered. AP stated they would not consider these as these are the responsibility of OCC highways. A bench commemorating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was suggested. GB also suggested the seating area in the children's play area should be reviewed.

135/22 **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 debit card policy was adopted.
- (d) RESOLVED Grundon direct debit was approved.
- (e) RESOLVED EPC insurance was reviewed.
- (f) RESOLVED Jane Olds was appointed as internal auditor for this financial year.
- (g) RESOLVED EPC will buy a budget laptop for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) data.

136/22 **Football goals:** It was agreed to only allow hirers of the pavilion to use the football goals.

137/22 **Festival of Ewelme:** There was a proposal to develop a community website. Generally, this was well received. This would be managed by a paid operator. R. Lanigan (RL) suggested selling advertising space to help with running costs. BT will speak to an associate regarding a new community website and also concerning the existing Parish Council website. GB suggested a legacy with two benches, one in commemoration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and one for the coronation of King Charles III.

138/22 **NHP:** This was not discussed.

139/22 **Grazing rights:** the current contract with Ford's Farm ends in December 2022. It was agreed to extend the current contract with current terms and conditions for the next 5 years.

140/22 **RAF motorcycle day:** EPC have received several complaints regarding the noise of the motorcycle day on the airfield. The RAF have stated this is a road safety event and has raised over £100,000 for charity. NL would like to meet with the Station Engagement Officer and would also like more information for residents i.e., that it's a charity and road safety event. RL has the details of the event organiser so NL will also liaise with her.

141/22 **Huntercombe Prison:** Tasks were discussed for the community pay back scheme which included litter picking and painting the outside of the pavilion.

142/22 **Cricket net:** The cricket club have said the entire cricket net structure needs replacing at a cost of £10-15,000. BT and NL will discuss this with the cricket team. EPC agreed to contribute towards the cost of the flooring.

143/22 **Health & safety:** BT and the mowing team cleared away pieces of metal and debris from the area next to the shipping container.

The cricket noticeboard has been taken away temporarily by the cricket team.

Benson Sawmills have cleared the ditch next to the pavilion.

BT will check the safety of the benches in the play area.

Clerk will contact Benson Lions regarding the parking at the football matches.

BT will replace the padlock on the shipping container.

144/22 **Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common:** It was decided to appoint J. Martin to repair the pavilion floor.

145/22 **Correspondence:** Nothing of interest.

146/22 **Other items of interest:** A. Walker sent a report before the meeting regarding Ewelme Nature Group. The report included training in chainsaw use and a hedge surveyor for the Common. The Clerk stated that as part of the Common risk assessment a registered arboriculturist should periodically survey the trees. The Clerk will organise a professional survey.

EPC would like to increase the number of councillors on the Council. EPC can apply after the next election in May 2023.

EPC will allocate money in the next financial budget towards traffic measures. EPC will look at installing another SID in the village. One of the existing SIDs doesn't work in its current location due to the vegetation. There was a suggestion to have road markings on the road.

The Clerk will keep 'traffic' on the agenda as a regular item.

There is work taking place on Hazell & Jefferies' land. EPC don't have information on this. BT will ask the manager.

The Clerk will contact Grundon as to whether there will be any bluebell or daffodil bulbs donated this year.

RL suggested a village tea party for the King's coronation in May, facilitated by EPC. EPC will set up a working group.

The meeting closed at 2115

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 9th November 2022

Appendix

Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts October 2022

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
DD	Administration costs	1081.87
	E-on	100.22
	Pavilion hire refund	100.00
12.10.22.02	Fenland Leisure - toddler swings	3,384.00
12.10.22.03	Grundon	21.12
12.10.22.04	Village hall hire	40.00
12.10.22.05	Enzian Services Ltd - pavilion cleaning	144.00
12.10.22.06	Enzian Services Ltd - pavilion cleaning	288.00
12.10.22.07	Benson Sawmills	240.00
		5,399.21

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
03/10/2022	Cricket club pavilion hire	525.00
05/10/2022	Benson Lions pavilion hire deposit	100.00
		625.00