



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

**Present:** Gemma Benoliel (GB/Chairman) David Solomon (DS)  
Nigel Layton (NL) Roger Moore (RM) Freddie VanMierlo (FVM)  
Sue Cooper (SC) Joanna Brock (Clerk)  
2 members of the public

147/22 **Apologies for absence:** Barry Tindall (BT) and Sally Stockings (SS.) Andrea Powell (AP), SC is representing SODC.

148/22 **Declarations of interest:** None.

149/22 **Minutes of last meeting 12/10/2022:** These were agreed and signed.

150/22 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.

151/22 **County/District Councillor reports:** FVM sent a report before the meeting and also attended the meeting. FVM said there are grants available for community organisations to help with energy bills, the deadline for applications is the 21/11. The Park & Ride in Oxford has been made cheaper as part of a 6 month trial. OCC are looking into traffic filters in Oxford city, preventing private vehicles from using certain roads. The investigation into Hazell & Jefferies practices is still ongoing. OCC officers paid an unscheduled visit to the Ewelme site and will do another one soon. This is a priority for the enforcement team. There were recent protests outside OCC offices with some parents stating OCC is not meeting the needs of their SEND children. There has been a review of parliamentary constituencies. FVM said Benson Road is still being looked at for repair. SC asked that the road surface is suitable for cyclists. DS said the SID in Eyres Lane is in the incorrect position and needs an extension part, he will look into a grant from Cllr F.Bloomfield. SC and AP sent a report before the meeting and SC attended the meeting. SC said free trees are available from the International Tree Foundation.

152/22 **Planning:**

**(1) P22/S3484/HH:** Front porch extension, hip roof to replace flat roof of existing garage. Construction of a double garage and an office outbuilding. Address: The Copper House, Ewelme, OX10 6HP. RESOLVED EPC have no objections however, we would request that SODC satisfies itself that the proposed development would not have any adverse impact upon the iconic view of the village from the top of Rabbits Hill, which forms "Important View 1" in the Ewelme Neighbourhood Plan. It is our view that the dark cladding of the upper part of the house itself represents a positive contribution to the view as the present white rendering does stand out across the valley. As far as we can tell the proposed additional work will not represent any detriment to the view.

**(2)** Planning application amendment (no. 1), on application **P22/S3168/HH & P22/S3169/LB**. Address: Tithe Barn, Ewelme, OX10 6ES. RESOLVED EPC have no objections, subject to SODC being satisfied that listed building regulations are met.

**(3) MW.0131/21:** Erection of a new building for the storage and processing of hazardous waste. Address: Grundon, Ewelme Technical Waste Transfer Station, Goulds Grove, OX10 6PJ. RESOLVED EPC have no objections.

153/22 **Wilding:** A.Walker (AW) had a recent meeting with Grundon to discuss a community orchard on Grundon land and has another meeting in January. Grundon said there will be a change in land use in 5 years time. AW and DS will meet for a walk around the site. AW attended the OX10 Queen's Green Canopy meeting on 29/10. AW is meeting with representatives from Britwell-Cum-Sotwell who can offer the Ewelme nature group advice. The triangle of trees near the Common needs thinning, AW will arrange this. Wild Oxfordshire paid for a survey of the hedges around Cow Common. The recommendation was that the fence and hedge need maintenance. The hedge is damaging the fence so it needs to be taken out and the hedge cut back, another meeting will be held to discuss this.

154/22 **Festival of Ewelme Legacy:** It was decided at the last PC meeting that the idea of a community website will be progressed. DS has circulated a document to Councillors and will circulate it further to local organisations that may be included on the website. The Clerk spoke to the Nettlebed PC Clerk regarding the Nettlebed community website and will continue to keep in communication with them. The idea of two benches was discussed as a legacy to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the Common and for a matching bench at the top of Burrows Hill for the coronation of King Charles III.

155/22 **Traffic:** DS, BT and members of the public met with representatives from OCC on 7/11 to discuss Eyres Lane and Green Lane. One of the SID's locations is not operating correctly. It was agreed this could be resolved by hedge cutting and an extension device. DS asked if the current 20mph could be extended. DS was advised that this would be looked at more favourably since the new government policy regarding 20mph limits. EPC may apply for an extension to the 20mph zone which is expected to cost nothing but due to a backlog could take 3 years. The 20mph zone along The Street is not always being obeyed. DS said if it was decided to increase the number of road signs or markings, EPC would have to pay for these with a minimum order of 6 or another option is dragon's teeth on the road. The idea of another SID in The Street and suitable sites for this was also discussed. Information will be gathered and this will be on the December agenda.

156/22 **Huntercombe Prison community payback:** Members of EPC met with a representative from the prison on 3/10. There will be another meeting on 22/11.

157/22 **Health & safety:** The annual playground report has been received. Repair work as suggested by the report, will be carried out. RM mentioned there is a dip in the road on The Street by Wingfield Close and thinks the underground pipe may have caused this. This will be reported to 'Fix my Street.'

158/22 **Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common:** The new flooring in the pavilion will be laid next week.

159/22 **Correspondence:** NL is hoping to communicate with RAF Benson regarding the motorcycle event on the base.

160/22 **Other items of interest:** Peter Lemaire, former EPC Chairman is unwell. EPC will send a card.

DS will attend the Grundon liaison meeting on 14/11/22.

Rebecca Lanigan will hold the King's coronation event on the Common on bank holiday Monday, 8/5/23.

161/22 **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 the fixed term deposit matures on 11/11/2022. £25,000 will be reinvested into a Lloyds Bank 1 year fixed term deposit account.

(d) RESOLVED the budget, as circulated was agreed for 2023/24.

(e) RESOLVED it was agreed that the precept for 2023/24 would be £30,000.

(f) RESOLVED the Clerk's pay award from the NJC guidelines was accepted.

162/22 **District Councillor grants:** EPC will not apply for a District Councillor grant this year.

The meeting closed at 2200

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Appendix

### Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts November 2022

| Ref no:     | Payments for authorisation:                |                 |
|-------------|--|-----------------|
|             | Administration costs                       | 965.93          |
| DD          | E-on                                       | 100.22          |
| 09.11.22.02 | Insurance - Gallagher                      | 1,503.91        |
| BACS        | Royal British Legion poppy appeal donation | 50.00           |
| 09.11.22.03 | Play Inspection Company                    | 90.00           |
| 09.11.22.04 | Azalea Landscapes                          | 2,110.00        |
|             |  | <b>4,820.06</b> |

| Date | Receipts since last meeting: |             |
|------|------------------------------|-------------|
|      | None                         |             |
|      |                              | <b>0.00</b> |