



## Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023

**Present:** Gemma Benoliel (GB/Chairman) David Solomon (DS)  
Roger Moore (RM) Sally Stockings (SS) Barry Tindall (BT)  
Freddie VanMierlo (FVM) Sue Cooper (SC) Joanna Brock (Clerk) 3 members of the public

17/23 **Apologies for absence:** Nigel Layton (NL) is attending a work meeting.

18/23 **Declarations of interest:** None.

19/23 **Minutes of last meeting 11/01/2023:** These were agreed and signed.

20/23 **Public session:** No one wished to speak at this time but spoke in relevant sections.

21/23 **County/District Councillor reports:** SC, AP and FVM sent reports before the meeting. FVM attended the meeting and said the focus for OCC at the moment is the budget. There is a big focus on social care, children's services and special educational needs. Around half of OCC's budget is spent on adult social care. More money will be spent on flood relief and flood prevention. FVM encouraged the Parish Council to report highway problems which will then be assessed by officers. OCC will increase the funding for the planting of trees. DS will continue to ask OCC for updates regarding Rumbolds Pit. DS asked about the extension to the 20mph zone in Ewelme, there are no updates regarding this. SC attended a meeting this evening which discussed solar farms. SS said solar panels in fields are not aesthetically pleasing and agreed that they should install solar panels on houses. SODC will soon be undertaking a leisure needs survey. There will be two local representations and a consultation on the proposed Watlington relief road. RM asked to see a copy of SC's map of suggested cycle routes.

22/23 **Planning:**

P23/S0099/LB: The Cloisters, Ewelme, OX10 6HS. Carry out repairs to decayed timber sills to the rear of the external walls and associated timber repairs. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

P23/S0272/HH: 2 Martyns Way, Ewelme, OX10 6HY. Addition of new front dormer window. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

23/23 **Accounts and Administration:**

(a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.

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

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

(c) The date for the February finance meeting will be 15/02/23 at 7.30pm at DS house.

(d) The finance meeting for the end of the financial year will be 20/04/23 at 7.30pm at GB house.

- 24/23 **Wilding:** A. Walker (AW) attended the meeting and advised the Council that he has the felling licence. The ash wood felled will be sold. TOE have approved a grant for a hedge along the parking area by the Common to replace the wooden posts. The Clerk will place the hedge order. GB said there needs to be a more permanent solution to the parking area along the verge by the Common. The gravel surface in the car park needs topping up, BT and RM will action this. AW has approached Grundon to ask if he can apply on their behalf for grant funding for a hedge along the bridleways that back onto their land. At the next RAF liaison meeting BT will discuss the RAF perimeter. BT and AW will write an article for the EN asking if people would like a hedge on their land. Members of the Council will have a walk around the proposed wilding areas with AW on 18/02/23. GB said there have been many complaints regarding horse riders on pathways. This has been posted on Facebook and other sites, a solution has not been decided.
- 25/23 **Festival of Ewelme Legacy:** DS and BT had a meeting with the operator of the Nettlebed community website and he has outlined the costs involved. DS and BT will contact local organisations and ask whether they would like to be part of a community website.  
GB has looked at two benches for Queen Elizabeth II's reign and King Charles's coronation. GB and the Clerk will discuss the options.
- 26/23 **Coronation working group:** It was agreed to have a Coronation working group. The Clerk previously circulated draft Terms of Reference. The Terms will specific up to 6 members in the group. A working group meeting will be held on 22/02/23.
- 27/23 **RAF meeting:** BT and NL met the Station Engagement Officer and would like to invite her to the next EPC meeting. Regular liaison meetings will be held with the RAF.
- 28/23 **The Great British Spring Clean:** This takes place between 17/03 – 02/04. The Clerk will contact Huntercombe prison.
- 29/23 **Health & safety:** The football team will not be playing on the Common for the rest of the season due to the state of the pitch. If work is needed to be done to the ground before the cricket season, it is the responsibility of the cricket team.
- 30/23 **Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common:** A decision was made to use EPC's insurance for the burst pipes and flooding in the pavilion. The Clerk will purchase new electrical appliances.
- 31/23 **Correspondence:** Nothing of note.
- 32/23 **Other items of interest:** It was agreed to buy 300-500 20mph stickers for residents to put on their wheelie bins. There will be a memorial in March for Gemma Clive. EPC does not agree to the family erecting a marquee on the Common due to damaging the surface at that time of year. First Aid courses which include using a defibrillator, will

be researched. The Clerk has circulated information regarding the parish council elections in May. The Clerk will print off the nomination forms for Councillors.

The meeting closed at 2200

Signed:

Date:

Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Appendix**

**Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts February  
2023**

<b>Ref no:</b>	<b>Payments for authorisation:</b>	
		1025.03
DD	E-on	100.00
08.02.23.02	Meeting refreshments - B.Tindall	16.00
08.02.23.03	NP Design & Print - EN	525.00
08.02.23.04	Red Box Fire Control	63.60
08.02.23.05	Enzian Services - pavilion clean	102.00
08.02.23.06	LB Plumbing	90.00
08.02.23.07	Electrical Logic - pavilion	113.90
	PC debit card payments (from other sheet)	0.00
		<b>2,035.53</b>

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