



Minutes of Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023

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

132/23 **Apologies for absence:** Barry Tindall (BT) and Nigel Layton (NL.) Andrea Powell (AP), SC is representing SODC.

133/23 **Declarations of interest:** None.

134/23 **Minutes of last meeting 09/08/2023:** These were agreed and signed.

135/23 **Public session:** SC spoke about the water leak in the parish of Benson which borders Ewelme. Thames Water (TW) attended this morning and said they aim to fix it within 48 hours. Some of the pipes involved are on private land.

136/23 **County & District Councillor reports:** SC said there is a campaign to ensure the public is correctly recycling their waste. SODC is trying again to have Wallingford riverside a designated bathing area. SODC are aiming for more EV charging stations in the area. Food licensing is being reviewed.
FVM sent a report before the meeting. He said there is a countywide report regarding HGVs in the hope that there will be a process for restricting HGV routes. The county is looking to use information using ANPR cameras to find out where lorries are heading to and from. The planning committee is meeting at the end of October to decide the future of the proposed Watlington ring road.

137/23 **Planning**

P23/S2718/FUL: Glamping business (amendment to previous planning permission reference P13/S0043/FUL for siting of tents, parking location and number of tents.) Address: The Chilterns View, Ewelme Down Farm, Ewelme, OX10 6PQ. RESOLVED EPC has no objections.

P23/S2426/FUL: Erection of a new workshop building for electric vehicle servicing. Address: TOG Studio, Ewelme, OX10 6DA. There has been an extension to this planning application so it will be discussed at the next meeting.

P23/S2343/HH: Planning application amendment (no. 1), on application P23/S2343/HH. Address: Dormer Cottage, Ewelme, OX10 6HQ. RESOLVED EPC has reviewed this application and do not wish to change their comments from no objections.

P23/S2974/HH: Single storey and first floor extensions. Address: Little Wren Cottage, Ewelme, OX10 6HG. EPC has received a note from the owners of a neighbouring property expressing concern regarding overlooking and possible loss of privacy with respect to the proposed window in the top of the new gable end. RESOLVED EPC has no objections to this proposed development subject to SODC being entirely satisfied that any overlooking or loss of privacy is acceptable in planning terms.

138/23 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 internal audit report was accepted.
- (d) The external audit report was accepted.
- (e) Insurance renewal. The Clerk is still receiving quotes, this will be on the next agenda.

139/23 Reserves policy: this will be discussed at the next finance meeting.

140/23 Civility & Respect pledge: At present EPC does not meet the criteria of the pledge because they do not have a Dignity at Work policy. RESOLVED EPC will not adopt the pledge.

141/23 District Councillor grants: No decisions were made.

142/23 Traffic: DS previously circulated a note. OCC have agreed to an expansion of the 20mph zone along Eyres Lane and are now suggesting Green Lane can also be included. FVM said there will be a public consultation before this goes ahead so EPC do not need to further consult with the village. OCC will cover the cost of the expansion except the white gates at the start of the zones. It was agreed DS will email FVM stating the parish will pay for half the cost of the gates.

DS had a meeting with the RAF. The RAF currently has 2 SIDS on the base and would like to use them on the public highway. They would also like to have a 20mph limit outside the base.

DS had a site visit with J. Beale (JB) from OCC Highways and it was decided that Cat Lane and near the Common are acceptable sites for additional SID poles. When they are initially set up they will be set in stealth mode.

DS discussed having a pavement alongside Cat Lane. JB said it is feasible but OCC would not fund this.

143/23 Landslide: RM has received two unsatisfactory emails from Thames Water (TW.) RM will escalate the issue on behalf of EPC to the Consumer Council.

144/23 Car park: No update.

145/23 Ewelme Historical Archive website: DS is hoping this will be up and running in a week or two.

146/23 Remembrance Day service: There will be a remembrance event at the memorial to Nancy the warhorse on Saturday 11th November. The Clerk will apply to have the road closed from 10am – 12pm. RESOLVED EPC will contribute £250 to the event.

147/23 Wilding: EPC agreed to apply to CPRE for a grant for extra hedging. It was suggested that EPC should approach Huntercombe prison and have prisoners help with the planting.

148/23 **Health & safety:** there was a slat loose on the bridge in the playground but this has been fixed. GB will check whether salt bags are needed for the salt bins.

149/23 **Village Maintenance including outdoor gym, pavilion, play area & the Common:** The water heater was leaking, this has been replaced. GB asked for the playground to be checked. A rota needs to be set up for the bins at the Common, GB will do the bins next week and SS the following week.

150/23 **Reports from meetings, training and other events:** RM had a tour of Ardley Energy Recovery which deals with black bin waste.

151/23 **Correspondence:** Nothing of note.

152/23 **Other items of interest:** None.

The meeting closed at 2150

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date of next meeting – 11th October 2023

Appendix

Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts Sept 2023

Ref no:	Payments for authorisation:	
	Administration costs	1,078.80
13.09.23.02	Grundon	73.80
13.09.23.03	HMRC	99.90
13.09.23.04	PATA payroll	25.80
13.09.23.05	J Martin	30.00
13.09.23.06	Aqualine Plumbing	175.00
13.09.23.07	P Spindler Electrical	50.00
13.09.23.08	Moore - external audit	252.00
	PC debit card payments (below)	0.00
		1,785.30

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
11/08/2023	Horticultural Society - pavilion hire	120.00
		120.00

EPC debit card purchases

Date	Item	Cost
	Nil	
		0.00