



Minutes of the Ewelme Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2026

Present Parish Councillors: Barry Tindall (BT/Chair) Rebecca Lanigan (RL)
Sally Stockings (SS) Paul Stillaway (PS) Michael Ibbott (MI)

County Councillor: Gavin McLaughlan (GM)

District Councillors: Sue Cooper (SC)
Joanna Brock (Clerk) 0 member of the public

- 35/26 **Apologies for absence:** Nigel Layton (NL) and Andrea Powell (AP) because SC is representing SODC.
- 36/26 **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 37/26 **Minutes of last meeting 11/02/2026:** These were agreed and signed.
- 38/26 **Public session:** No members of the public attended.
- 39/26 **County and District Councillor reports:** SC & AP sent a District Council meeting before the meeting. Beechcroft Developments is challenging a refused planning application for a 40 home, over-55s development on land adjacent to The Orchard, Braze Lane, Benson, this was discussed. A 160 home planning application in Chalgrove has gone through after appeal. The latest planning applications at the Old Gym, Green Lane were discussed. GM circulated a District Council report before the meeting. BT organised a team of volunteers to carry out drain clearing outside the shop. BT told GM that Ewelme drains are not listed on the drain clearing OCC schedule. It is believed that Hazell & Jefferies (H&J) are working outside of their CLEUD, the hours will be recorded. A sign will be put up when filming commences by the site.
- 40/26 **Bike stands.** BT has spoken to OCC regarding installing bike stands in the village. Permission for this location has been denied. It was decided that the Pound might be a good position instead. PS will speak to the neighbours first. EPC will apply for a grant from GM for the cost of the bike stands. The Chiltern Society will also be approached about installing bike stands by the Watercress Centre.
- 41/26 **Review & readopt policies:** Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Reserves policy, Planning Committee policy, Risk assessment, Tractor risk assessment, Equality policy, Health & Safety policy, Grant policy, Training & Development policy, Publication scheme, Data Protection policy, Councillor's Code of Conduct, Debit Card policy, Memorial Bench policy - these policies were reviewed and readopted.
- 42/26 **Accounts and Administration:**
- (a) RESOLVED finance report accepted.
 - (b) RESOLVED new income and expenditure authorised.
RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.
 - (c) Asset register was updated.
 - (d) Direct debits were approved to E-On, Grundon & Castle Water. Standing Order was approved to T. Troth for a Canva monthly subscription.
 - (d) Regular payments were approved to NP Design & Print, Azalea Landscapes, Parish Online, Ewelme News editor, Red Box Fire Control and subscriptions to OALC, SLCC and NALC.
 - (e) Clerk's salary goes up to SCP33 as per contract.
- 43/26 **Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed to hold this at 7pm on 13th May and local groups will be invited to contribute.

- 44/26 **Verges.** MI spoke to GM who told him to put the damaged verges on Fix My Street and he will chase it up.
- 45/26 **Village Hall Committee.** BT & PS had a meeting with the Chair and both agreed the hall was well run. The Treasurer and Chair will be leaving. These positions have been advertised and a parishioner has expressed an interest in joining the committee. A meeting will be organised.
- 46/26 **Neighbourhood Plan:** BT attended a meeting in Didcot regarding NHPs. BT had a Zoom meeting with the department at SODC. BT was advised that EPC's plan was comprehensive and well written, but the census information could be updated. Additionally, EPC could stipulate the aesthetic style of the houses in the village.
- 47/26 **Footpath on Cat Lane & Parsons Lane.** The group have received about 80 completed questionnaires. 96% of respondents were very keen to have a footpath and of these, 66% have had a near miss. The group is reviewing property boundaries, the proposed footpath location and will conduct a traffic survey.
- 48/26 **Health & safety.** It was agreed to have Benson Sawmills replace two large poles in the playground at a cost of around £680.
The tree surgeons have completed the tree maintenance in the village on PC owned land.
- 50/26 **Village maintenance.** The outfield on the Common was mowed yesterday.
- 51/26 **Receive reports from meetings or training courses.** None.
- 52/26 **Correspondence.** Nothing of note.
- 53/26 **Any other items of interest.** It was confirmed that the litter pick will take place on Sunday 22nd March. BT & SS will open up and the Clerk will come at the end.
BT have told the Ewelme Trust that they can share some space on the bus shelter noticeboards.
A third defibrillator has been applied for and if successful, The Shepherd's Hut have said they will take ownership of it.
EPC CIL funds was discussed. The Clerk will find out when the money needs to be used by.

The meeting closed at 2035

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Date of next meeting – 13th May 2026

Appendix

**Ewelme PC Payments & Receipts
March 2026**

Minute ref	Payments for authorisation	Amount
	Administration costs	1231.09
	HMRC	456.35
42/25 (e)	Grundon	43.14
42/25 (e)	E-On	78.12
42/25 (e)	Castle Water	155.37
21/26 (d)	Canva subscription	13.00
	Benson United FC - pavilion refund	-100.00
	OALC subscription	252.00
	PATA payroll	40.35
	Bank charge	4.25
	Debit card purchases (below)	0.00
		2173.67

Date	Receipts	Amount
02/03/2026	EN advertising - Grimebusters	55.00
03/03/2026	EN advertising - Call Out Plumbing	55.00
03/03/2026	EN advertising - Asnew	280.00
04/03/2026	EN advertising - Iswariah	55.00
05/03/2026	EN advertising - Funeral Partners	150.00
06/03/2026	A. Walker - wood	150.00
09/03/2026	EN advertising - Kinash	55.00
		800.00

Date	Debit card purchases	Amount
	Nil	
		0.00