

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2018

Present Andy Climpson (AC) Gemma Benoliel (GB) Keith Fletcher (KF) Peter Lemaire (PL) Roger Moore(RM) Marie Johnston (MJ) Joanna Brock (Clerk) Six members of the public.

249 **Apologies:** S Cooper.

250 **Declarations of interest:** None.

251 **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed and signed.

252 **Public Session:** The Ewelme Society would like EPC to agree to a commemoration to war horse Nancy from WW1, who is buried in the village. This will be discussed at EPC's next meeting.

253 **Clerk's report**

All Clerk's actions from the last meeting have been completed, and are reported, if necessary, here or under relevant sections. Grazing rights for Cow Common are assigned to Fords Farm. A letter was signed in 2017 which takes the agreement up to 2022. £1,000 has been added to the thatch fund for the village hall. Benson parish have invited Ewelme parish to join them for their first aid course. Dates and times to be decided. Clerk met with PCSOs at Speedwatch locations and these were agreed that they were appropriate locations. Insurance cost was looked into if an outdoor gym is erected on the recreation ground, it would rise by around £24 to include any injuries and damage to equipment. A new water trough was installed on Cow Common. The assets register has been updated and displayed on the EPC website. Thank you letters were sent to Andy at Hazel and Jefferies and Tom at the Watercress Centre for their support during the clearing of the brook. New Standing Orders have been updated on the EPC website. Ewelme Primary were contacted regarding the playground surface falling into the road. The school have stated the cost of resurfacing is £25,000 which is being actively raised, in the meantime staff from the school are assigned to sweep up the debris. National insurance contributions have started as the Clerk is now paid above the limit. A cheque will be sent to HMRC each quarter with contributions.

254 **Planning**

P18/S2451/FUL - Erection of a new detached single storey dwelling at North Barn, Chaucer Court, Ewelme. EPC have no objections to this application on material planning considerations however would like it noted that it is extending the building line of the village.

P18/S1927/FUL – Amended details for erection of new Rectory, Ewelme. EPC have no objections.

255 **County/District Councillors' reports**

S Cooper, S Harrod and F Bloomfield sent a report via email.

256 **Accounts and Administration**

RESOLVED report accepted.

New income and expenditure approved, as previously circulated.

RESOLVED all invoices to date authorised.

RESOLVED Clerk's amended contract approved and signed.

RESOLVED insurance to be fixed to Inspire for a three year term.

- 257 **Installation of outdoor gym equipment**
 Four potential sites for four pieces of gym equipment have been identified. The public footpath on the recreation ground will be considered before installation.
RESOLVED Grant from S Cooper, District Councillor to be applied for and if successful will be used for outdoor gym equipment. Clerk to apply for grant. Clerk
- 258 **Ewelme Stores Signage**
 A volunteer for Ewelme Stores spoke about their intention to replace the existing Ewelme Store's signs around the village with six white finger point signs at a cost to EPC. This will be considered by EPC subject to cost and design. Clerk to contact Highways with regards to positioning and cost. Clerk
- 259 **Refurbishment of the Pavilion**
 References and insurance have been checked by the Clerk for the designated builder. Pavilion must be cleared out commencing 24th September and should take no longer than one week. Metal and green cupboards to be cleared out. Refurbishment can start from 1st October. Clerk to contact builder and ask that a skip is arranged for delivery before 24th September to start clearance. Clerk
- 260 **Plant a tree to commemorate WW1 donated by the Woodland Trust**
RESOLVED agreed that the location is to be the triangle of trees to the North of the triangle at Cow Common car park. Community Covenant to be contacted to arrange this. Clerk
- 261 **Ewelme News**
RESOLVED to change printer company due to new print format. Second quotation to be assessed by Clerk and Editor on 14th September and lowest quotation to receive the print. Clerk
- 262 **Report from the Neighbourhood planning group**
 Letter is to be sent to F Bloomfield to ask whether his land can be used as an exception site. Clerk
RESOLVED a professional company should be used to conduct the Housing Needs Survey. No decision yet on who should fund this.
- 263 **Health & safety issues**
RESOLVED no extra salt to be ordered for the winter. Clerk to give a nil response to SODC. Clerk
 Pathway from Benson past Fifield Barns up to Ewelme is overgrown. To be reported to Fix My Street. RM
 Speedwatch locations agreed by PCSOs and Clerk. Dates to be arranged to start using the equipment. Clerk
- 264 **Village Maintenance**
 New rope to be ordered for play area. Clerk
 Benson Sawmills to be contacted for a start date for the play bark refill. KF
 Tree branch overhanging on Common to be assessed. KF
 Hazel and Jefferies to be liaised with regarding a new surface by the car park gate for walkers. KF
 Play area fence needs to be replaced. One quotation has been received, an additional quote to be obtained. Clerk
 Cricket Club to be contacted as to whether a match was played on 1st or 2nd Sept. AC
 Small leak on the pavilion stop cock has been reported to Thames Water twice. Clerk to chase this up. Clerk
- 265 **Correspondence**
 Play ground inspection has been carried out and the assessment has been posted to the Clerk.

266 **Other items of interest**

RM give a talk about his visit to Grundons this month.

The meeting closed at 21:55

Signed:

Date:

Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 10th October

Appendix

Ref/Chq no:	Payments for authorisation:	
DD	E-on	18.00
SO	Staff cost (Sept)	747.74
SO	Staff cost (July)	433.33
SO	Staff cost (August)	433.33
573	Benson Sawmills (new trough and water meter)	312.00
574	Benson Sawmills (repairs to stop cock inc hiring of equip)	360.00
575	John Critchley (PAT testing)	25.00
576	Staff cost (July)	314.41
577	Staff cost (August)	314.14
578	Higgs Printing (ENP)	55.00
579	Colourplus (Ewelme News)	240.85
580	Watercress Centre (Speedwatch)	15.00
581	Watercress Centre (NP)	60.00
583	Higgs Printing (ENP)	188.92
584	Clerk's Expenses	84.64
585	The Play Inspection Company	90.00
	Total	3,692.36

Date	Receipts since last meeting:	
10/07/2018	BACS Eagle Plastering (Ewelme News)	84.00
17/08/2018	BGC S Oxon (Ewelme News)	26.00
15/08/2018	FPI Pavilion Hire (Knight)	25.00
08/08/2018	BGC Howard (Ewelme News)	48.00
07/08/2018	FPI Hill (Ewelme News)	48.00
03/08/2018	FPI J Critchley	48.00
	Total	279.00

