

MEMBERS OF EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL

are hereby summoned to attend a Council Meeting to be held at Ewhurst & Staplecross Village Hall, Staplecross on **Wednesday 19 March 2025 at 7pm**, when it is proposed to transact the business set out below



Members of the public are welcome to raise questions/concerns during the adjournment

1 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

2 CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive any declarations of interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct – and to consider any written applications made by Members to the Clerk for a dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on, an agenda item for which they have a Disclosable Interest.

The Chairman to adjourn the meeting for up to 45 minutes for:

- a) The Report of the District Councillors*
- b) The Report of the County Councillor*
- c) Public Questions/Contributions*

3 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve - and to authorise the Chairman to sign - the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2025 (C25-02).

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider submitting comments on the applications following:

[RR/2025/177/P](#) Handsel Lodge, Junction Road, Staplecross

Proposed construction of dwelling as alternative to dwelling approved by Appeal ref App/U1430/W/23/3323506 (RR/2022/2596/P)

[RR/2025/181/P](#) Ewhurst House, Village Street, Ewhurst Green

[RR/2025/182/L](#) Installation of a singular, ground-mounted, 20-panel PV array to land adjoining Ewhurst House.

[RR/2025/197/P](#) The Cart Lodge, Court Lees Farm, Northiam Road

Conversion of former cart lodge to create independent residential dwelling (*Retrospective*).

5 FINANCE**a) Payments**

To receive and note/approve the February 2025 Payment Schedule.

RFO/Deputy Clerk

b) Budget Monitor

To receive a note/approve the budget update as at 25.2.25.

RFO/Deputy Clerk

c) Earmarked Reserves

To receive a statement as at 28.2.25.

RFO/Deputy Clerk

d) Bank Reconciliation

To receive a checking update.

RFO/Deputy Clerk

e) Grant application

To consider an application from Ewhurst & Staplecross Bonfire Society for £1,000 towards costs associated with staging the 2025 Bonfire Night.

RFO/Deputy Clerk

f) Investment Strategy

To consider adopting the draft Investment Strategy 2025-26. **RFO/Deputy Clerk**

6 BOWLS CLUB: WALNUT TREE

To consider the Club's request for permission to remove the walnut tree on the grounds that its roots are lifting the surrounding setts, presenting a trip hazard. **Clerk**

Note *The Club has obtained an estimate – from a local contractor – to remove the tree for £100.*

7 STAPLECROSS: ADDITIONAL DOG WASTE BIN

To note that a bin has now been installed next to the K6 telephone kiosk. **Clerk**

8 END OF WWII: 80TH ANNIVERSARY (8 May 2025)

To receive an update and, if necessary, to agree a course of action. **Cllr Lederer, Deputy Clerk**

9 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

To consider whether to respond to RDC's [Housing Development Strategy consultation](#). **Clerk**
(Deadline: 31.3.25).

10 RDC DEVOLUTION RESPONSE

To consider whether to respond to RDC's consultation. (Deadline: 6.4.25). **Clerk**

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Item 12 includes consideration of commercially sensitive information - and it is therefore recommended that the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2).

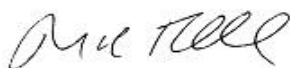
12 EWHURST GREEN BUS SHELTER

To consider the prices received for the groundworks – and the assembly and installation of the proposed oak shelter. **Clerk**

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

District & County Councillors' Reports (January/February 2025); **3** Council Minutes (C25-02)

5a) Payment Schedule **5b)** Budget Monitor **5c)** Earmarked Reserves **5e)** Grant application **5f)** Draft Investment Strategy policy **6** Photographs **9** Email from J Wright 18.2.25 **10** Email from A Nolan 11.3.25; form



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