

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Richey (Chairman), Cllr G. Bredin (part-time), Cllr B. Cranstone, Cllr S. Cranstone, Cllr T. Wells

In Attendance: Cllr J. Radley (Hart DC), Cllr J. Bennison (Hampshire CC), Garry Shelford (Clerk), Sue Freeman (Assistant Clerk), 3 members of the public

14/163 Motion in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion of Agenda Item 20 (Discussion of Staff Employment Contracts) where publicity might be prejudicial for the special nature of the business

Resolved – No Objection: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr B. Cranstone and agreed unanimously by those present

14/164 Apologies for Absence – none

14/165 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 13 October 2014 - approved

14/166 Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) The Council's Noticeboard located outside the Windmill PH is no longer compromised by the Windmill's blackboard.

14/167 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions – The Clerk informed the Meeting that recent changes in legislation permit the public to record meetings via both film and sound recording. A degree of protection is provided by the maintaining of accurate Minutes but the Council will keep the subject under review.

14/168 District and County Council Report

Cllr J. Radley reported as follows:-

- (a) The Local Plan will be considered at the Hart District Council Meeting on 27 November.
- (b) The SANG still does not have the promised signage and problems persist with the footpaths and the continuing absence of the "kissing gate". Cllr Radley reported that TCL Group are now the contractor ALS having been bought out. Natural England have expressed their concerns as to the extent of fencing generally.
- (c) The Bourley Road User Group is due to meet for the first time in February 2015.

Cllr J. Bennison reported as follows:-

- (a) The gullies/ditches in Ewshot Lane near Stillers Farm have been cleared.
- (b) The installation of the bollards at the junction of Church Lane/A287 has been delayed.
- (c) The riparian owners of the ditches in Tadpole Lane which require clearance are to receive letters from Hampshire CC.
- (d) Greg Churcher's replacement at Hampshire CC is yet to commence work.

14/169 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations – Cllr S. Cranstone will not participate in any vote relating to the proposed Car Park Extension.

14/170 Public Participation - none

14/171 Planning

Reference: 14/02446/HMC

3 Bridle Path Cottages, Bridle Path, Ewshot, Farnham GU10 5BW

Erection of a single storey front extension. Garage conversion. Re-location of external staircase.

Resolved – No Objection: Proposed by Cllr S. Cranstone, Seconded by Cllr B. Richey and agreed unanimously

Reference: 14/02354/LDCEX

Longlees, Redlands Lane, Crondall Farnham

Application for an existing lawful development certificate. Barn used for agricultural purposes.

Resolved – No Objection: Proposed by Cllr S. Cranstone, Seconded by Cllr B. Cranstone and agreed unanimously

Reference: 14/02498/HMC

2 Magpie Close, Ewshot, Farnham GU10 5TF

Erection of a single storey rear extension and raised garage roof ridge for habitable space in the roof

Resolved – No Objection: Proposed by Cllr S. Cranstone, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously

The Council have been notified of two further Planning Applications just prior to the Meeting and Cllr S. Cranstone has been delegated to review the Applications and refer back to the Council via email. The outcome will be filed at Hart District Council in the usual way and minuted at the next Meeting.

14/172 Report on progress relating to the Gables Development and associated refurbishment of Play Area – Cllr G. Bredin reported that outstanding information is still awaited and accordingly discussion of the matter is to be deferred until the next Meeting.

14/173 Update on Car Park Extension – The requested confirmation of quotes is still awaited. Cllr B. Richey reported that following attendance at a meeting to discuss the availability of S106 monies to fund the project an exchange of correspondence has confirmed that the funds will be available when required.

14/174 Review of Website proposals – The Clerk reported that a model website is awaited from David Morgan-Jones and therefore the matter will be deferred until the next Meeting.

14/175 Presentation of Financial Return for Q2 – The Clerk presented the Return for Q2 in the agreed condensed form.

14/176 Consideration of draft Budget for 2015/16 – The Clerk presented a summary of proposals which will be further considered at the next Meeting by way of preparation for the Precept application.

14/177 Report on Lengthman Scheme – Whilst Ewshot is a member of the Scheme it seems that Hampshire may decide not continue the Scheme. In any event, the Council will endeavour to:- locate a contractor; prepare a job description; decide how much may be contributed over and above the contribution from Hampshire CC of £1,000 and prepare a list of projects.

14/178 Update on acquisition of land at Broomhill – The Clerk reported that no progress has been made.

14/179 Payments

To approve the following payments:-	£
Lotus Landscaping – Grass Cutting (October)	£ 564.14
Firm Value Payroll Limited - Salaries & Costs (Direct Debit- October/November)	£ 550.00
Poulsom – hedge cutting	£ 257.00
Stationery – Office First (card purchase)	£ 17.53
Redfields Garden Centre – bulbs (card Purchase)	£ 496.00

14/180 Correspondence – the Clerk reviewed the Correspondence File particularly highlighting the Resilience Event being organised by Hampshire CC on Monday 24 November . The Clerk will forward further details by email to Councillors.

14/181 Any Other Business

- (a) Cllr G. Bredin reported that the bulb planting went well and Cllr B. Richey requested that the thanks of the Council to the volunteers who assisted on Sunday, 2 November be minuted accordingly. The Council have a supply of bulbs for planting at Marlborough Heights and the Clerk will contact the Residents Association to liaise with them on this point.
- (b) The Clerk circulated a draft programme of Meetings for 2015 for consideration.
- (c) Cllr B. Cranstone raised two issues relating to the Play Area; firstly the steps to the Flying Fox require repairs to the non-slip surface and secondly, the Squirrel requires filling with mastic in places to prevent deterioration. Cllr Cranstone will arrange the necessary works.
- (d) Cllr G. Bredin requested authority to order the Christmas Tree.
- (e) Following Andy Holmes’ refurbishment of the War Memorial at St Mary’s Church it was discussed as to whether the Parish Council should send a letter of thanks. The Clerk will liaise with Stephen Inman, Church Warden, to ensure an appropriate letter is sent.
- (f) The pre-app meeting for the Peacocks (A287) site has been scheduled for 2 pm on Tuesday, 18 November at the Civic Offices in Fleet, Cllrs B. Richey and S. Cranstone are to attend.
- (g) The Clerk reported that no progress has been made with the proposed second issue of the Newsletter.

14/182 Staff Employment Contracts – Cllr T. Wells presented the Clerk’s Contract to the Council
Resolved – To sign the Contract on behalf of the Council: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr G. Bredin and agreed unanimously
Cllr Wells then presented a draft Contract for casual employees of the Council for consideration by the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed B. Richey..... Dated

