

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2014 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Cllr J. Radley (Hart DC), Cllr J. Bennison (Hampshire CC), Garry Shelford (Clerk), Sue Freeman (Assistant Clerk), 2 members of the public

14/183 Apologies for Absence – none

14/184 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 10 November 2014
- approved

14/185 Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) Traffic calming feasibility study – underway
- (b) Lengthsman Scheme - £1,000 payment being pursued
- (c) Bulb planting – due to land ownership considerations at Marlborough Hill no bulbs will be planted and accordingly the surplus bulbs have been redistributed for planting elsewhere.
- (d) Play Area – the areas causing concern have been cordoned off and signs erected – replacement non-slip surfaces will be installed shortly.
- (e) Christmas Tree – installed, illuminated and admired.
- (f) War memorial – Andy Holmes’ work is to be recognised
- (g) Peacocks Pre-application Meeting – Cllr B. Richey and Cllr S. Cranstone attended the Pre-application Meeting with the Senior Planning Officer at Hart DC where sustainability was the major concern. It was noted that the proposed development does not form an integral part of the village and there were discussions as to how this could be achieved together with a consideration of the proposed development’s location on the A287.

14/186 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members’ Questions

- (a) The Clerk reported a VAT reclaim in the sum of £923.07.
- (b) The Clerk reported that the installation of SE Water’s new water main has been delayed due to access difficulties.

14/187 District and County Council Report

Cllr J. Radley reported as follows:-

- (a) Stephen Porter was elected Leader at the recent full Council Meeting with the Cabinet remaining the same notwithstanding one vacancy.
- (b) Chief Inspector Matt Reeve of Hampshire Police made a presentation to the Council Meeting and reported a proposed reduction in manpower across all areas.
- (c) Broomhill land – recently discussed at the Council Meeting
- (d) Bus Service changes – due to subsidy cuts the 72 route is to be rerouted, bypassing Beacon Hill.
- (e) Local Plan – the Council are to continue to pursue all five options at this stage.

Cllr J. Bennison reported as follows:-

- (a) Boundaries – changes are scheduled to take place in advance of the 2017 elections
- (b) Bollards – the bollards for installation on the A287 are on order and will be installed shortly
- (c) Traffic Calming – Cllr Bennison met with Josh Allen in and around Ewshot recently in connection with the feasibility study which is at an early stage.

14/188 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations – Cllr S. Cranstone will not participate in any vote relating to the proposed Car Park Extension.

14/189 Public Participation - none

14/190 Planning – Confirmation of the Sub-committee’s approval with no objection to the following Application

Reference: 14/02602/HMC

Holt House Heath Lane Ewshot Farnham GU10 5AJ

Single storey rear extension

Resolved – To confirm approval with no objection: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr B. Cranstone and agreed unanimously

Reference: 14/02949/FUL

Redlands Farm Redlands Lane Ewshot Farnham Hampshire GU10 5AS

Demolition of existing dwelling, outbuildings and part stables; erection of replacement dwelling and parking provision and landscaping

Resolved – No objection subject to request that the building materials are reviewed with a view to being of a more traditional brickwork: Proposed by Cllr S. Cranstone, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed by four votes to one against (Cllr G. Bredin).

Reference: 14/02917/FUL

East Bridge Dares Lane Ewshot Farnham Hampshire GU10 5BS

*Continued use of land as domestic curtilage and retention of children’s play equipment
Notification was received too late to be considered at the meeting and will be dealt by via email by the Planning Sub-committee (see Appendix 2)*

14/190 Report on progress relating to the Gables Development and associated refurbishment of Play Area – no progress to report.

14/191 Granting of Car Park Extension Contract – Cllr S. Cranstone withdrew from the Meeting.
Resolved – Ewshot Plant and Demolition to be nominated contractors: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously by those present.
(see Appendix 1 for report supporting this decision.)

14/192 Review of Website proposals – The Clerk reported that he has contacted David Morgan-Jones who will make a presentation at the January Meeting.

14/193 Submission of revised Finance Report for Q2 – The Clerk presented the revised Finance Report for Q2 (see Appendix 3)
Resolved – To adopt the Finance Report for Q2: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr G. Bredin and agreed unanimously by those present.

14/194 Consider and finalise Budget for 2015/16 – The Clerk presented the draft Budget and proposals for a Precept to raise £25,000. This represents a modest actual increase to householders (44p per week for a Band D property) but a large overall percentage increase. This is principally because 1) previous precepts have been low and have not been raised since the Parish became an independent entity in 2010 and 2) it is deemed prudent to establish a capital replacement and maintenance fund both for existing assets (for which no such fund has hitherto existed) and the large proposed capital outlays. For the latter, the initial outlay will be principally funded by Developer Contributions resulting from new housing developments in the Parish.3)It was noted that specific items of expenditure should be separately identified rather than being held in general reserve. (eg. Car Park extension, children’s play area and playing field equipment, tennis court refurbishment and street furniture for newly acquired land at

Broomhill, holding about £4,000 in general reserve only) If necessary separate bank accounts could be set up.

Resolved – To agree Budget for 2015 in the sum of £25,000.00 and make application for a Precept on the same terms: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed by three votes to one against (Cllr G. Bredin) by those present.

14/195 Report on Project Funding Seminar held on 3 December 2014 – The Clerk having attended the Seminar reported that there was insufficient advice as to the mechanics of obtaining funding.

14/196 Update on acquisition of land at Broomhill –The Clerk reported no progress subject to Cllr J. Radley’s update that the matter had been discussed by Hart DC.

14/197 Signature of Staff Employment Contracts

Resolved – To countersign the Contract for the Assistant Clerk (Sue Freeman) and Joe Baglin on behalf of the Council: Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously by those present.

14/198 Approval of renewal of subscription to Clerks and Councils Direct and subscription to associated Monthly Update – cost will total £87.00

Resolved – To renew existing subscription and subscribe to the Month Update: Proposed by Cllr B. Cranstone, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously by those present.

14/199 Payments

To approve the following payments:-

Firm Value Payroll Limited - Salaries & Costs (Cheque - December)	£ 744.30
Garden Style – Christmas Tree (card purchase)	£ 81.00
	14/200

Correspondence – The Clerk drew the Council’s attention to the Correspondence.

14/201 Any Other Business

- (a) Nick Milas has attended the Farnborough Airport CC Meetings as a member of the public –. Feedback should be obtained from him as to whether it would be advantageous for the Parish to obtain full membership.
- (b) The Clerk requested that the proposed Meeting Dates for 2015 be considered and any problems highlighted.
- (c) HALC have communicated on behalf of the CPRE a request for the mapping of brown field sites which may be ripe for regeneration as housing.

The Meeting Closed at 8.35 PM

Signed..... Dated.....