

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Cllr J. Bennison (Hampshire CC), Cllr J. Radley (Hart DC), Cllr T. Clarke (Hart DC), Garry Shelford (Clerk), Sue Freeman (Assistant Clerk), 5 members of the public

15/19 Apologies for Absence – none

15/20 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 12 January 2015 – approved

15/21 Matters arising from the Minutes – none save as appear on Agenda

15/22 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions

- (a) The Clerk requested the Councillors sign a waiver permitting the legitimate service of Notice of Meeting via email – all Councillors signed accordingly.
- (b) The Clerk noted that the March Meeting is the final meeting of the Financial Year and therefore the Annual Governance Statement/Risk Assessment require review and minuting.
- (c) The Clerk has reported the damaged “finger sign” at the junction of Heath Lane/Doras Green Lane to Hampshire Highways.
- (d) The Clerk confirmed that parishes are not required to submit to a referendum in the event of increased Precept applications (notwithstanding the percentage increase).
- (e) Southern Gas Networks will be commencing work shortly (between 23 February and 4 March) for approximately six weeks at the junction of Church Lane/Ewshot Lane/Tadpole Lane though there will be no interruption to the supply.

15/23 District and County Council Report

Cllr J. Radley reported as follows:-

- (a) New Leisure Centre – the online consultation is now taking place
- (b) Annual Assembly – Cllr Radley is pleased the SANG will be discussed
- (c) Bus services – Cllr Radley would be pleased to hear from residents concerned by the changes to the bus services within Hart.

Cllr J. Bennison reported as follows:-

- (a) Speed restrictions – new restrictions at the area of Bourley Road/Beacon Hill Road are now operative
- (b) Ewshot traffic survey – the survey should take place next month
- (c) Footpath/cycle Path at Humphrey Park – being installed
- (d) Lengthsman - other parishes have now received their contribution so the outstanding monies should be received shortly.

15/24 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation - none

15/25 Public Participation –

- (a) Gordon Smith expressed his wish to speak in respect of the Aylesford House Planning Application
- (b) Caryll Martin reported that she has participated in a survey by Hart DC relating to sport and leisure provision within the District.

15/26 Planning

Reference: 14/03009/FUL

*Aylesford House Beacon Hill Road Ewshot Farnham Hampshire GU10 5BZ
Erection of a detached two bedroom dwelling with integral garage on land at "Yard" to replace the existing dwelling comprising The Cabin, the former caravan that had been extended, together with the two ancillary domestic storage structures relating to that dwelling namely the "Rovacabin" and the lorry body certified as lawful under Certificate reference 10/01565/LDCEX*

Gordon Smith presented his concerns relating to forestry issues and following discussion it was agreed to defer the decision on a recommendation from the Council to an imminent meeting of the Planning Committee (mindful of the consultation period deadline) due to concerns arising from the disproportionate size of the proposed structure compared with the building to be replaced combined with consideration of the impact on the countryside due to from the proposed removal of trees and alterations to ground levels.

15/27 Finance including presentation of Finance Report for Q3 – The Clerk reported that at the end of Q3 all expenditure was within budget.

Resolved: To adopt the Q3 Finance Report – Proposed by Cllr B. Richey, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously

There is concern as to the potential "carried forward" figure in the budget at the end of the year (resulting from the increased Precept application) and the Clerk explained that this was necessary in the event that the Parish undertake the currently proposed capital works (play area/tennis court/car park) to enable the VAT liability to be funded (although of course the monies would be reclaimed in due course). Two deposit accounts are now available to the Parish (though holding nil balances at present) one intended for the sinking/maintenance fund in respect of the capital works and the other for other "ring fenced" monies.

The Clerk referred to the revised Financial Regulations which require that a Councillor should audit the Finance Report for each quarter.

Resolved: A Councillor to audit the quarterly Finance Reports – Proposed by Cllr G. Bredin, Seconded by Cllr T. Wells and agreed unanimously

15/28 Car Park – approval of final draft of bid for funding and agreement of amount to be requested – The Clerk presented the proposed bid folder to be passed to Carl Westby with a view to applying for an allocation of the \$106 monies held by Hart DC to fund 100% of the costs of the Car Park. The Clerk and Cllr Richey are to request a meeting (to be accompanied by one other Councillor).

15/29 Report on progress of Gables Development and associated refurbishment of Play Area - Cllr Bredin reported that a meeting with co-opted local residents seeking their feedback and guidance has been scheduled for Monday, 16 February. It is to be an informal meeting at the Village Hall commencing at 7 pm.

15/30 Report on arrangements for Annual Assembly – The Annual Assembly is to be held on 9 March and will comprise a presentation by a representative of Hampshire Constabulary together with one by Taylor Wimpey regarding progress at Crookham Park/the SANG etc. The increased Precept application will also be explained. The Clerk is to arrange a notice for the Parish Magazine. Refreshments are to be served from 7 pm with the Assembly to commence at 7.30pm with a finish time of 9.30 pm.

15/31 Presentation of Website proposals – Cllr Wells outlined the benefits of Silky Skills (at an estimated cost of £1,800.00) which will include training, maintenance support etc, he concluded that the local proposal was not progressing and that the Upper Bridge/HALC proposals offered simple websites with limited functions albeit at a lower cost.

15/32 Noticeboard – purchase of new noticeboard – The cost of the aforementioned new Website must be considered alongside the potential cost of new noticeboards. The Council is not a commercial enterprise and the cost of improved communication with parishioners must to quantified in a comparable manner. The Council is required by statute to display certain notices (such as the Annual Return/Notices of Meetings etc) on a public noticeboard. The Clerk is not aware of any dimension requirements for Council noticeboards. The noticeboard by the telephone box (for the display of statutory notices) needs to be lockable.

15/33 Preparation and distribution of Agenda and Minutes – The draft Minutes are prepared by the Assistant Clerk and will in future be distributed to the Council via email in draft form prior to the preparation of a fair copy for signature by the Chairman at the subsequent meeting by way of approval.

15/34 Payments

To approve the following payments:-

HALC – “Governance and Accountability”	£ 25.00
Firm Value – salaries	£541.00

15/35 Correspondence – the Correspondence File is available for inspection in the Parish Office.

15/36 Any Other Business

(a) Cllr B. Cranstone reported that the Eastbridge Planning Application has been withdrawn. Further he reported that a new pedestrian/vehicular accessway has been created to the Property.

(b) Cllr B. Cranstone requested that in anticipation of planning applications (particularly those which are of potential concern) a Planning Committee Meeting should be convened if necessary in advance of the Parish Council Meeting to ensure that due consideration may be given and all relevant timescales adhered to.

(c) The Clerk reported that Crookham Village are undertaking a consultation by way of questionnaire relating to their proposed Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk will complete their questionnaire on behalf of the Council and pondered whether the Annual Assembly should debate whether we should do likewise.

(d) Cllr Richey reported that the transfer of land at Broomhill/Church Lane is proceeding.

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm

Signed B. Richey..... Dated