

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Present:** Cllr B Richey (Chairman), Cllr B Cranstone, Cllr S Cranstone, Cllr T Wells and Cllr G Bredin  
**In Attendance:** Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council), Cllrs A Clarke and J Radley (Hart District Council), Alison Ball (Clerk), 5 members of the public

**15/189 Apologies for Absence**

None

**15/190 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 12 October 2015**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2015.

**15/191 Matters arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Lengthmans Scheme - it was reported that £1000 had been paid to the Council.
- (b) Crookham Park SANG – Cllr Radley attended the meeting on 16 October where the Management Plan had been discussed. There would be a Steering Group meeting, hopefully before Christmas, to which parish councils would be invited.
- (c) Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Richey advised that an email had been received from We Heart Hart which set out what they believed was a flaw in the process for creating Strategic Housing Market Assessments which had resulted in local authorities having to plan for building houses at a far higher rate than would be needed to meet housing needs. Cllr Radley confirmed that she had also received the email and was attending a Local Plan Steering Group the following day where she would raise it.
- (d) Traffic Management Report – Cllr Richey confirmed that a further draft response had been circulated after the Council meeting in October which was then forwarded on to Hampshire County Council (HCC). Receipt had been acknowledged but as the member of staff that had been dealing with it had recently gone on maternity leave and her replacement had not yet started there had not been any detailed response. It was hoped that the Parish Council would be invited to send a representative to the next QEB Transport Steering Committee.

**15/192 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions**

None

**15/193 District and County Council Report**

**District Council Report:-**

- (a) Local Plan Consultation - Cllr Radley reported that there would be a meeting of the Cabinet on Wednesday 18 November to discuss housing options. Following this there would be a six week consultation period. She understood that there would be a limited number of options going forward. She encouraged responses to be submitted outlining any options or ideas for potential housing sites.
- (b) Library Service Consultation – Cllr Radley advised that HCC had published a consultation on the future of the library service. She believed local libraries would be affected although Fleet library would be retained in its current form. The mobile library service was likely to cease. She suggested that the Parish Council consider whether it would wish to respond to the consultation.
- (c) 0-19 Family Support Budget - Cllr Radley advised that 60% cuts in the 0-19 Family Support Budget were being proposed. This was likely to hit the children’s centres hard with only one surviving in the Hart area. The staff would be retained but would work on an outreach basis and would be responsible for 0-19 year olds not just 0-5 year olds.
- (d) Fire and Rescue Service Consultation - Cllr Radley advised that cuts were expected at Fleet fire station. She hoped that the Parish Council had been invited to attend a meeting at Fleet fire station on Tuesday 17 November.

**County Council Report:-**

- (a) Library Service Consultation - Cllr Bennison reported that the mobile library visited the village and unless there was a lot of support demonstrated during the consultation this service would be lost. There was a questionnaire which was available on the library bus and online.
- (b) Fire and Rescue Service Consultation – since the last meeting Cllr Bennison had visited Fleet, Hartley Wintney and Odiham fire stations. He planned to visit Yateley on Wednesday and Rushmoor after that. He had found the visits very interesting and had heard lots of different opinions. He had pictures of the proposed new vehicles which he would forward to the Council.
- (c) Road Closures - Cllr Bennison reminded the meeting that Tadpole Lane and Ewshot Lane would be closed for water mains work at the beginning of the new year. The two roads would not be closed at the same time but it was likely to cause disruption.

**15/194 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations**

None

**15/195 Public Participation**

None

**15/196 Planning**

Ref: 15/02507/HOU Little Orchard, School Lane, GU10 5BN  
Ground floor front extension

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr B Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

(NOTE: Following the meeting it was confirmed that this application had been withdrawn.)

**15/197 Website**

Cllr Wells proposed that the project to create a new website be re-started. He suggested that quotes be sought from a selection of suppliers and indicated that a budget of a maximum of £1300 should be sufficient. The meeting agreed with the suggestion and requested that proposals be brought to a future meeting.

**15/198 Annual Risk Assessment Review**

The revised Risk Assessment had been circulated with the Agenda for councillors to review and update if necessary. It was felt that this was a living document and should be continuously monitored.

**RESOLVED:** That the revised Risk Assessment be adopted and reviewed again before the end of March 2016. Proposed by Cllr Richey, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.

**15/199 Draft 2016/17 Budget**

Cllr Wells presented a draft budget for 2016/17. The Council agreed to discuss the budget outside the meeting and bring it back to the next meeting.

**15/200 Christmas Tree Purchase**

Cllr Bredin asked the Council to consider the purchase of Christmas trees for the village hall and the church, to include a set of lights. He suggested the total cost would be a maximum of £250.

**RESOLVED:** That the purchase of Christmas trees for the village hall and the church, to include a set of lights to be owned by the Council in perpetuity, be approved to a maximum cost of £250. Proposed by Cllr Richey, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.

**15/201 Grounds Expenditure**

Cllr B Cranstone advised that the whips for the hedging around the tennis court and part of the car park had been ordered and would be ready on 23 November. He asked for approval for expenditure of a maximum of £270 on this and for a maximum of £500 for the materials for the installation of the new noticeboard.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That a maximum of £270 be approved for whips for hedging around the tennis court and the village hall car park; and (2) a maximum of £500 be approved for materials for the installation of a new noticeboard. Proposed by Cllr B Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.

**15/202 Payments**

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Hire of Parish Office (July, August, September)	100.00
Local Councils Update - Annual Subscription	100.00
Clerks and Councils Direct - Annual Subscription	12.00
HALC – Pensions Workshop	35.00
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd - November Payroll	733.05
Gary Bredin – Purchase of Retirement Gift	29.94
Lotus Landscapes Ltd – Grass cutting – October	572.54

**15/203 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence from the preceding month were made available to councillors.

**15/204 Any other business**

- (a) Village Hall Car Park – Cllr B Cranstone was aware that there had been some instances of anti-social behaviour in the village hall car park, specifically by vehicles skidding in the gravel. He suggested that the residents who regularly parked in the car park be asked to join a rota to put up the entrance bollards randomly to try to put off those causing the anti-social behaviour. He agreed to speak to the residents.
- (b) Christmas Tree Recycling – Cllr Richey advised that Hart District Council were running a Christmas tree recycling scheme and had asked if the Council would like to participate. Cllr Bredin agreed to get the details and put an article in the parish magazine before Christmas.
- (c) Walking Strategy Consultation – Cllr Richey advised that he would be meeting with the local representative of the ramblers association.
- (d) Traffic Calming – Cllr Bennison reported that the new officer who would take on responsibility for the traffic calming project in the village would be starting

at HCC on 17 November. He hoped to meet with her shortly after her start date but did not anticipate her being able to do much on the project before Christmas.

- (e) Banking – the clerk asked for approval to look into arranging internet banking. She also advised that currently it was a requirement for the clerk plus two councillors to sign all cheques and asked if this should be changed to any three. The Council agreed that the clerk look into both these issues and bring it back to a future meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 7.35pm**

**Signed B. Richey.....**

**Dated .....**

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