

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 14 DECEMBER 2015 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr B Cranstone, Cllr S Cranstone, Cllr T Wells and Cllr G Bredin (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

**In Attendance:** Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council), Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council), Alison Ball (Clerk), 4 members of the public

**15/205 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr B Richey and Cllr A Clarke (Hart District Council)

**15/206 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 9 November 2015**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2015.

**15/207 Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

**15/208 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions**

None

**15/209 District and County Council Report**

**District Council Report:-**

- (a) Local Plan: Consultation on Refined Housing Options, Vision and Strategic Priorities - Cllr Radley reported that Hart District Council (HDC) were currently undertaking a Refined Housing Options consultation and she encouraged the Parish Council and individuals to respond. She provided two paper copies of the documents and advised that the papers were all available online. This was a non-statutory consultation which was to make sure information was available and presented clearly. There were many different groups putting out information and it would be important to get a balanced response to the consultation. The papers identified the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) sites and set out the options. These were 1) disperse the new housing amongst the towns and villages in Hart; 2) focus new development in the main towns; and 3) concentrate development in a new settlement at Winchfield. Responses needed to be with HDC by 15 January 2016. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council look at the documents and discuss a response at the meeting on 11 January 2016.

- (b) Crookham Park – Cllr Radley advised that she would be meeting with officers from HDC regarding planning/enforcement and other issues at Crookham Park. She requested that any items that needed to be raised be passed to her as soon as possible.

**County Council Report:-**

- (a) Library Service Consultation - Cllr Bennison reported that there had been over 6700 responses to the consultation on the library service.
- (b) Boundary Review – This review was coming to an end and if it all went ahead there would be no changes in the Church Crookham and Ewshot District.
- (c) Work along Ewshot Lane – work was ongoing along Ewshot Lane, near Redfields, culverting the ditch. It was hoped that the road would shortly be made reasonably clear as work would be shutting down for two weeks over Christmas.
- (d) Traffic Calming – Cllr Bennison had met with the new member of staff at Hampshire County Council who would be taking on the project relating to traffic calming in Ewshot. She had visited the area but nothing was expected to happen until the new year.
- (e) Fire and Rescue Service Consultation – the consultation period had finished on 4 December. It was understood that approximately 650 people had attended public meetings and there had been 30,000 hits on a dedicated website during the consultation period. There would now be a six week review period. Meetings would take place on 15 January and 4 February with a decision at the end of February. There would be changes but it was unlikely that these would take place until 2017/18 although some stations may trial new vehicles before that.

**15/210 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations**

None

**15/211 Public Participation**

None

**15/212 Planning**

- (a) Ref: 14/00504/PREAPP Land At Watery Lane, Church Crookham  
Pre-application advice for reserved matters pursuant to 14/00504/MAJOR  
Outline planning application for up to 300 residential units, land for up to 1,050m<sup>2</sup> D1 floorspace for a GP surgery including pharmacy and up to 370m<sup>2</sup> A1 retail floorspace for a convenience foodstore and associated access, open space, playing pitches including a sports pavilion, MUGA and car park, landscaping, Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) including car park and improvements to the A287/Redfields Lane junction (means of access into the main site to be considered, all other matters reserved)

The following response which had been submitted to HDC prior to the consultation deadline of 2 December was noted:

The Parish Council would like to highlight our continued concerns and objection to the inclusion of a new GP surgery including a pharmacy. Dr Tyrell has raised his concerns about the potentially catastrophic impact this would have on the future of the Crondall New Surgery. We ask that this is taken in to consideration whilst reviewing the final details on the application.

- (b) Ref: 15/02737/HOU 1 Crondall Heights, Farnham Road, GU10 5AY  
Addition of dormer to rear elevation (south facing). Addition of two conservation roof lights to side elevation (east facing). Enlargement of rear external doors

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

- (c) Ref: 15/02954/HOU Aylesford House, Beacon Hill Road, GU10 5BZ  
Replace existing chalet style first floor with flat roof first floor and single storey rear extension and associated alterations

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

### **15/213 Website**

The clerk distributed a summary of the quotes received for a new website. It was difficult to make a financial comparison as some companies had expensive up-front fees but were cheaper annually and vice versa. The summary included links to example websites that the various companies had created and it was requested that councillors have a look at these sites and let the clerk know of anything they particularly liked or did not like. Most of the companies had advised that the work would take between four and six weeks and availability to start the work ranged from immediately to March 2016.

It was suggested that the clerk continue with the process to find a suitable supplier for a new website, with Cllrs Wells and Clarke being involved in looking at the functionality of the site.

### **15/214 Budget/Precept**

A draft budget for 2016/17 had been distributed at the last meeting and had now been updated and recirculated for approval. The amount allocated for a defibrillator had been removed from the budget, but the amount set aside for CCTV and annual

amounts to build up a reserve for refurbishment of the tennis courts and replacing the playground equipment were included.

The budget suggested that a precept of £25,000 would be sufficient for 2016/17. If the Council agreed this amount this would result in a small reduction in council tax charged by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** (1) To approve the budget for 2016/17; (2) That the precept for 2016/17 be set at £25,000; and (3) That the Chairman and the clerk be authorised to complete the paperwork on this basis to return to HDC. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr B Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

### **15/215 Banking Arrangements**

The clerk advised that there were three items relating to the Parish Councils banking arrangements for discussion:

- (a) whether to amend the bank mandate from two councillors plus the clerk to any three (but for normal procedure to be two councillors plus the clerk with any three only being used when the clerk is unavailable). This had been discussed at a previous meeting and the paperwork had now been received which needed to be completed to make the change. It was thought that this was a practical move which would ensure business continuity in the event that the clerk was unavailable;
- (b) to decide whether to set up internet banking. The paperwork to set this up had been received and it required a decision on how many councillors would be needed to authorise a payment. It was suggested that this be set at two in line with the requirements for cheques;
- (c) to discuss whether to apply for a debit card for the clerk to assist when immediate payment was required. The previous clerk had a debit card and it would mean that councillors and the clerk would not need to pay for some items themselves and then ask for reimbursement if a debit card was available. The clerk advised that the application forms for this had not been received and therefore it was unclear what information would be required. Cllr Wells suggested that more thought needed to be given to this as usually where a company debit card was available an account would be set up with a limited amount of money in so that in the event of fraud taking place only a small amount of money would be lost.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That the bank mandate be amended to any three but for normal procedure to be any two councillors plus the clerk and that authority be given to complete the paperwork to make this change; (2) That internet banking be set up with a requirement for all payments to be requested by anyone (usually the clerk) and for any two others to authorise the payment and that authorisation be given

to complete the paperwork for this; and (3) That further consideration be given to the application for a debit card and this be brought back to a future meeting.

**15/216 Payments**

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd - December Payroll	480.43
B Cranstone – mixed hedging for the village hall car park	270.00
Garden Style – Christmas Trees	480.00
Gary Bredin - Lights for Christmas Tree	79.96

The Chairman advised that the Christmas trees and lights had cost significantly more than budgeted for at the last meeting. This overspend was not anticipated and in order to get the trees on time was the only option. Arrangements were being made for next year which would likely result in a different supplier being used, and slightly smaller trees which would reduce the cost. Thanks was expressed to all those involved in getting the trees into position and all agreed they looked magnificent.

**15/217 Correspondence**

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

**15/218 Any other business**

(a) Keepers Cottage Appeal – Cllr S Cranstone advised that notification had been received from HDC that the Planning Inspectorate had set a date of 7 June 2016 for the Inquiry for the Keepers Cottage Appeal.

(b) Car Park Hedging - Cllr B Cranstone reported that he had purchased the whips for the hedging in the car park and he would be contacting people for assistance to plant them.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support during the year and wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

**The Meeting ended at 7.42pm**

**Signed G Bredin..... Dated .....**