

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2016 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), Cllr A Clarke (Hart District Council), Alison Ball (Clerk), 6 members of the public

**15/219 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council)

**15/220 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 14 December 2015**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 14 December 2015.

**15/221 Matters arising from the Minutes**

None

**15/222 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions**

The Chairman announced that the Annual Assembly had been scheduled to take place on 7 March but as he would be unable to attend this date it had been moved to 14 March and would run alongside the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council. It was hoped that a representative from Hart District Council would attend to give a presentation on the Local Plan.

**15/223 District and County Council Report**

**District Council Report:-**

- (a) QEB Highways and Transport Steering Group: Prior to the meeting Cllr Radley had emailed advising that she had asked Cllr Steve Forster, Cabinet Member for Environment at Hart District Council for another QEB Highways and Transport Steering Group meeting, to be arranged in late February. She had asked that someone from Ewshot Parish Council be invited to attend as there should be an item about the Ewshot Traffic Management scheme included. She hoped to get confirmation of a date shortly. Cllr Richey advised that the Parish Council would endeavour to send a representative to the meeting.
- (b) Naishes Wood SANG: Cllr Radley had also advised prior to the meeting that she had received no news about a Naishes Wood SANG steering group meeting, but she hoped that would also be set up very soon.

**County Council Report:-**

- (a) Ewshot Lane Cycle Lane: Cllr Bennison reported that progress on the cycle lane was ongoing with culverting taking place. This was not within the Parish but was on the boundary.
- (b) Traffic Scheme: Cllr Bennison would be meeting with the new officer responsible for the Ewshot Traffic Scheme shortly.
- (c) Water Main Replacement: Cllr Bennison had been trying to find out, if approved, whether the requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment would delay the work. It had been anticipated that the work would begin on 4 April 2016 and would take about 10 months to complete. The majority of the work would be undertaken across fields but Tadpole Lane was due to be closed for 3 weeks and Ewshot Lane for 4 weeks during the works.
- (d) Fire and Rescue Service Consultation: Meetings were taking place to review the outcome of the consultation.
- (e) Autumn Statement on Local Council Funding: Cllr Bennison advised that Hampshire County Council had predicted that they would be required to make savings of £19M in 2016/17 but in fact there would be a decrease in funding of 37.4% which would require savings of £47M. He felt that one of the actions HCC would take to address this would be to increase the precept and he believed it could be increased by 3.99% which would not require a referendum. He also anticipated an increase by Hampshire Fire and Rescue service. The County Council would face further expenditure due to the introduction of the Living Wage which would affect lots of staff particularly care home workers.

**15/224 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations**

None

**15/225 Public Participation**

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council address parking in the village hall car park as some safety concerns had been raised regarding the locations of some vehicles. She also asked whether anything could be done about the weeds and grass growing on the car park as this was making it look scruffy.

The Chairman agreed that the Parish Council would produce notes to be attached to vehicles regarding inconsiderate parking in the car park. Maintenance of the car park was discussed under any other business.

**15/226 Planning**

- (a) REF: 15/03017/EIA Request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion - Construction of 1,760 metres of replacement 400mm diameter main from a connection within the South East Water Reservoir site on Tadpole Lane,

Ewshot to a connection on the verge of the A258, Farnham Road (Jekylls Hill to Ewshot Mains Replacement Scheme) at Street Record, Tadpole Lane, Ewshot

**RESOLVED:** That there be no requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr B Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

- (b) REF: 15/02999/FUL Longlees, Redlands Lane, Crondall, GU10 5AY  
Relocation of stables, new horsewalker, LED floodlights on manege (part retrospective)

The Parish Council discussed the application and some concerns were raised regarding the use of the LED floodlights in a mostly unlit area.

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection, but to request that consideration be given to the use of a condition to restrict the use of the LED lights to ensure that no nuisance is caused. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr B Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

- (c) REF: 15/03060/FUL Land to the east of Dares Farm at Dares Farm House, Farnham Road, GU10 5BB  
Continued use of the land and buildings for Use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) purposes and associated access, car parking and manoeuvring areas

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

#### **15/227 Appointment to Village Hall Committee**

It was advised that the previous clerk had represented the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee and following his retirement a new representative was now being sought.

Cllr S Cranstone agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee.

#### **15/228 Refined Housing Options, Vision and Strategic Priorities – Consultation Response**

Hart District Council (HDC) were undertaking a Refined Housing Options consultation to give members of the public the opportunity to give their views on the best approach to delivering the districts growth needs.

HDC had narrowed down the possible approaches to delivering new homes in Hart to three options:

- (1) disperse the new housing amongst the towns and villages in Hart;
- (2) focus new development in the main settlements (West of Hook; Pale Lane, Fleet and West of Fleet); and
- (3) concentrate development in a new settlement at Winchfield.

The consultation required these approaches be numbered in order of preference. The consultation also suggested that it was likely a combination of approaches would be required and asked that the following combinations be ranked in order of preference:

- (4) combine approaches 1 and 2 (disperse development throughout towns and villages and new development at main settlements);
- (5) combine approaches 2 and 3 (new development at main settlements and a new settlement at Winchfield);
- (6) combine approaches 3 and 1 (a new settlement at Winchfield and disperse development throughout towns and villages);
- (7) combine all three approaches.

It was advised that responses needed to be with HDC by 15 January 2016.

The Parish Council discussed the consultation documents and the various options. They were reminded that a response was sent to a previous, similar consultation which had set out a preference for a new settlement at Winchfield. The Parish Council agreed that the first preference would be for a new settlement at Winchfield, followed by urban extensions at the main settlements, and lastly dispersal of development throughout the towns and villages.

With regard to the combination of approaches the Parish Council agreed that the preference would be for a combination of approaches 2 and 3, followed by a combination of all approaches, then a combination of approaches 3 and 1, with a combination of approaches 1 and 2 being the least preferred option.

A question in the consultation related to the Settlement Hierarchy which was drafted in 2010 and concerns were raised that this was now out of date.

The Parish Council considered the three sites identified within the Parish which had been shortlisted as potential sites for the development of new homes:

- (a) Stillers Farm;
- (b) Land South of Church Crookham; and
- (c) Land east of Redfields Lane.

The consultation requested that the Parish Council rank these in order of preference and it was felt that the most preferred site would be the Land east of Redfields Lane, followed by Stillers Farm. The least preferred site was land south of Church Crookham as concerns were raised that this was on the edge of Church Crookham and if developed would give the impression it had merged with Ewshot.

It was agreed that a response be sent to HDC based on the discussion and comments at the meeting and as set out above.

(NOTE: Following the meeting but before the Parish Council's consultation response was submitted HDC halted the consultation.)

**15/229 External Audit from 2017**

A company called the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited had been created to take over the appointment of external auditors and the setting of audit fees from the Audit Commission. They would appoint external auditors on behalf of the Parish Council for five years from 2017/18.

This would happen automatically unless the Parish Council resolved to opt out and set up an Independent Audit Panel to procure external audit itself. It had been advised that the annual fee to stay in the scheme would be £200.

**RESOLVED:** That Ewshot Parish Council not opt out of the arrangements for external audit as administered by the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited. Proposed by Cllr Richey, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.

**15/230 Approval of Financial Return for Q3**

It was advised that it had not been possible to complete the Financial Return for Q3 as the December bank statement had not been received. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

**15/231 Payments**

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – January Payroll	465.08
Registration with the Information Commissioner	35.00
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – quarterly charge	144.00

**15/232 Correspondence**

There had been no items of correspondence received.

**15/233 Any other business**

- (a) Car Park Hedging - Cllr B Cranstone requested help to plant the new hedging in the car park. He suggested that volunteers meet at 9.30am on Saturday 30 January in the Village Hall car park. It was agreed to send an email to as many residents as possible to try to get as much help as possible.
- (b) Weeds in the Car Park – Cllr G Bredin agreed to contact Lotus to see if they would be able to spray weed killer in the car park.
- (c) Anti-social behaviour in the car park – Cllr Wells asked if any progress had been made with putting up the bollards on the entrance to the car park at night to try to stop anti-social behaviour. It was suggested that a letter be drafted to ask the residents using the car park whether they would be able to assist with this.
- (d) Water run off at Eastbridge – Cllr Bredin raised concerns regarding work that had taken place to install a pedestrian bridge on the bottom field of Eastbridge. This was causing the water runoff from the field to pass over the bridge and flood the road rather than going into the ditch. The clerk agreed to contact Hampshire County Council about this.
- (e) Signage in the Village – a discussion took place regarding many signs in the village that had been damaged or destroyed. The clerk agreed to contact Hampshire Highways about this.
- (f) SANG – an incident was reported that took place on the SANG where the owner of some ponies had told children not to walk there if they did not like the ponies. It was asked where complaints should be addressed. The clerk agreed to raise this with Cllr Radley.

**The Meeting ended at 7.56pm**

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