

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr B Richey (Chairman), Cllr B Cranstone and Cllr T Wells

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

15/234 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Bredin and Cllr S Cranston and Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council)

15/235 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 11 January 2016

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2016.

15/236 Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) On Minute 15/222 it was advised that a representative from Hart District Council (HDC) had been invited to attend the Annual Assembly on 14 March to give a presentation on the Local Plan. A response was awaited.
- (b) On Minute 15/223 it was noted that the meeting of the QEB Highways and Transport Steering Group would take place on 24 February and the Chairman intended to attend to represent the Parish Council. Also on this Minute Councillor Bennison reported that he had met with the new officer responsible for the Ewshot Traffic Scheme and she would be in attendance at the QEB Steering Group meeting.
- (c) On Minute 15/233 it was noted that:
 - the hedge planting around the car park had gone well and thanks was expressed to all those who helped;
 - Legal advice had been sought on putting up signage in the car park which would be circulated for consideration;
 - The flooding on the road at Eastbridge had been reported to Hampshire County Council (HCC) and they had advised that the problem had been addressed;
 - The damage to signs in the Parish had been reported to HCC but no action had been taken;
 - The incident on the SANG had been reported to the SANG management company who had agreed to look into it.

15/237 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions

None

15/238 District and County Council Report

District Council Report:-

- (a) Consultation by HDC on Refined Housing Options, Vision and Strategic Priorities: Cllr Clarke advised that the new consultation on this document had recently started and would run until Friday 18 March. If people had previously responded and provided contact details they would be notified of the new consultation and told how to resubmit their comments. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee at HDC was looking into what went wrong with the first consultation and the results of this would be made public. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had discussed and agreed a response to this consultation at the meeting in January. The consultation had ended abruptly before the comments were submitted. The response that was agreed would now be submitted during the new consultation period and would not need revision as the consultation questions had not been changed just made clearer which would not affect the Parish Council's response.

County Council Report:-

- (a) Ewshot Lane Cycle Lane: Cllr Bennison reported that the cycle lane had now been completed.
- (b) Bridleway on SANG land: Cllr Bennison had attended a site visit with HCC Officers about the bridleway on the SANG land. Officers would keep a watching brief on developments on this area, eventually all footpaths and bridleway would be placed on official mapping and designated accordingly.
- (c) Fire and Rescue Service Consultation: As a result of responses received to the consultation there had been substantial changes to the proposals. Rushmoor had put in its own proposals which had been fully accepted and in Fleet concerns had been expressed about the size of vehicle which had now been upgraded.
- (d) Signage in Ewshot: Cllr Bennison had spoken to the local highways officer regarding the poor state of some of the signage in Ewshot and he had advised that where there was a safety concern the signs would be repaired or replaced otherwise it would have to wait until the next financial year. The damaged Tadpole Lane sign should be reported to HDC.

15/239 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations

None

15/240 Public Participation

None

15/241 Planning

- (a) REF: 15/03116/HOU Warren House, Doras Green Lane, GU10 5BL
Refurbishment of the 3 existing levels and an extension to rear ground floor

RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr B Richey, seconded by Cllr T Wells and agreed unanimously.

- (b) REF: 16/00070/LDC Stillers Farm, Ewshot Lane, GU10 5BT
Use of land to the side and rear of Unit 3, Stiller's Farm, for the storage of builders plant, equipment and building materials (Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use)

RESOLVED: To make no objection, but to express concerns regarding the access to the site over the field onto Ewshot Lane and trust this field access does not make up any part of the application. Proposed by Cllr B Richey, seconded by Cllr T Wells and agreed unanimously.

- (c) REF: 15/03106/HOU Hamptons Farm, Ewshot Lane, GU10 5BP
Proposed two storey side extension, alterations to roof profiles, including the insertion of dormer windows, insertion of roof lights and internal layout alterations

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

- (d) Ref: 15/03061/LDC Land Rear of Bushylease Cottages, Redlands Lane, GU10 5AR
Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of menage

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

- (e) Ref: 16/00139/HOU 3 Broomhill, GU10 5BE
New front porch and rear extension

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

- (f) REF: 16/00240/HOU Lennox House, Church Lane, GU10 5BD
Single storey side extension, alteration rear kitchen windows to french doors, associated internal works

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

(NOTE: This item had not appeared on the original agenda but it was agreed to take it as a late item as the response to the consultation needed to be submitted by 3 March 2016.)

15/242 New Play Area - Update

Work on the new play area had been completed but it would remain closed to allow the ground to settle and the grass to grow. Councillor B Cranstone advised that there were a few minor things that needed to be followed up and he would check these with Councillor Bredin. It was requested that Councillor Bredin report back at the next meeting on the project.

15/243 Ditches

There had been some complaints regarding the state of the ditches and the verges along Dares Lane. The Chairman was looking into this and he would report back at the next meeting.

15/244 Update on the new Website

It was advised that the clerk, Councillor Wells and Councillor Clarke had looked through the quotes received for the provision of a new website and they considered Silkiskills to be offering the best solution. There were however some aspects of the quote that needed to be clarified and some further information was needed before a final decision could be taken. It was requested that Silkiskills be given an in principle go ahead for the project as the work could not be scheduled to begin until June 2016 and any delay may result in a later start date. More work would be carried out before a final recommendation and contract would be presented to the Parish Council for approval.

15/245 Revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Report

As not all the councillors had been able to read the report it was agreed to defer this item to the meeting in March.

15/246 Thanks to the Parishioners who had helped with Hedge Planting

The Parish Council thanked all the volunteers who helped to plant the new hedging around the car park with particular thanks to Steve Cranstone for his efforts.

15/247 Permanent Appointment of the Clerk - following 3 months probationary period

The Chairman advised that Alison Ball had been in the role of clerk since the beginning of October 2015 following the retirement of the previous clerk. She had successfully completed her probationary period and her position was now permanent.

15/248 Approval of Financial Return for Q3

The Financial Return for quarter three was presented to the Council for consideration. Councillor Wells drew attention to the invoice received for 50% of the cost of the new play area which was due for payment. This was a large amount and included over £5,500 in VAT which had already been claimed back but not yet received. It was advised that the Parish Council was in a position to be able to pay for the new play area including VAT should the VAT refund not be received quickly. It was advised that expenditure was in line with the budget.

It was agreed to adopt the Financial Return for quarter three.

15/249 Payments

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – February Payroll	498.18
Kompan – 50% Play Area Refurbishment Costs	33,618.13
Village Hall – Office Rental for Oct, Nov and Dec	100.00

15/250 Correspondence

The only item of correspondence received was the Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine which was circulated for information.

15/251 Any other business

- (a) Nuisance Bonfire Complaints – The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint about nuisance bonfires allegedly originating at Cranstone Pit. He had advised the complainant to report it to Environmental Health at HDC. In certain circumstances there could be serious consequences including large fines for nuisance bonfires.
- (b) Lengthsman Scheme – The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had been part of the Lengthsman Scheme for the last two years and would likely be for 2016/17. An email had recently been received which set out proposals and a number of documents relating to the 2016/17 scheme. It was felt that the work involved to set up and administer the scheme was disproportionately high compared to the funds involved. At this stage HCC were proposing to meet with

the parish councils who had offered to be a cluster control centre and further updates would be given as this progressed.

- (c) Car Park Fencing - Cllr B Cranstone suggested that tenders be sought to do the fencing around the car park now that the work on the play area was complete. He would do a work specification and pass to the clerk.

The Meeting ended at 7.41pm

Signed B Richey..... Dated