

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr D Rook (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr D Morgan-Jones and Cllr C Turner.

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council). Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council). 4 members of the public.

22/28	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr G Bredin.

22/29	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 February 2022
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 February 2022.

22/30	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On Minute 22/3 Matters arising from the Minutes it was noted that there were still no details from Hampshire Highways on what works were proposed to alleviate the flooding at the top of the A287. The Clerk agreed to follow this up and copy in Cllr Parker on all correspondence.

22/31	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

22/32	District and County Council Report
	<p>Hart District Council (HDC):- Cllr Collins confirmed that she had discussed the grant application for the funds for the Jubilee lunch for older residents with the other ward councillors and they were supportive of awarding the grant. She was waiting for confirmation of this in writing.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Prior to the meeting Cllr Parker had circulated a report containing details of some important issues including:</p> <p>a) Highways Information: The Redfields Lane/A287 roundabout was progressing. The Eastbound arms of the new roundabout had been substantially completed with A287 traffic using the new surface instead of the old one. Tying in the Eastern end</p>

was not complete, and temporary traffic lights would be in place until that was done, hopefully by the end of March, weather permitting. The contractor had been compelled to deal with rerouting a lot of poorly mapped utilities, which had slowed things down. However they remained confident that the works would be completed by the Autumn.

The report acknowledged the work done by the Parish Council to improve the sightlines at the junction of Dora's Green Lane with Heath Lane. It was hoped that Hampshire Highways would soon be installing "Stop" signs on the Dora's Green Lane arms of this junction, necessary in the light of a recent serious collision. Highways were also working on an illuminated warning sign on Heath Lane to slow traffic down.

b) New Community Grants launched by Hampshire County Council: Hampshire County Council had launched a new round of grants ranging from £1,000 to £30,000 to help upgrade community buildings. HCC had released significant community grants to help local groups and parishes tackle climate change and improve resilience. These funds may be used to help reduce energy bills, LED light conversion, replace windows or install solar panels.

c) Storms Eunice & Franklin: There had been considerable disruption as a result of Storm Eunice and then Storm Franklin. HCC Highways staff had undertaken a brilliant effort to keep routes open and clear any trees that blocked roads. Over 12,000 incidents were reported during the storm and the clear up continued. Debris and timber lying along the roads would be cleared in the coming weeks. It was important to note that those dealing with this were the same staff who normally resolved things like potholes. The local community had proven in the last couple of years that when faced with adversity they could all pull together and the challenges Storm Eunice brought proved that once more. For example those who offered support to friends and neighbours left without power, the tree surgeons and farmers who worked tirelessly to clear roads of fallen trees. Cllr Parker expressed his thanks to everyone who played their part.

d) Secondary School Places – September 2022: More than 98% of parents in Hampshire had been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferred choices for a secondary school in September 2022. More than 92% had been offered a place at their first-choice school. In total 14,982 applications were received by the deadline – that was an increase of 499 applications compared to September 2021 (14,483).

e) Support for Ukraine: Cllr Parker's report set out how appalled people had been at the unprovoked invasion of a sovereign country, along with the lies that had been put out by the invader's leader to his own people. He was aware that people were feeling powerless under the circumstances, but advised there were things people could do: First and most importantly, keep the Ukrainian people in your hearts and minds; whatever destruction Putin inflicts on them, whilst we support them they will live on. Then consider what practical help you can offer. Not all of us could get over to the borders with physical assistance, but financial help to the charities working there would be useful, partly because the needs on the ground change over time

and some goods donated in good faith had already been wasted because they were not the priority need and there were not facilities for storage. With funds the charities would be able to source the greatest need at the time.

HCC was working so that once Government determined the detail, refugees would be supported - and this would include working with districts. HCC was also working on collection advice and cyber advice regarding scams; there would always be unscrupulous people prepared to extract money from those who wished to save life.

f) County Councillor Grant Scheme: Cllr Parker was delighted that the entire amount of his County Councillor grant for 2021/22 had been allocated to local projects. The new scheme normally opens in June each year, and he would be prioritising applications from organisations active in Church Crookham and Ewshot. Full information including eligibility on the HCC website.

22/33	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

22/34	Public Participation
	None.

22/35	Planning
	<p>(a) 22/00196/FUL The Windmill Ph, Church Lane Erection of a single storey flat roof side infill extension with parapet wall to North-west elevation, proposed flat roof single storey side extension to South-East elevation, proposed external bar servery to rear garden, proposed overflow car park and access road.</p> <p>One member of the public spoke on this item raising concerns with the parking arrangements and the potential for overspill onto the highway. This was already an issue on the roads immediately around the Windmill and the member of the public felt that this was the opportunity to address the problem.</p> <p>There was a discussion amongst members, where it was agreed that they were broadly in support of some development at the Windmill pub but concerns were raised with regard to the specifics of this planning application.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit the following response: Whilst the Parish Council fully supports the regeneration of the Windmill Pub we have concerns and therefore wish to object to the current application as set out below:</p>

- 1) As we believe that the majority of the visitors will travel by car to the premises there is insufficient parking for when the restaurant is running at full capacity and would result in displacement of vehicles onto the highway.
- 2) The location of the overflow parking will displace garden table covers directly onto the rear boundaries of properties known as Rosemount Cottage and Kimblewick Cottage which may result in noise disturbance to the occupants particularly during the summer months.
- 3) The property known as Gardenia will feel the full impact of the overflow parking and the access driveway leading in and out. This will result in continued noise disturbance to the occupants.
- 4) There is a question over whether mature trees will need to be removed as their root zones come into question in order to provide a proper base for the hard standing for the car parking. There has not been an arboricultural survey provided by the applicant to enable a proper assessment.

Proposed by Cllr Rook, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Jones and agreed unanimously.

(b) 22/00407/FUL Silvergate, Redfields Industrial Park Hard and soft landscaping, erection of bike and bin stores, erection of boundary fencing and alterations to car parking.

RESOLVED: No objection. Proposed by Cllr Rook, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Jones and agreed unanimously.

(NOTE: The second application had not appeared on the agenda but it was agreed to discuss this at the meeting so as not to unnecessarily delay submitting a response.)

22/36	Neighbourhood Development Plan
	There was nothing to update at the current time.
22/37	Platinum Jubilee
	Cllr Jennings advised that the Village Show Committee had started planning the events for the Jubilee weekend. They had recently met to discuss the arrangements and the current plan was to have the Beacon lighting on Thursday 2 June (this was the only activity not being organised by the Village Show Committee), a lunch for older residents of the village on Friday 3 June, the traditional music and dancing on the recreation ground on Friday evening and a picnic on the recreation ground on Sunday 5 June for everyone. Work was ongoing on the details but it was hoped that across all the events there would be something for everyone.

	<p>As reported in item 22/32 above a grant application had been submitted to HDC for funding of £1,000 which would be put towards the lunch for older people. The Village Show Committee would also be submitting a grant application to the Parish Council. The music event on Friday evening would be a ticketed event for which there would be a charge.</p> <p>The big lunch on Sunday would be part of the larger event taking place across the country. People would need to bring their own picnic but activities would be organised including a produce tent.</p> <p>The Village Show Committee had asked whether posters for the all the activities could be placed on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboards and the Clerk confirmed that this could be done.</p> <p>Cllr Jennings confirmed that the Village Show Committee were giving consideration to a permanent installation to mark the Platinum Jubilee and lots of ideas for this had been brought forward. Once the Committee had agreed what they would like to do this would be presented to the Parish Council for consideration.</p> <p>Cllr Bredin had been working on the arrangements for the Beacon and he would give an update at the next meeting.</p>
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22/38	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	<p>Cllr Turner confirmed that the works to improve the sightlines at the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane junction had been completed. Hampshire Highways were due to install the STOP sign imminently and work was ongoing to see if it would be possible to install an electronic vehicle activated sign.</p>

22/39	Highways Issues as a result of the temporary closure of Redfields Lane
	<p>A site visit had been scheduled with Hampshire Highways to look at the problems and damage caused by the closure of Redfields Lane. It was anticipated that this would include looking at Dares Lane, Ewshot Lane, Tadpole Lane and Church Lane.</p>

22/40	Water Supply on the Recreation Ground
	<p>It was noted that there was a water supply on the recreation ground which there had never been any charges for. Recently South East Water had transferred all business customers to Castle Water and in this process the supply on the recreation ground had been identified as an account unpaid. Castle Water had been chasing for approximately £400 for several months and the Clerk had been trying to get them to investigate the position. Castle Water had carried out a site visit which included a meter reading and had advised that the Parish Council could apply to have the supply</p>

	<p>permanently disconnected. If the decision was taken not to do this the Parish Council would have to regularly pay the standing charge as well as paying the outstanding arrears. Castle Water had advised that a revised invoice was being prepared to reflect the meter reading but this was yet to be received. It was noted that the bill currently included sewage charges and an application had been made to Thames Water to have this removed.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the water supply on the recreation ground be retained and the outstanding amount be paid once a final bill was received.</p>
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22/41	Farnborough Airport
	The Chairman had attended the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC) meeting on 24 February and he would report back with any important information at the next meeting.

22/42	Computer File Storage Solutions
	Cllr Morgan-Jones confirmed that work on this was ongoing and he would report back once a suitable solution had been found.

22/43	Risk Management
	Cllr Morgan-Jones requested that a separate meeting be set up to discuss this.

22/44	Review of the Parish Council Roles and Responsibilities																				
	<p>RESOLVED: (1) That the following appointments be agreed:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #d9ead3;">Responsibilities</th> <th style="background-color: #d9ead3;">Appointment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Traffic and Highways</td> <td>Cllr Turner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning</td> <td>Cllr Rook</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estates</td> <td>Cllr Bredin Cllr Jennings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finance</td> <td>Cllr Turner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)</td> <td>Parish Clerk</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HR and Standards</td> <td>Cllr Turner Cllr Jennings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fundraising</td> <td>Cllr Jennings</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan</td> <td>Cllr Morgan-Jones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operational Risk Management and Contingency Planning</td> <td>Cllr Morgan-Jones</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ewshot Village Hall: Cllr Jennings • Crookham Alms-houses: Cllr Bredin • HDATPC: Cllr Bredin Parish Clerk 	Responsibilities	Appointment	Traffic and Highways	Cllr Turner	Planning	Cllr Rook	Estates	Cllr Bredin Cllr Jennings	Finance	Cllr Turner	Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)	Parish Clerk	HR and Standards	Cllr Turner Cllr Jennings	Fundraising	Cllr Jennings	Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr Morgan-Jones	Operational Risk Management and Contingency Planning	Cllr Morgan-Jones
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Audit	<p>Internal Auditor: Farsight Consulting (Mike Platten)</p> <p>(2) That the responsibilities be listed under the appropriate councillor on the parish council website.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed unanimously.</p>
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22/45	Payments												
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">March Payroll (including holiday owed for 2021/2022)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£762.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Larkstel – Bin emptying (March)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£129.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Robins – work at Doras Green</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community Heartbeat Trust – annual subs for defib</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£151.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B J Cranstone – work in the play area</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,875.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crookham Electrical Services – final work on electricity connection on rec</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£777.60</td> </tr> </table>	March Payroll (including holiday owed for 2021/2022)	£762.84	Larkstel – Bin emptying (March)	£129.60	Nick Robins – work at Doras Green	£360.00	Community Heartbeat Trust – annual subs for defib	£151.20	B J Cranstone – work in the play area	£8,875.00	Crookham Electrical Services – final work on electricity connection on rec	£777.60
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22/46	Correspondence
	<p>The Clerk advised that there was no correspondence that had been received in addition to that already forwarded on and none that needed addressing that had not appeared elsewhere on the agenda.</p>

22/47	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 4 April 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p>

22/48	Any Other Business
	<p>Bin emptying: the Clerk had been contacted by the contractor who emptied the bins on the recreation ground to say prices would be going up £1 per bin per empty from 1 April. Quotes would be sought from other companies to check if this was competitive and these would be presented at the meeting in April but it would be necessary to pay the new prices for the bin emptying in April as not enough notice had been given to put in any alternative arrangements before then.</p> <p>Grass cutting: the Clerk had received an email from contractor who had been engaged to cut the grass for three years from 2020 to say he would no longer be able carry this work out. The Clerk had contacted lots of alternative companies and any quotes received would be presented at the April meeting. It would be necessary to get a contractor in place as soon as possible as the cutting usually started in April.</p>

Annual Parish Assembly (APA): the APA was due to take place on Monday 30 May and discussions had taken place as to whether it would be possible to get some speakers to attend the meeting. Contact had been made with Hampshire Highways who had advised they would not be able to attend and the Police had not responded to the invitation. It was suggested that items of interest were the NDP, the Airport and the proposals for the Windmill pub. It was agreed to approach relevant people to see if anyone would be able to attend.

Highways: it was noted that there was quite a lot of rubbish at the side of the roads and the Clerk advised that it was within the remit of the Lengthsman to clear this but she would need to check how many hours were remaining for his services. It was also noted that the some of the signage through the contraflow on the A287 was so dirty it could not be seen, especially at night time. This would be reported to the contractor.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Signed.....

Dated