

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council). Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council). 2 members of the public.

22/49	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr G Bredin and Cllr C Turner.
22/50	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 March 2022
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 March 2022.
22/51	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On Minute 22/35 Planning it was noted that the planning application for the Windmill pub was ongoing and the HDC website would be monitored for updates.
22/52	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.
22/53	District and County Council Report
	<p>Hart District Council (HDC):- Cllr Collins confirmed that she had spoken to the other ward councillors and they were in agreement to award the £1,000 Jubilee grant to the Parish Council. She would now look into how to go about getting the money transferred.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker advised that he would be circulating his regular report with updates in the coming week.</p>
22/54	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

22/55	Public Participation
	None.

22/56	Planning
	<p>22/00428/HOU 2 Beacon Hill Road Erection of a part two storey part first floor rear extension.</p> <p>RESOLVED: No objection. Proposed by Cllr Rook, seconded by Cllr Morgan-Jones and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>It was noted that the section 106 agreement for the development at Homecroft Farm had recently been agreed and signed by HDC. The Parish Council had not been consulted on the document and it was understood that this was the usual process. There were no clauses in the agreement that would benefit the parish directly. A discussion followed about section 106 agreements and how to influence the content to ensure that the parish benefit should any developments of this kind come up in the future.</p>

22/57	Neighbourhood Development Plan
	There was nothing to update at the current time other than to say a volunteer had come forward from within the village who had experience of developing NDPs.

22/58	Platinum Jubilee
	<p>Cllr Jennings confirmed that the Village Show Committee was continuing with the plans for the Jubilee weekend. She asked for clarification with regard to proposals for planting trees to mark the Jubilee. In response it was confirmed that during the budget setting it had been agreed that there was money in the 'new planting' budget which could be used to purchase a small number of trees. It was agreed that thought needed to be given to where trees could be planted and a proposal brought back to a future meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Jennings confirmed that the Village Show Committee was giving consideration to a permanent installation to mark the Platinum Jubilee and lots of ideas for this had been brought forward. Once the Committee members had agreed what they would like to do this would be presented to the Parish Council for consideration.</p>

22/59	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	<p>The new STOP sign had not yet been installed at Doras Lane and work was ongoing to see if it would be possible to install an electronic vehicle activated sign.</p> <p>It was noted that the money spent on improving the sightlines at the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane junction had been reimbursed by HCC.</p>

22/60	Highways Issues as a result of the temporary closure of Redfields Lane
	<p>A site visit had taken place with Hampshire Highways to look at the problems and damage caused by the closure of Redfields Lane. Cllr Parker and Cllr Turner had met with a representative from Hampshire Highways and they had looked at the damaged caused to Dares Lane, Ewshot Lane, Tadpole Lane and Church Lane. It had been agreed that anything that urgently needed repairing would be done but only as a temporary repair. Once the new roundabout was fully operational, which should be in the autumn, remedial works would take place to put right all damage. It was hoped that the contractors doing the work on the new roundabout may help with some of the costs but they were not contractually obliged to fund any works.</p> <p>It was noted that Hampshire Highways had already committed to temporarily closing Dares Lane to allow the ditches to be re-dug, the carriageway patched and the drainage system on the southern edge jetted and cleaned out. Again this would not be done until the new roundabout was fully operational.</p> <p>Cllr Parker suggested that the Parish Council consider what it would like to see as a long-term solution to the traffic issues in the village.</p> <p>A resident from Dares Lane spoke and stated that she did not feel there was usually a traffic issue on Dares Lane as prior to the road closures it was a very quiet rural road. She would not like to see formal passing places installed as felt this may encourage traffic. She had contacted Hampshire Highways some time ago requesting that Dares Lane be temporarily made 'access for residents only' during the building of the new roundabout but this was not done with the reason given that it would be a very lengthy process.</p> <p>In response to a question from the member of the public Cllr Parker confirmed that the contractor had advised that all temporary signage was being inspected regularly. If residents found signs had been moved or were missing they could report that to Cllr Parker, preferably with photographs, and he would follow it up.</p> <p>A second resident from Dares Lane spoke and raised concern about the speed vehicles were travelling along the road. He asked that something be done about this.</p>

	<p>Cllr Parker agreed to raise the possibility of a temporary speed reduction for Dares Lane with officers at Hampshire Highways.</p> <p>(NOTE: Two members of the public left the meeting after the conclusion of this item.)</p>
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22/61	A287
	<p>It was noted that there were several traffic issues on the A287 that needed consideration including the flooding at the top near the roundabout, the Church Lane junction and the junction at the entrance to the pub that had been converted to flats. A number of residents had been in contact about these issues and Cllr Morgan-Jones had passed this to Cllr Turner to look at as the lead for highways matters.</p>

22/62	Beacon Hill Road
	<p>It was reported that a number of residents had made contact about the speed and volume of vehicles travelling along Beacon Hill making it difficult for them to pull out onto the road from their driveways. Again this had been passed to Cllr Turner to look at as the lead for highways matters.</p>

22/63	Grass Cutting 2022
	<p>It was noted that at the last meeting it had been reported that 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 had received a limited number of responses, some to say that they were already at full capacity for the year and would not be quoting. One of the quotes had only been received a couple of hours before the meeting and the Clerk requested that a decision be delayed to allow this quote to be looked at properly. The grass cutting would usually start in April and it was noted that it may need cutting before a decision could be taken. Prior to the meeting the Chairman had confirmed that he had contacted a contractor who may be willing to do a one off cut to give the Parish Council more time to consider the options.</p> <p>It was AGREED that expenditure of up to £500 excluding VAT be authorised to engage a contractor to carry out a one off cut of the grass.</p>

22/64	Bin Emptying 2022/2023
	<p>It was noted that at the last meeting the Clerk had advised that she 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 had been sought</p>

	<p>from other companies to check if this was competitive and it was again requested that a decision be delayed as some of the quotes were tied in with the grass cutting contract. From the quotes received it did appear that the 2022/2023 prices proposed by the current contractor were comparable with other providers.</p> <p>It was AGREED to continue with Larkstel for the emptying of the bins until a decision on the grass cutting and bin emptying could be made.</p>
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22/65	Farnborough Airport
	Prior to the meeting the Chairman had advised that there was nothing major to report.

22/66	Computer File Storage Solutions
	Cllr Morgan-Jones confirmed that drop box had been set up and it would be monitored to see if this was the right solution.

22/67	Risk Management
	Cllr Morgan-Jones advised there was no update at this time.

22/68	Summary of Payments and Receipts for Q4 to 31 March 2022
	As the lead member for Finance Cllr Turner had requested prior to the meeting that approval of the quarter four figures be delayed until the next meeting.

22/69	Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2022
	As the lead member for Finance Cllr Turner had requested prior to the meeting that approval of the bank reconciliation to 31 March 2022 be delayed until the next meeting.

22/70	Banking Arrangements
	At the meeting in February it had been agreed to add Cllr Morgan-Jones as a full power signatory to the bank account. The forms had been posted but not received and it was noted that these would need to be re-done. During the process it had been highlighted that a previous councillor had not been removed from the account and this would be done at the same time.

22/71	Application for a Grant from Village Show Committee
	<p>An application had been received from the Village Show Committee for £500 to be used towards a new cover for the marquee that would be used during the Jubilee celebrations being organised in the village and at future Village Shows.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the grant application for £500 to the Village Show Committee for a new cover for the marquee. Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Rook and agreed unanimously.</p>

22/72	Payments																
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>April Payroll</td> <td>£472.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Larkstel – Bin emptying (April)</td> <td>£158.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – NI Payment</td> <td>£1.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gunns Contractors – harrow the recreation ground</td> <td>£240.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT – email hosting</td> <td>£43.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewshot Village Hall – office rent and meeting room hire</td> <td>£230.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ewshot Village Show Committee – Grant</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crookham Electrical Services – final work on electricity connection on rec</td> <td>£777.60</td> </tr> </table>	April Payroll	£472.30	Larkstel – Bin emptying (April)	£158.40	HMRC – NI Payment	£1.77	Gunns Contractors – harrow the recreation ground	£240.00	Vision ICT – email hosting	£43.20	Ewshot Village Hall – office rent and meeting room hire	£230.00	Ewshot Village Show Committee – Grant	£500.00	Crookham Electrical Services – final work on electricity connection on rec	£777.60
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22/73	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>

22/74	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 9 May 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>It was noted that the Annual Parish Assembly was due to take place on 30 May 2022 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p>

22/75	Any Other Business
	<p>Fibre Optic roll out: Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that he was in the process of getting the webpage reinstated as he needed another 20 households to sign up.</p>

	Highways: it was noted that there was quite a lot of rubbish at the side of the roads and Cllr Morgan-Jones would look into gathering a group of volunteers who may be prepared to carry out a litter pick.
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The meeting ended at 8.42pm

Signed.....

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