

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr D Rook and Cllr C Turner.

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

21/117	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings (isolating in accordance with Government rules).

21/118	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 22 June 2021
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2021.

21/119	Matters arising from the Minutes
	It was noted that it was expected that the planning application for Homecroft Farm would be considered by the Planning Committee at Hart District Council (HDC) in September.

21/120	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	The Chairman announced that Tim Wells had recently resigned from the Council and he expressed his thanks for all the work he had done as a councillor. The official notification of a vacancy had been posted which gave 14 days for electors to call a by-election. This period expired on 22 July and if an election was not called the Parish Council could then begin the process of co-option.

21/121	District and County Council Report
	Hart District Council (HDC):- Cllr Collins advised that communication had recently been received from Martin Grant Homes setting out the proposals for roadworks associated with the installation of the new roundabout on the A287. From 2 August the A287 would continue to be open for two-way traffic but the speed limit would be reduced to 30mph. Redfields Lane and Bowling Alley would be closed from this date with diversions in place. The work would be ongoing until the Autumn 2022.

	<p>Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) there was still time to respond to the HCC budget consultation; b) there was a Public Health consultation taking place which was open until 9 August; c) applications were being sought to the Hampshire Waste Community Grant Fund which awarded money to projects which helped to prevent household waste; d) he had a small budget from which he could award grants to local organisations and he would welcome applications. <p>Cllr Rook asked Cllr Parker if there was anything he could do to get the pile of tarmac in the layby on the A287 moved as it had been there more than a month. This was an eye sore and dangerous to road users. Cllr Bredin confirmed that this had been reported to Hampshire Highways.</p>
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21/122	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

21/123	Public Participation
	None.

21/124	Grounds Update Report
	<p>The Chairman had circulated a report prior to the meeting giving an update on some of the work being considered regarding the tennis court, planting, the car park and the lengthsman. He confirmed that quotes had been sought for some temporary repairs to the car park and, as a separate job, the installation of the new litter bins. Only one company had provided quotes for the two jobs and the price was felt to be reasonable for the work involved.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote from B. J. Cranstone to repair the pot holes and worn areas of the car park. Proposed by Cllr Turner, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote from B. J Cranstone to install the three new litter bins which had already been purchased. Proposed by Cllr Rook, seconded by Cllr Turner and agreed unanimously.</p>

21/125	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	Cllr Turner was still working to try to get work done to improve sightlines at the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane crossroads. He had obtained two quotes for the re-siting of the hedging so it would be further back from the road on the north east

	<p>side and he was trying to get a third quote. He had been unable to contact the owner on the north west side but would continue to follow this up.</p> <p>Cllr Turner also reported that an email had been received from an officer at HCC which said that any major works at the junction were unlikely at the current time. He did seem supportive of any work to improve sightlines.</p> <p>It was noted that the edge of the carriageway on Heath Lane was crumbling away and the road needed resurfacing.</p> <p>Cllr Rook asked if anything could be done about the state of the verges along Dares Lane. The Chairman advised that he had been trying to get improvements made to lots of the verges in the village but this could not be done before the ESSO pipeline project had been completed as this would involve digging up various verges and until the new roundabout on the A287 had been completed as traffic was likely to divert through the village causing increased traffic flows resulting in damage to the verges.</p> <p>Cllr Parker informed the meeting that he had been corresponding with the Cabinet Member responsible for highways and it was suggested that a site visit be arranged with the relevant officer. He could not promise that any work would be carried out as the budget for highways work was being squeezed but he would try to get this arranged.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That authority be delegated to Cllr Turner and the Chairman to consider the quotes, once received, for the work to improve sightlines at the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane crossroads and that they be authorised to select the best contractor for the work within a maximum budget of £2,000 so the work could be programmed in as soon as possible.</p>
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21/126	Open Community Fibre Project
	There was no update at this time.

21/127	Village Hall Committee Representative
	RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr Jennings as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee.

21/128	Bank Reconciliation to 30 June 2021												
	<p>The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 June 2021 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2021.</p>												
21/129	Q1 Summary of Receipts and Payments to 30 June 2021												
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter one had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 30 June across the budget headings against the budget for the year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter one.</p>												
21/130	Payments												
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>July Payroll</td> <td>£503.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Larkstel – Bin emptying (June)</td> <td>£70.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alison Ball – Reimbursement for Stationery Costs</td> <td>£35.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alison Ball – Reimbursement for Zoom (July)</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Robins – Grass Cutting – 12 July</td> <td>£245.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Robins – Grass Cutting - July</td> <td>£245.40</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was agreed that as virtual meetings were no longer being held that the subscription to zoom should be cancelled.</p>	July Payroll	£503.97	Larkstel – Bin emptying (June)	£70.20	Alison Ball – Reimbursement for Stationery Costs	£35.31	Alison Ball – Reimbursement for Zoom (July)	£14.39	Nick Robins – Grass Cutting – 12 July	£245.40	Nick Robins – Grass Cutting - July	£245.40
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21/131	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>												
21/132	Date of Next Meeting												
	<p>It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 13 September 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall.</p>												

21/133	Any Other Business
	Cllr Rook requested that consideration be given to starting the process to look at developing a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Ewshot. It was agreed that she should approach a member of the public who was heavily involved in developing the plan at Crondall to see if he would be willing to come to speak to the Parish Council and residents about the process.

The meeting ended at 7.48 pm

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