

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr D Rook (Vice-Chairman), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr D Morgan-Jones.

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

23/81	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr C Turner.
	Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council).

23/82	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 March 2023
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 March 2023.

23/83	Matters arising from the Minutes
	None.

23/84	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

23/85	District and County Council Report
	Hart District Council (HDC):- Prior to the meeting Cllr Collins had confirmed she had nothing to report.
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker had circulated his report prior to the meeting and advised he had nothing to add.

23/86	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	Cllr Rook declared an interest in agenda item 9 Planning Appeal 22/01545/FUL 2 Crondall Heights, Farnham Road as a near neighbour.

23/87	Public Participation
	None.

23/88	Planning
	<p>(a) 23/00764/HOU 2 Bushylease Cottages, Redlands Lane Erection of a detached garage.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit no objection.</p> <p>(b) 23/00729/HOU Hawkshill Cottage, Warren Corner Demolition of playroom and erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor infill extension and the raising of existing ridge line. New front porch, changes to the fenestration and external facades.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit no objection.</p> <p>(c) 23/00871/AMCON Land at Watery Lane, Church Crookham Variation of Condition 2 attached to Planning Permission 17/00264/REM dated 08/06/2018 to allow amendments to the previously approved Sport Pitches, the repositioning of Plots 21-23 and the associated fencing to Plots 21-23, 24-26 and 39-42.</p> <p>It was agreed not to submit a response to this application.</p> <p>(NOTE: Notification of item (c) above was received too late for this to appear on the agenda but it was agreed to consider this item so as to not unnecessarily delay the submission of a response.)</p>

23/89	Planning Appeal: 22/01545/FUL 2 Crondall Heights, Farnham Road
	<p>Change of use of land to residential and erections of shed/outbuilding (retrospective). Refused by HDC and appealed.</p> <p>The above application had recently been refused by HDC and notification had been received from HDC that it had been appealed by the applicant. It had been advised that the appeal would be determined on the basis of written representations and the comments made during the planning application process had already been forwarded on to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration during determination of the appeal. It was agreed that no further comment needed to be made.</p> <p>(NOTE: Cllr Rook declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or decision.)</p>

23/90	Design Codes
	Cllr Morgan-Jones was conducting research on this and he would put together some ideas which he would share in due course. He felt specialist input would be needed at some point as this would be a technical document.
23/91	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	<p>There was a lengthy discussion about the highway safety issues at Doras Green and it was recognised that these had been raised many times with Hampshire Highways. It was agreed that the Parish Council wanted to see a speed reduction in this area and this is where the focus should be. In order to do this it was felt that evidence needed to be gathered of accidents/incidents in the area which could be obtained from HCC and the Police. It was also suggested that residents should be asked to provide any evidence they had of accidents and incidents that may not have been reported to the Police. Cllr Parker confirmed that if the Parish Council put together a body of evidence he would take this to officers at Hampshire Highways and see what could be done.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the SID could not be placed anywhere in Doras Green as it could not be used on national speed limit roads.</p> <p>Cllr Parker suggested that consideration be given to the marking of white lines on the edge of the carriageway as this created the artificial narrowing of the road and often reduced speeds. Cllr Morgan-Jones suggested that Hampshire Highways be contacted again for guidance on what would be possible.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones agreed to work with Cllr Turner to put some details together.</p>
23/92	Reinstatement of Verges
	<p>This item had been added to the Agenda to monitor the progress of HCC to reinstate the verges damaged as a result of the closure of Redfield's Lane, particularly Dares Lane and Ewshot Lane. Cllr Parker did not expect there to be any work on this until the weather improved and the backlog of work relating to the pot holes that needed filling had been addressed.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the other verges in the village that needed attention.</p> <p>It was noted that there was quite a lot of reinstatement work that needed to be done as a result of the installation of the new Esso Pipeline and it was anticipated that this would be carried out once the weather improved.</p>

23/93	Substandard Landscape Completion of Redfields Roundabout
	Cllr Rook advised that she was disappointed with the landscaping that had been carried out on and around the new roundabout at Redfields Lane. Cllr Parker asked her to email him with specifics and he would raise this with officers at Hampshire Highways.
23/94	A287
	The large amount of fly tipping alongside the A287, which had been there for sometime, had been report to HDC. Officers had done a site visit and had looked into the ownership of the land. They had advised that this was a grey area in terms of legal land ownership and registry information and an officer from HDC was going to contact someone at Hampshire Highways to see if they could provide any further information. The Clerk agreed to continue to chase this up. The Clerk had also asked Cllr Collins to follow this up.
23/95	Beacon Hill Road
	It was thought that HDC had carried out a litter pick along Beacon Hill and Cllr Morgan-Jones agreed to have a look to see if the amount of litter had been reduced.
23/96	Tree Works
	The application to HDC for permission for works to be carried out on a tree at Broomhill, as suggested in the tree survey, which was the subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) had been approved. The contractor selected at the meeting in January intended to carry out all the tree works on 15 May.
23/97	Fly tipping
	This had been dealt with under Minute 23/94 above.
23/98	Enhancing parish communication and engagement
	Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that he would like to use the details provided by residents as part of the fibre optic project along with details on the electoral roll to formulate a better way to communicate with residents. He confirmed that they had all given permission for their data to be used for this purpose. He had spoken to an IT specialist and was looking to create a self-managing system so as to not create additional work for the Clerk. He would draft a specification and report back at a future meeting.

23/99	Rural Fibre Optic Rollout
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that he was getting an increasing number of residents asking for an update on this project. He had been trying to get hold of the correct person at HCC for an update but had been unable to reach the relevant officer and he asked if Cllr Parker could help with this.</p> <p>It was noted that funding had been awarded to cover premises in the New Forest and a second procurement was ongoing to find a supplier to bring fibre broadband to c.90,000 premises across the rest of Hampshire that it was believed would not be covered by commercial investments, including Ewshot. It was expected that an announcement regarding the second contract would be made in June or July.</p>
23/100	Farnborough Airport
	There was nothing to report on this.
23/101	Savings Accounts
	As agreed at the last meeting a one year bond account had been set up with Cambridge and Counties and £36,000 had been transferred into this account. Funds had also been transferred from the Lloyds current account (earning no interest) into the Lloyds savings account earning 0.7% interest. It would be ensured that a three month rolling expenditure would be kept in the current account.
23/102	Section 106 Money
	Cllr Jennings advised that she did not have any update from the Village Hall Committee on progress with the project to identify areas to spend the s106 money.
23/103	Summary of Payments and Receipts for Q4 to 31 March 2023
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter four had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 31 March across the budget headings against the budget for the year.</p> <p>A schedule of allocated reserves had also been circulated and it was agreed to reallocate the money for the Neighbourhood Plan to the Design Codes project and that the £5,000 allocated for 2022/2023 projects be moved into the Highways Projects reserve.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter four.</p>

23/104	Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2023
	The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 31 March 2023 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
	RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 31 March 2023.

23/105	Payments																		
	The following payments were approved:																		
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	It was noted that it had been necessary to carry out emergency repairs to the surface in the car park. It was suggested that consideration be given to drafting and confirming a list of approved contractors to be used in such circumstances.																		

23/106	Correspondence
	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.

23/107	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting was due to take place on 22 May 2023.

23/108	Any Other Business
	Cllr Morgan-Jones requested that the Clerk send details of the basic skills for Councillors training sessions coming up to him and Cllr Turner.
	Cllr Bredin advised that there had been a request from the owner of a food truck to operate from the car park on an ad hoc basis. The food truck was owned and run by a local, well known individual. It was agreed that permission be given.

<p>It was noted that the Windmill had arranged a number of activities on 6 May for the Coronation including a Big British Breakfast while the TV coverage would be on the TVs and a Big British BBQ. In addition there would be an informal picnic on the recreation ground on Sunday 7 May for people to bring their own food and play games, all weather dependant.</p> <p>Cllr Jennings reported concerns about the number of fires being lit on the SANG land and that bricks were being taken from the pill boxes for the purposes of creating a fire pit. Cllr Bredin advised that this had been reported to the Management Company and he intend to report it to the local Police Officer.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

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