

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020 AT 7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin, Cllr E Jennings, Cllr A Taylor and Cllr T Wells.

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council) and 7 members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy new year.

20/1	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr B Cranstone. Cllr T Clarke (Hart District Council).

20/2	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 9 December 2019
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2019.

20/3	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On item 19/109 Matters arising from the Minutes: (1) The Clerk advised that a formal letter had now been received from Hart District Council (HDC) confirming that the Windmill pub had been put back on the list of assets of community value with a start date of 19 November 2019. It would now remain on the list for another five years. (2) The pothole on Church Lane outside Sunnyside had been reported to Hampshire County Council (HCC) and they had passed it onto the water board as it was next to a man hole cover owned by them. On item 19/125 Any other business: The flooding on the A287 outside Midtrees had been reported to HCC and a response was awaited.

20/4	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

20/5	District and County Council Report
	Hampshire County Council:- Councillor Bennison provided the following details: (a) Consultation on the Libraries – a consultation on the library service in Hampshire had been published on 9 th January and would be running for 10 weeks. The proposals included the possible closure of up to 10 small libraries in the county. The local

	<p>library that could face closure was the one in Odiham. All districts and boroughs would retain a main library which was the one in Fleet in this area. If 10 libraries were to close there would still be 38 libraries in the county. The proposals were needed as the library service needed to save £1.76 million.</p> <p>(b) Recycling Centres – if residents used the household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) in Hampshire they were being encouraged to register their vehicles on the HCC website. From 1 April technology was being introduced at the HWRCs which would mean all non-Hampshire residents would be charged £5 per trip. This was to contribute towards the cost of dealing with the waste of non-Hampshire residents as they did not pay council tax to HCC. So far 150,000 vehicles had been registered.</p> <p>(c) Waste Figures – the government had recently published figures which had shown that fly tipping had reduced between 2017/18 and 2018/19. There was an officer dedicated to tackling fly tipping and people had been prosecuted for this offence.</p> <p>(d) Climate Change Emergency – at the meeting of HCCs Cabinet on 6th January there had been an interim report on the progress with the Climate Change Strategy. This aimed for the county council to be carbon neutral by 2050. One of the ideas put forward would involve the replacement of all the bulbs in the street lights with LEDs. The HCC 2011 policy that prevented any wind turbines being erected on Council owned property had been scrapped. HCC currently employed 9,000 staff but only produced 1% of the counties carbon. The majority of the carbon emissions came from transport and heating for buildings. This showed how HCC also needed to work with others including the district and borough councils.</p> <p>Hart District Council:- No councillor present.</p>
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20/6	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

20/7	Public Participation
	A member of the public thanked the Parish Council for providing the Christmas trees at the Church and outside the Village Hall. She also advised that a company would be attending the Church to carry out topple tests on the headstones in the graveyard. Notices would be put up warning people that this would be carried out and she asked if a notice could be put on the Parish Council noticeboard. Members agreed that this would be a good idea.

20/8	Planning
	(a) 19/02710/FUL Queens Arms, Farnham Road Erection of three 2 bed dwelling houses with associated parking and landscaping.

<p>RESOLVED: To object for the same reasons as previous planning applications on this site particularly safety concerns for vehicles and pedestrians exiting the site onto the A287. Also due to an insufficient allocation of parking spaces on the site. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(b) 19/02764/HOU 2 Beacon Hill Road Erection of a two storey rear extension.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit no objection. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Jennings and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(c) 19/02815/HOU Stillers Farm House, Stillers Farm, Ewshot Lane Replacement of window to side elevation with door and windows to facilitate the conversion of the garage to an annexe.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To object for the same reasons as the previous application that was withdrawn namely (1) the proposed annexe is too far from the house for it to be suitable for use for a carer and for it to be ancillary to the main building; (2) the building is listed and as such this change will have a detrimental impact; and (3) this will result in a loss of parking where there currently is limited parking. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(d) 19/02864/PRIOR General, Redfields Industrial Park, Church Crookham Notification for Prior Approval for the Installation of 500 solar PV panels on the East and West facing roof elevations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit no objection. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Jennings and agreed unanimously.</p>

<p>20/9</p>	<p>Traffic Calming for the Village and Community Speedwatch</p>
	<p>Since the last meeting Ian Janes from HCC had confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The four new sets of 30mph repeater signs closest to the A287 on Church Lane were suitable for the placement of a SID and he had approached the legal department to issue a section 72 licence (see below); • The remedial works to some of the new 30mph signs had been carried out; • The Transport team at HCC had confirmed that they would be willing to fund an SLR for the parish. <p>The Clerk would look into which SLR the parish should purchase and would make recommendations at a future meeting.</p> <p>Two SIDs had been borrowed from HDC and had been in place on Church Lane since 11 December. The Lengthsman had been instructed to remove the SIDs and</p>

	return these to HDC as soon as possible. Once they had been returned officers at HDC would be able to download the statistics and forward these on.
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20/10	To approve and sign the section 72 Licence for the provision of SIDs on the Highway
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	<p>The section 72 Licence had been received from HCC which would give permission for the Parish Council to place a Speed Limit Reminder sign (SLR) on the highway. The licence expressly stated, amongst other things, that the Parish Council would own the sign and be responsible for its maintenance and storage, that the Parish Council would make sure the proper insurance policies were in place and that the Parish Council would ensure the training and health and safety of the person installing the SLR.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the section 72 licence and that the Chairman sign the document. Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.</p>
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20/11	Hampshire County Council Proposals for Doras Green Lane
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	<p>Prior to the meeting officers at HCC had shared with the Parish Council some highway proposals for Doras Green Lane including a new gateway entry sign, new SLOW markings painted on the road and new right hand bend, left hand bend and give way triangular signs.</p> <p>Members of the public raised concerns about traffic in the area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of vehicles travelling along the lanes were now in the thousands not hundreds; • The speed limit should be reduced, preferably to 30mph; • The unfairness that the village centre should have a limit of 30mph but Warren Corner should be 60mph; • Whether traffic calming be introduced; • Much of the driving had become very aggressive and therefore even more dangerous; • There used to be a weight restriction – had this now gone? Many large unsuitable vehicles now use the lane and are eroding the verges; • Issues with being able to see the turning into Doras Green Lane from the A287 particularly at night. Could more lighting or reflective bollards be installed. <p>In response to some of these concerns Cllr Bennison gave some background to how and why the current proposals on the table had come about. He encouraged the Parish Council to look at the proposals that had been put forward and not try to</p>
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	<p>add too many additional things as HCC would not have the ability at this stage to look at additional proposals. Cllr Bennison agreed to look into whether the weight restriction still existed.</p> <p>Cllr Wells suggested that further along Doras Green Lane, towards Crookham Village, the camber of the road forced vehicles into the middle of the road and this should be signed accordingly.</p> <p>RESOLVED: (1) That the Parish Council support the proposals for Doras Green Lane as set out by HCC; (2) That it be suggest to HCC that the give way signs be changed to STOP signs; (3) That HCC be asked to consider placing adverse camber signs along Doras Green Lane. Proposed by Cllr Jennings, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(NOTE: Following this item six members of the public left the meeting and one arrived.)</p>
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20/12	New Website
	<p>Vision ICT had started work on the new website and a link had been circulated to the draft site which was not yet available to the public. The Clerk asked that if anyone had any nice, up-to-date pictures of the Village that these be forwarded to be put on the new website as the ones currently being used were out of date. The Clerk was waiting for Vision ICT to contact her about the process for getting the site live.</p>

20/13	New grit bins
	<p>The Clerk had requested that HCC provide new grit bins on Church Lane (outside the Windmill); at Broomhill and at Doras Green Lane. When logging on the HCC website to check progress with these requests it stated that the enquiries were closed. The Clerk had requested details of what the outcome was but nothing had yet been received. Cllr Bennison agreed to see if he could get an update on progress with this.</p>

20/14	Planting at Broomhill
	<p>All the daffodil bulbs had now been planted by the Lengthsman at Broomhill. It was still planned that rhododendrons would be planted at this location and costings were being sought.</p>

20/15	Installation of Electricity Point on the Recreation Ground
	<p>An email had been received from the Village Show Committee about the installation of the electricity supply on the recreation ground. The committee members wanted to proceed with this and they had advised that they were now in a position to subsidise the installation of the equipment. The Parish Council would need to give</p>

	<p>permission for the work to be carried out and it would need to agree to be responsible for the ongoing monthly costs for the base station, to include the standing charge and any electricity usage.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison advised that should the Parish Council require an electricity supply that they approach HCC as they were providing gas and electricity at reasonable rates and were looking into getting these from renewable sources.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the proposal be broadly supported but that further information be sought on the costs involved prior to any works. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p>
20/16	Emergency Planning
	<p>A member of the public offered to work with the Parish Council to look to develop an emergency plan for the village. Cllrs Bennison and Wells offered to work with him on this.</p>
20/17	New Payroll Providers
	<p>As the Parish Council had been using its current payroll providers for some time the Clerk had sought quotes from other companies. Three quotes had been received and all were substantially cheaper than the current provider. Prior to the meeting a summary of the quotes had been circulated to the Members for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the quote from DM Payroll Services to provide a payroll service be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>
20/18	Finance
20/19	Bank Reconciliation to 31 December 2019
	<p>The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 31 December 2019 which had been checked and verified against the bank statements by Cllr Wells.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 31 December 2019. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>
20/20	Q3 Summary of Receipts & Payments to 31 December 2019
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter three had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 31 December across the budget headings against the budget for the year.</p>

	RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for Quarter Three. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.												
20/21	Budget 2020/21												
	<p>The Clerk circulated revised draft figures for the Budget 2020/21. This set out the actual spend to 1 January 2020 together with the predicted spend to year end, 31 March 2020. Also circulated were details of the money spent on projects during 2019.</p> <p>The figures included provision for a pay rise for the Clerk from 1 April 2020 and for the increase in minimum wage.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the budget for 2020/21. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>												
20/22	Set Precept for 2020/21												
	<p>The budget suggested that a precept of £29,626 would be sufficient for 2020/21. This was a decrease on the previous year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the precept for 2020/21 be set at £29,626 and that the Chairman, Cllr Wells and the Clerk be authorised to complete the paperwork on this basis to return to HDC. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>												
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	<p>The following payments were approved and cheques signed:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – January Payroll</td> <td>552.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – Quarterly Charge and additional copies</td> <td>306.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Registration with the Data Controller</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT – New Website – First Payment</td> <td>540.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allan Lang (Forestry) – Christmas Trees</td> <td>360.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		£	Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – January Payroll	552.62	Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – Quarterly Charge and additional copies	306.00	Registration with the Data Controller	40.00	Vision ICT – New Website – First Payment	540.00	Allan Lang (Forestry) – Christmas Trees	360.00
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20/24	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>												

20/25	Any other business
	<p>The Chairman requested that fly tipping on Ewshot Lane be reported to HDC for removal.</p> <p>Cllr Wells thanked the Village Agent for organising the Christmas lunch for older people from the village and for the pictures of the event. He also thanked Cllrs Bredin and Cranstone and all those involved in putting up the Christmas trees at the Village Hall and the Church.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.14 pm

Signed.....

Dated