

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020 AT 7 PM
MEETING HELD VITUALLY DUE TO THE CONTINUING GUIDANCE ON SOCIAL DISTANCING TO
HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr B Cranstone, Cllr A Taylor and Cllr T Wells.

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council), Cllr T Clarke (Hart District Council). There were no members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Taylor back after a short absence due to illness.

20/106	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings.
20/107	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 September 2020
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2020.
20/108	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On Minute 20/84: Matters arising from the Minutes the Clerk advised that the external auditors had been in touch to request additional information which had been provided. On Minute 20/89: Planning it was advised that an objection had been submitted to the application for 3 Crondall Heights, application number 20/02072/HOU. On Minute 20/94: New SID it was confirmed that the new brackets for the SID had been ordered and received.
20/109	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.
20/110	District and County Council Report
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Councillor Bennison gave the following details: a) Highways: the work on the entrance to the site at Watery Lane was progressing. This was currently just outside the parish but there would be some work within the

	<p>parish. There were four weeks left to run on the roadworks but this would depend on factors such as the weather.</p> <p>The new roundabout at the junction of the A287/ Redfields Lane had not yet received permission from HCC but some preparatory work may begin on the private land nearby.</p> <p>b) Flooding: there had been flooding in the area on 27 August and on the 2/3 October. This was mostly in Church Crookham. Cllr Bennison encouraged all incidents of flooding to be reported.</p> <p>c) Libraries: the opening hours of the Fleet library would be changing to standardised times up to Christmas.</p> <p>d) Fly tipping: statistics showed that the amount of fly tipping during the Covid-19 pandemic had decreased compared to the previous six months. Cllr Bennison did agree that whilst the evidence showed that generally incidents had decreased there were some hot spots that saw above average amounts of fly tipping and some of the lanes in Ewshot were included in this.</p> <p>Hart District Council:-</p> <p>Cllr Clarke reported that the planning application to vary the condition relating to the construction of the new round-a-bout at the junction of the A287/ Redfields Lane to require it to be completed before the 50th occupation rather than the first occupation had not yet been determined. There were approximately 300 objections and the officer dealing with this was aware that the ward councillors would like to see it determined by the planning committee. He would keep the Parish Council informed of any updates.</p>
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20/111	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

20/112	Public Participation
	None.

20/113	Planning
	<p>(a) 20/02165/HOU Gazings Farm, Redlands Lane Erection of a single storey front extension with dormer windows in the roof to provide first floor accommodation, erection of dormer windows to the front and rear roof slopes to facilitate the conversion of the roofspace to habitable accommodation, erection of a porch and alterations to all doors and windows..</p> <p>RESOLVED: To submit no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p>

20/114	Bin Emptying 2021/22
	<p>Following the notification from Hart District Council (HDC) of the increase to the costs associated with emptying the bins on the recreation ground the Clerk had been exploring all the options. She had received quite a lot of information but there were some figures outstanding. As the change was not to come into effect until April 2021 it was agreed to postpone a decision on this until the next meeting when all the figures should have been received.</p>
20/115	Highways
	<p>Cllr Bennison confirmed that he had not received any more information on the introduction of Quiet Lanes. He was hoping to speak to an officer at Hampshire Highways to talk about this and also on the progress with the possible project to close Naishes Lanes and the changes due to be implemented at Doras Green.</p> <p>Cllr Cranstone reported that the pot hole next to the man hole cover on Church Lane outside his house had still not been repaired and was getting bigger and more dangerous. This had been reported to HCC on a number of occasions and HCC had passed it on to a third party that was responsible for the maintenance of the manhole cover. It was understood that various people had been to inspect the manhole cover but no work had been carried out. The Clerk and Cllr Bennison agreed to follow this up.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that HCC had reimbursed the parish council for the purchase of the SID. It had previously been agreed that once this money had been received consideration would be given to purchasing a portable device that would be capable of downloading the data from the SID. It was agreed that the Clerk look into the costs of a suitable device.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he would move the SID to a new location shortly.</p>
20/116	New Planting
	<p>Cllr Wells had purchased daffodil bulbs. Some had been passed to the residents at Ewshot Gardens for planting and the rest would be planted by the Lengthsman.</p> <p>The Lengthsman was due to carry out some work in the village on 19 October which would include planting bulbs and doing some general tidying up jobs. Cllr Bennison asked if the Lengthsman would be able to clear the pavement along the A287 up to the Surrey border as it was in a poor state.</p> <p>The councillors all agreed that they would buy the rhododendrons for Broomhill and the Lengthsman would be asked to plant them.</p>

	<p>Cllr Taylor confirmed that he would not be able to plant the boxes this year and all agreed to chip in and help get this done.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he had spread some wildflower seeds on the verge at Ewshot Lane but a vehicle had been parking on the verge so they would not grow. He asked if he could put a barrier up to prevent the parking. It was advised against putting any object on the highway or verge without obtaining consent from HCC and it was likely that if posts or alternative was put up which then resulted in damage to a vehicle the parish council could be held liable.</p>
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20/117	Projects for 2021/22
	The Chairman advised that he would present a list of proposed projects for 2021/22 at the next meeting.

	FINANCE
20/118	Requests for Grants
	No applications had been received.

20/119	Bank Reconciliation to 30 September 2020
	<p>The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 September 2020 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Cranstone had resubmitted his application for internet banking. His application had been returned by Lloyds and he would amend it and send it back again. Cllr Wells had also tried to set up internet banking but had experienced some issues with the password and he hoped this would shortly be rectified.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2020.</p>

20/120	Q2 Summary of Receipts and Payments to 30 September 2020
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter two had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 30 September across the budget headings against the budget for the year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter two.</p>

20/121	Insurance Claim
	<p>A claim had been submitted to the Parish Council's insurance company following damage to a vehicle caused by the height restriction barrier in the car park at the Village Hall. If the claim was successful the Parish Council would have to pay a £250 excess fee.</p> <p>It was suggested that consideration be given to adding a chain to the height barrier as a warning to high vehicles.</p>

20/122	Payments																				
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: right;">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>October Salaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">496.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Westcotec – 4 brackets</td> <td style="text-align: right;">249.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Robins – cut play area grass</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gary Bredin – Fencing and Pins for Play Area</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gary Bredin – New lock for overhead barrier</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nick Robins – Grass Cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">245.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Wells – Daffodil bulbs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">69.93</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Glasdon – 2x Grit Bins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">238.68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>* Already paid – approved at meeting in September</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was noted that the new grit bins had been delivered to the Chairman and he would arrange for one to be placed at Broomhill and the other outside the Windmill. He would also make arrangements for them to be filled with grit.</p>		£	October Salaries	496.68	Westcotec – 4 brackets	249.00*	Nick Robins – cut play area grass	35.40	Gary Bredin – Fencing and Pins for Play Area	48.98	Gary Bredin – New lock for overhead barrier	22.50	Nick Robins – Grass Cutting	245.40	Tim Wells – Daffodil bulbs	69.93	Glasdon – 2x Grit Bins	238.68	* Already paid – approved at meeting in September	
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20/123	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> <p>The Chairman reported that he had received an email thanking the Parish Council for the support provided in the local Covid-19 response.</p>

20/124	Any other business
	<p>Tennis Court: The Clerk advised that rules for the tennis court had been drafted and circulated and these would be put on the website. A new sign would also be ordered as the current one looked very weathered.</p>

Christmas Trees: Cllr Cranstone advised that the Christmas Tree supplier had asked whether the Parish Council would be ordering trees. It was likely that there would be a small increase in the cost. All agreed to go ahead as the quality of the trees in previous years had been very good.

Flooding: Cllr Cranstone reported that he understood that work had been carried out to alleviate the flooding problems around Beacon Hill Farm but it was still flooding in this area. Cllr Bennison advised that whilst work was attempted there had been problems on site and it had not been possible to carry out the planned measures. He would try to find out what was happening with this.

Devolution: Cllr Bennison advised that he had received an email regarding the Parish Rural Programme which suggested the devolution of services to parishes. He would forward this on for information.

Planning Consultation: Cllr Wells reported that he was aware the Government was currently consulting on reforms to the planning system and he asked if the Parish Council should consider submitting a response. The Clerk advised that she had quite a lot of information on this and would forward this to Cllr Wells.

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm

Signed.....

Dated