

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTES FOR AN INFORMAL MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 10 JANUARY 2022 AT 7 PM  
ONLINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**Present:** Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr D Morgan-Jones and Cllr C Turner.

**In Attendance:** Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council).

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Cllr D Rook.
	Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council).

<b>2.</b>	<b>District and County Council Report</b>
	<p><b>Hart District Council (HDC):-</b> Prior to the meeting Cllr Collins reported that she had no updates.</p> <p><b>Hampshire County Council (HCC):-</b> Prior to the meeting Cllr Parker had circulated a report containing details of some important issues including:</p> <p>a) Roads update: Highways operations were continuing as normal during the Plan B Covid-19 restrictions. Statistics had been published by Hampshire Highways for November 2021. In that month countywide 406 emergencies had been attended, 21,173 square metres of carriageway had been resurfaced, 18,436 gullies and other drainage were cleared and 7,295 potholes were fixed. Figures for Hart were 34 emergencies attended, 500 square metres of surface dressing and micro asphalt, 2788 gullies and other drainage cleared and 661 potholes fixed. In addition, roads were kept clear of fallen trees and other vegetation, debris and excess water during storms Arwen and Barra.</p> <p>Cllr Parker reminded everyone that general road problems including potholes and gullies should be reported online at <a href="http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems">http://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems</a>. Emergency issues on the highway could be reported outside of office hours by calling 101. In any emergency where there is a danger to life, call 999.</p> <p>Going forward, HCC had agreed to put extra “recurring” funding into highway maintenance, equating to about £7 million per year, from April 2022.</p> <p>b) Severe weather: At the time of writing the update, there had been some very cold weather and the Hampshire Highways' fleet of salting lorries had been out,</p>

focusing on the main roads first. Details of priority salting routes could be found on the HCC website: <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>

Many of the village roads and lanes were not on the priority routes but the blue grit bins provided by HCC were available and filled with salt for community use throughout winter. The salt would be particularly useful for smaller roads or on the pavements. A small amount of salt from these could make a big impact on frozen and icy surfaces. One tablespoon of salt (20 grams) would be sufficient to treat one square metre of road or pavement surface.

If grit bins were empty or running low, this could be reported to HCC for replenishing. This could be done online at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance> or by emailing [roads@hants.gov.uk](mailto:roads@hants.gov.uk)

c) Support for vulnerable households: HCC had received £7.124m from the Government's Household Support Fund to support households in need with food, energy and water bills, as well as wider essential costs and housing costs. The county proposed to deploy this funding (which must be spent by 31 March 2022) through its "connect4communities" programme.

The programme included support for free school meals in holidays and half terms, support with utility bills, community pantries giving access to discounted food and community grants, which could be used for example to assist unpaid carers. This included the provision of slow cookers for families where they lacked cooking facilities.

Details could be found at [connect4communities.org](http://connect4communities.org) where it was possible to apply for community grants, and at HCC's online directory ([connect4communities](http://connect4communities) | Family Information and Services Hub [hants.gov.uk](http://hants.gov.uk)) which would also be a useful resource for families and individuals in need of food and fuel support.

Residents could also apply for half term support for food and activities at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/holiday-activities-hants>

d) New Year resolutions: A new 12-week weight management programme had been funded by HCC for residents who wanted to achieve a healthier weight. Offering free professional support either in-person, through regular online meetings or via a mobile app, Shapeup4life Hampshire was available to anyone with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or above and combined exercise and food choices to make positive lifestyle changes rather than a prescriptive diet. More information could be found on the website: [www.shapeup4lifehampshire.co.uk](http://www.shapeup4lifehampshire.co.uk) .

	At the meeting Cllr Parker confirmed that he had been regularly checking the signage associated with the closure of Redfields Lane and the diversion route. Lots had recently fallen over which he would report to the contractor. The Chairman suggested that pictures of the damage to the verges along Tadpole Lane should be sent to the contractor as it would need remedial works. Cllr Parker agreed to raise this with highways officers.
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<b>3.</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>
	None.

<b>4.</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p><b>(a) 21/02963/ADV Unit 1 Beacon Hill Road, Church Crookham</b> Display of three internally illuminated fascia signs and four non illuminated fascia.</p> <p>A response was required by 5 January so the following was agreed by email and noted at the meeting: No objections.</p> <p><b>(b) 21/01155/FUL 1 Crondall Heights, Farnham Road APPEAL:</b> Change of use of land to garden land, plus landscaping and associated works.</p> <p>Application refused by HDC and now being appealed. EPC objected to original application. This objection would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate but EPC could make comments or modify/withdraw original comments. Any submission needed to be done by 20 January.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit the original objection with the addition of the following words:</p> <p>The proposed site plan granted under permission 09/02311/FUL and subsequently re granted under permission 11/01087/FUL shows that the approved schemes to include <b>garden curtilages</b> were to be largely contained within the <b>existing footprint</b> of the former residential/equestrian/farm buildings and their immediate areas. This would ensure there would be no requirement to extend into the agricultural land holdings of each of the proposed properties.</p> <p><b>(c) 21/03146/FUL Silvergate Redfields Industrial Park, Church Crookham</b> Changes to façade and erection of canopies at the entrances to the building.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit no objection.</p> <p><b>(d) 21/03247/FUL Silvergate Redfields Industrial Park, Church Crookham</b> Hard and soft landscaping, erection of bike and bin stores, erection of boundary fencing and alterations to the car park.</p> <p>It was agreed to submit no objection.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Development Plan</b>
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones reported that he had been in touch with the Principal Planning Policy Officer at HDC to let her know that the Parish Council was starting to consider producing a NDP. She had sought to establish why the Parish Council felt a NDP was needed and she had suggested some alternatives. He planned to set up a meeting with her to find out more.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Platinum Jubilee</b>
	<p>The Chairman confirmed that he was in the process of making arrangements for a beacon to be lit on 2 June, at the highest point in the parish. Last time there was a beacon in the parish it had been on the Recreation Ground but it had done some damage so a preferred location had been found.</p> <p>Cllr Jennings advised she had been in communication with local volunteers to discuss ideas to mark the Jubilee. It had been suggested that the annual Village Show be brought forward and held on the Jubilee weekend with the addition of some specific Jubilee focused events including a lunch/picnic for older residents. This was still at the ideas stage and was subject to change once further discussions had been held.</p> <p>Cllr Parker advised that he had some funds that may be used to support a community initiative. The deadline for applications was end of February and the money would need to be spent by end of March. He agreed to circulate the details.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Highways Issues at Doras Green</b>
	<p>Cllr Turner confirmed that the work to cut back the hedge on the north east side of the crossroads had been completed. The work on the north west side was due to be done very soon.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Highways Issues as a result of the temporary closure of Redfields Lane</b>
	<p>This had been discussed during the update from the Hampshire County Councillor at item 2.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Open Community Fibre Project</b>
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones thanked everyone involved in the project and those that had gone out delivering leaflets and subsequently knocking on doors. Just under £400,000 was raised which was more than was needed to be able to submit the application to Openreach for superfast broadband. The application had been completed but unfortunately Openreach had advised that the scheme had been put on hold whilst</p>

the scheme pipeline was reviewed. There had been an unprecedented volume of registrations and these were being reviewed in line with the network build capacity. It was understood that Hampshire was going into a procurement process that would allow network providers to bid to deliver to areas. Cllr Parker agreed to try to find out more details on this.

**10. Electricity Supply on the Recreation Ground**

It was noted that the Parish Council had agreed to install an electricity supply on the Recreation Ground. The majority of the work on this had been completed but had been put on hold as the supply would not be needed whilst the Village Show could not go ahead. As it was planned to have a Village Show in 2022 it had been requested that the Parish Council get the supply connected. The Clerk would have a look at suppliers and make a recommendation as to who to go with at the next meeting.

**11. Farnborough Airport**

At the last meeting the Chairman had been approved as the Parish Council representative on the Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC) with Cllr Jennings as his deputy. Both intended to visit the airport to find out more information particularly in regard to flight paths and numbers.

There was some discussion about flight paths and the impact of noise on residents and how this could be mitigated.

**12. Risk Management**

This would be discussed at the February meeting.

**13. Payments**

It was noted that the following payments needed to be paid before the next meeting and could be paid under delegated authority. All would be ratified at the next meeting:

January Payroll	£445.60
Larkstel – Bin emptying (January)	£129.60
Information Commissioner – annual registration fee	£40.00
Gary Bredin – reimbursement for signage in play area	£13.40
Vision ICT – new email address	£21.60
D M Payroll Services – 6 months payroll services	£66.00

**14. Any Other Business**

The Chairman advised that the Christmas tree recycling point had been set up in the car park and was working well. HDC had only been able to provide four fences

	<p>so he had improvised to make sure the trees were contained and would cause minimal damage. Unfortunately due to staff absences HDC had been unable to collect the trees on the date agreed but it was hoped that this would be done as soon as possible as there were already a large number of trees there.</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed he had installed new 'No Dogs' signs at the entrance to the play area to remind people not to take dogs in.</p>
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**The meeting ended at 7.50 pm**

**Signed**.....

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