

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2015 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr B Richey (Chairman), Cllr B Cranstone, Cllr S Cranstone, Cllr T Wells and Cllr G Bredin
In Attendance: Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council), Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council), Cllr A Clarke (from 7.26pm) (Hart District Council), Garry Shelford (Outgoing Clerk), Alison Ball (Clerk), 4 members of the public

15/175 Apologies for Absence

None

15/176 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Ewshot Parish Council of 14 September 2015

RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of 14 September 2015.

15/177 Matters arising from the Minutes

- (a) Lengthmans Scheme – monies still awaited
- (b) Bus Services – the tea party organised to launch the campaign to raise the profile and usage of the bus services had gone very well with over 200 people in attendance. Some of the services were now overcrowded and Stagecoach had agreed to put on more buses as a result. Cllr Radley encouraged people to report any issues so that these could be addressed.
- (c) New Play Area Equipment – a note had been drafted giving details of the reasons why Komplan had been selected as the preferred supplier which would be added to the file for reference.

15/178 Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions

The Chairman advised that the previous meeting of the Council had been Garry Shelford's last meeting as Clerk as he had retired on 30 September. He thanked Garry for his hard work and commitment to the Parish Council since its inception and prior to that as a councillor at Crondall Parish Council. As a token of appreciation he was presented with a gift and card.

Garry Shelford announced that he had been notified by HMRC that the Parish Council would be receiving a VAT refund claim of £5,891.65.

15/179 District and County Council Report

District Council Report:-

- (a) Bourley Road Closure – Cllr Radley reported that signs had been put up advising that Bourley Road would be closed from 19 October for two weeks. The closure was to carry out road repair works which would bring the road up to standard. Cllr Bennison confirmed that this road was owned by the military but they had requested that HCC adopt the road. This request had previously been refused due to the poor construction of the road. It was also anticipated that investigations would be carried out with regard to the drains along the road to identify any further works that would be required before adoption by HCC.
- (b) Car Park at Bourley Road – it was advised that the car park at Bourley Road would be closed for two months, weather dependant, for logging purposes. It was hoped that the small car park opposite the Ridings would be cleared so that this could be used as an alternative.
- (c) Crookham Park SANG – Cllr Radley had been invited to attend a meeting regarding the consultation on the Crookham Park SANG on 16 October and she requested that she be advised of anything that should be raised.
- (d) Local Plan Consultation – Cllr Radley advised that a consultation on the Local Plan would be taking place in November and she was aware that sites had been identified in Ewshot.

County Council Report:-

- (a) Hampshire County Council Chief Executive – Cllr Bennison reported that the Chief Executive at HCC was retiring and a replacement had now been appointed, John Coughlan, who had been Deputy Chief Executive for a number of years.
- (b) Windy Gap Junction – HCC were proposing a left only system at the junction known as Windy Gap as a safety measure.
- (c) Minutes of Parish Council Meetings – it was requested that District and County Councillors be sent copies of the Parish Council Minutes.
- (d) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority – consultation was taking place regarding changes to the service. Cllr Bennison aimed to visit as many of the local fire stations as possible to be able to talk to those on the frontline. He understood there had been quite a lot of responses to the consultation which was still ongoing. A decision would be made by the full authority at a meeting in February. It was anticipated that many fire stations would be getting smaller fire engines which would be easier to manoeuvre particularly on new estates where roads could be narrow, especially when cars were parked along them. These vehicles would result in quicker response times but would likely mean that slightly fewer staff would be needed. Cllr Bredin requested that publicity be given to the consultation as people should be made aware something was happening as it would effect them locally.

15/180 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations

None

15/181 Public Participation

None

15/182 Planning

- (a) Ref: 15/02257/REM Blue Prior, Redfields Lane, GU52 0RJ
Reserved Matters application for the approval of details of appearance, landscaping and layout pursuant to outline planning permission 13/01822/OUT for the development of the site to provide 13 dwellings together with associated parking and access
RESOLVED: To make no objection to the layout but a preference to the original style/design of the properties. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr B Cranstone and agreed unanimously.
- (b) Ref: 15/02184/HOU Hamptons Farm, Ewshot Lane, GU10 5BP
Erection of swimming pool and pool room. Resubmission of expired approval 10/00828/HOU
RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.
- (c) Ref: 15/02255/HOU School Lane House, School Lane, GU10 5BN
Single and double storey extension (Partially Retrospective)
RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.
- (d) Ref: 15/02419/HOU Aylesford House, Beacon Hill Road, GU10 5BZ
New shared driveway to Aylesford House and The Yard and removal of existing access to Beacon Hill Road
RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed by a majority (Cllrs Bredin and B Cranstone voted against the proposal).

15/183 Risk Assessment

At the meeting on 18 May 2015 it had been agreed that a working group be established to carry out a review of risk assessment later in the year. It was now requested that this be set up in order that the review take place.

RESOLVED: That Cllr B Cranstone take the lead on the review of Risk Assessment.

15/184 Approval of Financial Return for Q2

Garry Shelford presented the Financial Return for quarter 2. It was noted that there were no items that were materially different to the budget.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Finance Return for Q2. Proposed by Cllr S Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously

15/185 Payments

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Peter A Housden & Sons - second payment for tennis court refurbishment	7,980.00
Poulsom - Hedge Cutting	173.82
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – Quarterly service charge Q2	144.00
Ewshot Village Hall – PAT testing of EPC office equipment	16.50
B.G.O.Shelford – Refund of purchase price Toshiba L50 Laptop and repair insurance	498.93*
B.G.O.Shelford – Refund of purchase price MS Office Home & Business software	194.99
B.G.O.Shelford – Refund of cost of setting up new laptop & systems	340.00
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd - October Payroll	609.00
Lotus Landscapes Ltd – Grass cutting – September	572.54
Jewson – Materials for car park notice board	77.42

In addition it was noted and approved that three cheques had been signed at an informal meeting on 29 September 2015 which had not be included on the agenda. These items were as follows:

	£
Petty Cash	61.19
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – underpayment for September payroll	13.52
B.G.O Shelford – Reimbursement of payment for fees to Home PC Specialist	185.00

15/186 Correspondence

Items of correspondence from the preceding month were made available to councillors.

15/187 Traffic Management Report

The meeting was reminded that the completed feasibility report for the Ewshot Traffic Management study had been received by the Council just before the September meeting but it had not allowed enough time for councillors to study it and make a decision at that meeting. At this stage consultation was being undertaken with only the Parish Council and the QEB Transport Steering Committee.

Some of the Ewshot Parish Councillors had met informally to discuss the proposals and as a result Cllr Richey had drafted a response which was circulated prior to the meeting.

A detailed discussion took place during which the meeting reached a consensus that they would like to see the following:

- (a) Installation of "Access to Ewshot Village only" signs;
- (b) Ewshot Lane – the dragons teeth be moved further away from the centre of the village to before Stillers Farm on the straight part of the road, before the blind bend;
- (c) Dares Lane - a further set of dragons teeth be installed;
- (d) Tadpole Lane –the dragons teeth be located outside Beacon Hill stables;
- (e) A 20mph speed limit be sought on all the roads in the village within the dragons teeth markings;
- (f) Warning signage be installed where the bridle paths joined the road;
- (g) Naishes Lane be closed to vehicles.

It was also requested that:

- (a) an explanation be sought as to why it was proposed that dragons teeth be introduced as opposed to any other measure such as gateway signs;
- (b) it be stressed that safety in the core of the village was paramount, including the safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

RESOLVED: (1) That a response to Hampshire County Council be drafted for approval by Parish Councillors and the HDC and HCC councillors present at the meeting, to include details of the discussion as above, and that this be sent to HCC in due course; and (2) That it be requested that a representative from Ewshot Parish Council be permitted to attend a meeting of the QEB Transport Steering Committee to present the views of the Parish Council.

(NOTE: the Chairman took this item at the end of the meeting to allow as much time as was needed for a full discussion.)

15/188 Any other business

Councillor Wells advised that it was hoped that a draft budget for 2016/17 would be presented to councillors at the next meeting for consideration. He asked that all councillors let him or the clerk know of any projects that they would like to see included as soon as possible.

The Meeting ended at 8.35pm

Signed B. Richey.....

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