

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JUNE 2016 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

**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) and 4 members of the public

<b>16/23</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Cllr A Clarke and Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council)

<b>16/24</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ewshot Parish Council hold on 9 May 2016</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2016.

<b>16/25</b>	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b>
	None

<b>16/26</b>	<b>Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions</b>
	None

<b>16/27</b>	<b>District and County Council Report</b>
	<p><b>County Council Report:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) New Water Main: south east water were due to hold a consultation event in the village on 5 July.</li> <li>(b) Highways: the no right turn at Windy Gap was now in place.</li> <li>(c) Farnborough Air Show: details of the road closures associated with the Air Show had been emailed to the Parish Council.</li> <li>(d) Devolution: it was anticipated that the Parish Council would shortly be receiving a consultation document from HCC regarding devolution. The Cabinet at HCC had recently agreed to carry out a consultation on the creation of one unitary council for the whole of the county area replacing all the district councils and the county council in its current form. It was thought that elections at HCC would go ahead in May 2017 as the changes would not take place by then.</li> </ul>

<b>16/28</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations</b>
	Cllr Cranstone advised that he intended to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest and leave the room during the discussion on item 11 - Consideration of car park fencing contractors as he had submitted a quote. The Chairman agreed to move this item to the end of the agenda.
<b>16/29</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>
	None
<b>16/30</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p>(a) REF: 16/01212/HOU Walden Wood House, Redlands Lane, GU10 5AS Demolition of existing playroom and replacement with single storey extension to form an enlarged kitchen/breakfast room. In addition the rear decking is to be replaced and a Gazebo added.</p> <p>The response of no objection that had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline on 7 June 2016 was approved.</p> <p>(b) REF: 16/00621/HOU 3 Broomhill, GU10 5BE Rear extension and new front porch</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p>
<b>16/31</b>	<b>Approval of the Clerks Contract of Employment</b>
	<p>In the annual report by the Internal Auditor it had been noted that whilst the appointment of Alison Ball as clerk had been approved and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held in September 2015, there was no minute expressly confirming her contract of employment or her designation as the responsible financial officer.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To confirm approval of the clerk's contract as signed on 12 October 2015 and her designation as clerk, proper officer and responsible financial officer.</p>
<b>16/32</b>	<b>Co-option</b>
	Following the election in May one seat on the Parish Council remained vacant. A village resident, Eleanor Jennings, had expressed an interest in joining the Council and was present at the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Eleanor Jennings as a Member of Ewshot Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.

**16/33 Inspection of Trees at Broomhill**

Following advice from the Parish Council’s insurance brokers, a quote had been sought from a qualified arboriculturalist to inspect the trees on the land at Broomhill and make recommendations as to future maintenance.

It was noted that after obtaining the quote but before the meeting a branch had broken off one of these trees and fallen into the road. This had been cleared away and the tree tidied up but it showed the importance of such an inspection.

The Parish Council discussed the quote and requested that it be updated to include inspection of one tree in the play area and one on the recreation ground.

**16/34 Recruitment of new Grounds Caretaker**

The clerk reported that the Grounds Caretaker had recently resigned but had indicated a desire to return to the Parish Council in November. It had been hoped that the position would be filled temporarily by a 14 year old but permission for this had been refused by HCC due to the lone working involved in the role.

Councillor Alan Taylor indicated that his wife would be willing to carry out the role which was supported by the Parish Council.

**16/35 Payments**

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

	£
Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – June Payroll	413.45
G Bredin – reimbursement of items for play area	8.99
Alison Ball – reimbursement for stationery and new computer mouse	33.56
Lotus – April Grass cutting	504.00
Lotus – May Grass cutting	759.43
K Harrington – Rec Rolling	140.00
G Bredin – reimbursement for tree works	60.00
It was reported that a VAT refund of £5,612.77 had been received.	

<b>16/36</b>	<b>Car Park Fencing Replacement</b>
	<p>Following the discussion at the last meeting of the quotes to carry out this work clarification had been sought from some of the suppliers regarding the VAT payable. These details had been circulated by email and the Chairman had met with two suppliers to discuss their quotes. Details of these were presented at the meeting and it was suggested that as some of the work had now become urgent the contractor who could carry out the work soonest be appointed.</p> <p>The meeting authorised the clerk to contact the two suppliers and appoint the contractor able to do the work in the quickest possible time.</p> <p>(NOTE: Cllr Cranstone declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in this item and left the room during its consideration. He did not return to the meeting.)</p>
<b>16/37</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p>The clerk made available a file containing the correspondence received during the month.</p>
<b>16/38</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Tennis Court: the Chairman advised that the refurbishment of the tennis court was near completion as the contractors had been to do the colour spraying. He had seen people using the court for activities other than tennis and had put up some temporary signs advising the court was for tennis only. It was requested that a quote be sought for permanent signs.</li> <li>b) Noticeboard: a suitable company had been found to do the carving for the top of the noticeboard.</li> <li>c) Play area: the contractor had been to collect the heras fencing that was around the play area. They reported that some was missing and other panels had been swapped for older fencing. The Chairman would liaise with the contractor and report back to the next meeting.</li> <li>d) New website: the clerk asked for clarification of whether a new logo was required for the Parish Council as this would be important when designing the new website. It was advised that there was a 'bronze' symbol outside the village hall and a logo should be designed based on this.</li> <li>e) Grass Verges: Cllr Taylor advised that he had begun cutting back the grass on some of the verges as it was so long the signage could not be seen.</li> <li>f) Play area: Cllr Wells reminded members that there was still some money to be spent on the play area if there was anything that needed doing.</li> <li>g) Lengthsman Scheme: it was suggested that a discussion be had on the priorities for the money received as part of the lengthsman scheme.</li> </ul>

	h) Bollard at junction of Church Lane and A287: this had been missing for some time and it was requested that clarification be sought on whether it would be replaced.
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**The Meeting ended at 7.55 pm**

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