

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 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), Cllr A Clarke and Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council) and 2 members of the public

16/57	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings (holiday).

16/58	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 11 July 2016
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2016.

16/59	Matters arising from the Minutes
	<p>On Minute 16/46: it was advised that the following comments had been submitted to Hart District Council (HDC) on the planning items:</p> <p>REF: 16/01168/LDC Stillers Farm, Ewshot Lane, GU10 5BT The Old Dairy - Application for a Lawful Development for an existing use</p> <p>The Parish Council objects to this application as it has no record of the building being used for anything other than milking cows or storage and this can be confirmed on a site visit made on a previous application in 2014 for another building.</p> <p>REF: 16/01624/HOU Laburnum Cottage, Bridle Path, GU10 5BW Extend above garage to the right hand side and above. The garage walls to be partially demolished. Replace the rear box dormers with gable dormers on the rear elevation. New dormer window in the front elevation to match the existing.</p> <p>The Parish Council has no objection subject to the amendment of the application, as discussed and agreed with the applicant, to include two parking spaces at the front of the property due to the absence of parking spaces on the road and the restrictiveness of the parking on the current application i.e in tandem.</p>

	REF: 16/01687/S106 Redlands Farm, Redlands Lane, GU10 5AS Application for Modification or Discharge of a s106 variation of occupancy condition of HDC/3029 to include persons employed in horse related activities. No comment.

16/60	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

16/61	District and County Council Report
	<p>County Council Report:-</p> <p>(a) Consultation on Household Waste Recycling Centres: The results of this consultation had now been published and the decision had been taken not to close any sites completely but to close all sites on a Thursday and to reduce opening hours by two hours a day on all other days (opening hours dependant on the season).</p> <p>(b) Devolution: the consultation on devolution had been published.</p> <p>District Council Report:-</p> <p>(a) Consultation on Children's Centres: the decision on the future of the Children's Centres had been taken by Hampshire County Council and all but one in each district would be closed. Staff would have to look closely at how to engage with the public and this may mean operating sessions from local centres such as village halls.</p> <p>(b) Local Plan: the comments received during the public consultation on the housing options were being considered. It was hoped that a final draft would be ready for consideration at the HDC meeting in September after which there would be further consultation. This would then be passed onto the Secretary of State for examination and then adoption.</p>

16/62	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

16/63	Public Participation
	None.

16/64	Planning
	<p>REF: 16/01708/HOU Maywood, Church Lane, GU10 5BD Conversion and extension of existing garage and kitchen/utility and addition of first floor above. Removal of existing conservatory.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p>

16/65	Dog Fouling
	<p>Cllr Taylor had noticed an increase in dog fouling particularly on the recreation ground close to the play area. Not only was this very unpleasant it could also be dangerous. The dog warden at HDC had been contacted and she had provided some free dog poo bags to hand out and some stickers to attach to lamp posts or gate posts to act as a deterrent.</p> <p>The dog warden had also advised that at a cost of £26 per hour a dog warden could patrol the area, speak to dog owners and monitor the situation. If they felt the situation was particularly bad they could install a camera.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor suggested the installation of a dog poop bag dispenser as this might encourage dog walkers to pick up after their dogs.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the problem and it was noted that often the problem was with commercial dog walkers who were responsible for a number of dogs and they were unable to key an eye on them all. It was suggested that the dog warden be contacted again to see if any other action could be taken.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To purchase a dog poop bag dispenser of a cost of up to £100. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>

16/66	Tree Safety Inspection
	<p>Following the decision at the last meeting to appoint 1st Call Trees to carry out the Tree Safety Inspection Cllr Bredin had met with the consultant representing the company to discuss requirements. The consultant had marked major and minor trees to make clear which would be included in the survey. He had advised that each time the grass was being cut the strimmer was getting too close to the trees causing damage. Cllr Cranstone agreed to speak to Lotus about this.</p> <p>The full inspection would be carried out and a report would be sent to the Parish Council in due course.</p>

16/67	Tennis Court Signage
	<p>Following agreement at the last meeting to delegate responsibility to Cllr Jennings with the clerk to produce a sign for the tennis court a proposal was tabled. The meeting discussed the sign and recommended some changes.</p> <p>Consideration was also given to padlocking the tennis court, during certain hours. The clerk could provide the code to residents signed up to receive a monthly email containing the code.</p> <p>The proposed signage would need to be amended to reflect the padlocking of the court and a temporary sign would need to be put up for some time requesting users sign up to receive emails before the padlock could be put in place.</p>

16/68	Lengthsman Scheme
	<p>It was reported that the Parish Council had two options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) join a cluster, administered by the clerk at Newnham Parish Council, which would receive £1000 per parish council in the cluster and they would appoint a contractor and organise works across the parishes in the cluster; or (2) opt to do all work itself but no funding would be provided and a legal agreement would need to be signed which would set out the types of work that could be done. <p>It was advised that Crookham Village were the first and only parish in Hampshire going for option (2) and Church Crookham were going for option (1) although not in the same cluster that Ewshot would join.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the options and asked that Crookham Village be approached to ask how they had found the process to set up alone and that clarification be sought as to whether the allocated £1000 could be topped up by individual parishes for specific work. This would be discussed further once these details were known.</p>

16/69	Approval of Financial Return for Q1
	<p>RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Return for Quarter One. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.</p>

16/70	Payments								
	The following payments were approved and cheques signed:								
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16/71	Correspondence
	None.

16/72	Any other business
	<p>a) Play Area Slide: Cllr Bredin had met with Playdale regarding replacing the big slide in the play area which had received some criticism in the annual safety inspection report. He requested that the clerk contact them to discuss further.</p> <p>b) Traffic Calming Scheme: It was agreed that this be added as an item on the agenda for the meeting in September.</p>

The Meeting ended at 7.50 pm

Signed.....

Dated