

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council), Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council) and 4 members of the public

16/73	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings and Cllr A Taylor (both on training relating to the Parish Council).

16/74	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 8 August 2016
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2016.

16/75	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On Minute 16/66: it was advised that the Tree Safety Inspection report had been received but not in sufficient time for councillors to consider its content or for it to appear on the agenda. This would be looked at and discussed at the next meeting.
	On Minute 16/67: the sign for the tennis court had been done and would be put up shortly.

16/76	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

16/77	District and County Council Report
	District Council Report:-
	(a) QEB/ Naishes Wood SANG: Cllr Radley had recently attended the QEB/ Naishes Wood SANG Stakeholder meeting which had been useful and picked up many of the issues. There was more work to be done and it was important that any further issues be reported. The SAMM (Strategic Access, Monitoring and Management) survey would look at where people go and why, which would help inform future discussions and planned actions for the SANG. Cllr Radley agreed to forward the SANG Maintenance Plan document and the contact details for the land management company to the Parish Council.

	<p>(b) Local Plan: there had been a slight delay in progress on the Local Plan. It would be considered by Hart District Council towards the end of October after which it would be put out to public consultation.</p> <p>County Council Report:-</p> <p>(a) Highways: Cllr Bennison was pleased to report that the footpath along the A287 had now been cleared and he had been in touch with the original complainant who was very pleased with the results. The bollard on the corner of the A287 and Church Lane had returned but the one on the corner of Tadpole Lane was now missing and he was making enquiries about this.</p> <p>(b) Fire Authority: at the recent full meeting of the Fire Authority it had been agreed to reduce its membership from 25 to 10 which would take effect from May 2017. The Police and Crime Commissioner currently had the right to attend meetings but with no voting rights which would also change from May 2017 and he would have a vote.</p>
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16/78	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	Councillor Tim Wells declared an interest in item 8(b) Planning Application for The Old Vicarage, Church Lane as the property is next door to his own.

16/79	Public Participation
	None.

16/80	Planning
	<p>(a) REF: 16/01724/FUL Units 7 and 8, Redfields Industrial Park, Church Crookham Change of use from light industrial to sports therapy treatment/ personal training usage. Change of use from B1/ B8 to D2. We will use the mezzanine area as B8 (storage) and request that this is treated separately. (No change of use for this area).</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(b) REF: 16/01790/HOU The Old Vicarage, Church Lane, Ewshot, GU10 5BD Erection of a single storey front extension.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>

	(NOTE: Cllr Wells declared an interest in item (b) above as the application relates to the property next to his own. He remained in the room during its consideration and voted.)
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16/81	Play Area
	<p>The Annual Safety Inspection of the Play Area had highlighted minor issues with the large embankment slide and the three spinners.</p> <p>The Inspection had identified some corrosion on the slide and suggested that it no longer conformed to relevant standards although it had been assessed as low to medium risk. A quote had been received to completely replace the slide which was over the amount remaining from the section 106 money being used to refurbish the play area. It was agreed that further quotes be sought.</p> <p>The Inspection also noted that the bearings in the spinners in the play area were worn and should be replaced. This had been classified as low risk. As the original installer Kompan had been contacted regarding replacement. They had advised that the spinners were out of the warranty period and would cost in excess of £2000 to repair. They confirmed that if not repaired they would spin slower and slower until they could no longer spin. The meeting agreed that this was not currently a priority and would not be addressed at this time but would be monitored.</p>

16/82	Dog Poop Bag Dispenser
	<p>Following agreement at the last meeting to purchase a dog poop bag dispenser the clerk had done some research and discovered that many parish council set a budget for replacement bags to help prevent misuse of the provision.</p> <p>It was agreed to purchase one case of 800 bags and see how long these lasted.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting Cllr Taylor had reported that there were still instances of people not cleaning up after their dogs on the recreation ground. It was suggested that the clerk contact Taylor Wimpey to discuss the problem as it was being caused by dog walkers parking in the village hall car park to access the SANG.</p>

16/83	Lengthsman Scheme
	<p>At the last meeting it had been requested that the clerk find out whether it was (a) possible to 'top up' the £1000 allocated by HCC; and (b) how Crookham Village had found the process of opting out of the cluster.</p> <p>On (a) it had been confirmed that the Parish Council could top up the funding in the Lengthsman Scheme and pay for any additional works. On (b) the clerk at Crookham</p>

	<p>Village had advised that whilst they had agreed to opt out of the cluster arrangements they had not yet signed the legal agreement that would allow them to carry out works.</p> <p>Councillors Bredin and Cranstone agreed to look at this and try to arrange to meet with representative from Crookham Village to discuss the situation.</p>
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16/84	Traffic Calming Scheme
	<p>Councillor Bennison gave an introduction to the item providing some background as to why it had been felt traffic calming measures were needed in the village. He reported that in 2015 a traffic study was carried out by Atkins on behalf of Hampshire County Council (HCC) which made various recommendations including the introduction of direction signing and dragons teeth and a section of one-way traffic in Ewshot Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison had decided that the one-way system should not be pursued as the planning application for Watery Lane had included a roundabout on the A287 and it was thought that this would mitigate the issues making the one-way unnecessary.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison had also suggested that Naishes Lane be closed to through traffic but he had been advised that this would not be implemented as a study had shown that very few vehicles used this cut through.</p> <p>There had been various proposals regarding the extension of speed restrictions and installation of signage and dragons teeth but Cllr Bennison had been informed that none of these would be taken forward as they had been deemed unsuitable by officers at HCC. The only proposal remaining was a sign saying 'unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' on the turning from the A287 into the village.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison advised that he was disappointed with the outcome and he was still pursuing this.</p> <p>The Parish Council had not received any notification from HCC regarding progress on this and it was agreed to contact Hampshire Highways.</p>

16/85	Serving Hampshire Consultation
	<p>Details of a consultation being undertaken by HCC on the reorganisation of local government had been received. The document was discussed and it was agreed that an informal meeting take place to consider a response.</p>

16/86	Annual Return
	<p>The clerk advised that the external audit had been carried out and the Annual Return had been completed and returned by BDO. There were no issues to report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the completed annual return including the certificate from BDO be approved and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Cranstone and agreed unanimously.</p>

16/87	Payments																
	<p>The following payments were approved and cheques signed:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Farnham Signs – Tennis Court Sign</td> <td>60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – September Payroll</td> <td>439.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lotus – August Grass Cutting</td> <td>759.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upperbridge - website</td> <td>280.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hart District Council – Election Costs</td> <td>56.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alison Ball – reimbursement for printer ink and stationery</td> <td>28.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BDO – External Audit</td> <td>480.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was noted that a £856.33 VAT refund for the period 1 April to 30 June 2016 had been received.</p>		£	Farnham Signs – Tennis Court Sign	60.00	Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – September Payroll	439.80	Lotus – August Grass Cutting	759.43	Upperbridge - website	280.03	Hart District Council – Election Costs	56.10	Alison Ball – reimbursement for printer ink and stationery	28.89	BDO – External Audit	480.00
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16/88	Correspondence
	<p>The clerk made available a file of the correspondence received during the month. It was noted that a number of posters had been received which would be displayed in the telephone box for information.</p>

16/89	Any other business
	<p>a) Anti-social behaviour: There had been some incidents of antisocial behaviour in the village hall car park. These had been reported to the Community Safety Team at Hart District Council who had suggested the purchase of CCTV. The Chairman would look into this.</p> <p>b) Website: The clerk asked if there had been any progress on the new logo and Cllr Wells agreed to follow it up.</p>

The Meeting ended at 8.15 pm

Signed.....

Dated