

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr T Wells (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Cllr B Cranstone and Cllr E Jennings

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr Clarke (Hart District Council) and 3 members of the public

16/90	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr G Bredin (Chairman) and Cllr A Taylor (both at work). Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council) and Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council).
16/91	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 12 September 2016
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2016.
16/92	Matters arising from the Minutes
	<p>On Minute 16/75: the sign for the tennis court had been installed.</p> <p>On Minute 16/82: the dog poop bag dispenser had been purchased and installed.</p> <p>On Minute 16/83: Crookham Village Parish Council had been contacted and they had advised that whilst they were putting plans in place for carrying out lengthsman tasks nothing had been finalised and it would be better to wait to have a discussion when more was known. Cllr Cranstone agreed to begin drafting a schedule of works.</p> <p>On Minute 16/84: the officer at Hampshire County Council (HCC) responsible for the traffic calming scheme had confirmed that contact would be made with the Parish Council after a meeting had taken place with Cllr Bennison in October.</p> <p>On Minute 16/85: a response to the consultation by HCC on the reorganisation of local government had been submitted.</p>
16/93	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

16/94	District and County Council Report
	<p>District Council Report:-</p> <p>Local Plan: the Spatial Strategy for the Local Plan would be published on 11 October and Cllr Clarke suggested that the Parish Council look out for it as it may contain proposals affecting Ewshot. This would be considered by Cabinet and Council at Hart District Council which would be followed by public consultation from mid-October to Christmas.</p>
16/95	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.
16/96	Public Participation
	None.
16/97	Planning
	<p>REF: 16/02456/HOU Old Coachhouse, Church Lane, GU10 5BD</p> <p>Replace existing fence along boundary with a wall</p> <p>RESOLVED: To object due to the visual impact the wall will have along Church Lane as it will be closer to the road than the remaining boundary wall and the potential danger of the gate opening out onto the road. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Jennings and agreed unanimously.</p>
16/98	Crookham Almshouses
	<p>Garry Shelford, the Parish Council's representative on the Crookham Almshouse Management Board, gave the following report:</p> <p>Crookham Almshouse Charity is a Registered Charity owning and managing a block of 16 self-contained flats situated on Galley Hill Road, Church Crookham.</p> <p>There are 14 flats for single occupancy and two for double occupancy and they are available for 'persons of good character but poor circumstances' coming from the local area, which includes Ewshot Parish.</p> <p>Residents are not tenants, there is no tenancy agreement. They are offered residency, following interview, in exchange for a Weekly Maintenance Contribution (WMC) amounting to £60 per week for a single flat and £90 per week for a double. There is no resident warden or provision for medical care.</p>

	<p>Flats are well maintained by outside contractors under the supervision of the Clerk.</p> <p>At the last meeting the Treasurer reported a cash position of £15,208 with investments of £329,235. Invested funds are allocated to a cyclical maintenance reserve, and an emergency reserve.</p> <p>Running costs are forecast at £31,805 for 2017 and WMC income (after allowing for flats being empty from time to time) £51,383.</p> <p>Much of the time at half yearly meetings is taken up with dealing with individual residents' problems (circumstantial or self-imposed). For example the Clerk is having to deal with a situation where a couple no longer meet the charity's criteria for occupancy and despite a long drawn out dispute the trustees have decided that they must be given notice to quit. Other matters frequently arise when elderly residents need medical or welfare intervention which the charity is prepared to enable but not provide.</p> <p>The Clerk has previously indicated his wish to retire and discussion took place concerning his replacement. He is a retired solicitor and his role involves him in working one day per week. He is the primary contact with residents and contractors although the Chair has contact when required as do other trustees.</p> <p>Cllr Wells thanked Garry for his attendance and the update. Garry agreed to provide another update after the next meeting of the Management Board.</p>
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16/99	Tree Safety Survey
	<p>The Tree Safety Survey had been carried out and a report issued to the Parish Council which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report recommended a schedule of works involving some works on all trees. Most of the issues identified had been classified as low risk, with two trees being classified as medium risk. The report also made a suggestion that new planting be considered and that future inspections be carried out every three years.</p> <p>It was agreed that quotes be sought for the works and these be brought back to the next meeting for consideration. The discussion on new planting was postponed until after the work on existing trees had been carried out. The Clerk agreed to schedule inspections for every three years.</p>

16/100	Play Area – New Slide
	<p>At the last meeting a quote for replacing the embankment slide in the play area had been considered and it had been agreed to seek further quotes. Additional quotes had been sought but two providers, who had met with Cllr Bredin on site, were yet</p>

	to submit written quotes. It was agreed to wait until these had been received to make a decision.
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16/101	CCTV for Car Park
	<p>Garry Shelford advised that the Village Hall Committee had indicated a need for CCTV in the Village Hall Car Park due to instances of anti-social behaviour. Cllr Wells confirmed that the Parish Council had already given this some thought and were minded to install cameras provided the associated recording equipment and a power supply could be made available within the Village Hall.</p> <p>It was agreed that research be carried out into the requirements and rules and regulations for CCTV. Quotations should also be sought for the installation.</p>

16/102	Resurfacing of Car Park Entrance
	<p>Cllr Cranstone reported that he had contacted Ewshot Plant Hire about tarmacking the entrance to the car park. It had been confirmed that whilst this was not in the original plan it would be done at no additional cost. However some of the edging would need to be moved which would incur a small additional charge.</p> <p>The work would be carried out in the week beginning 24 October and the car park would need to be closed during the works. Cllr Cranstone would contact Caryll about the best day for the closure.</p>

16/103	Potential Defibrillator Project
	It was agreed that this be included in the budget for 2017/18 and that work be done to explore options and costings.

16/104	Approval of Financial Return for Q2
	RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Return for Quarter Two. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

16/105	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></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – September Payroll</td> <td>473.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lotus – September Grass Cutting</td> <td>759.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td>55.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HALC - Training</td> <td>216.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		£			Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – September Payroll	473.31	Lotus – September Grass Cutting	759.43	Petty Cash	55.94	HALC - Training	216.00
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	Clerks and Councils Direct Subscription Renewal	12.00	
	PAT Testing	27.00	
	Firmvalue Payrolls Ltd – Quarterly Charge	144.00	
	JRB Enterprises – Dog Poop Bag Dispenser and Bags	133.80	

16/106	Correspondence
	None.

16/107	Any other business
	<p>a) New Noticeboard: it was agreed that approval be given for the hire of machinery to start the work on the installation of the new noticeboard next to the phone box. It was estimated the cost would be approximately £175 plus VAT.</p> <p>b) Grounds Caretaker: the current Grounds Caretaker had been employed on a temporary contract which was due to expire on 31 October. All agreed that she was doing an excellent job and a permanent contract be presented at the next meeting for approval and signing.</p>

The Meeting ended at 7.52 pm

Signed.....

Dated