

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 MAY 2017 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council) and 1 member of the public

17/72	Election of Chairman for the Municipal Year
	RESOLVED: That Councillor Gary Bredin be elected Chairman for the year 2017/18. Proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

17/73	Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the Chairman
	Councillor Bredin signed his declaration of acceptance of office of Chairman.

17/74	Election of the Vice-Chairman for the Municipal Year
	RESOLVED: That Councillor Tim Wells be elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2017/18. Proposed by Councillor Bredin, seconded by Councillor Cranstone and agreed unanimously.

17/75	Election of Officers and Representatives to the Parish Council and Appointment of Bank Signatories														
	RESOLVED: That the following appointments be agreed for the year 2017/18:														
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<p>Bank Signatories</p> <p>Internal Auditor</p> <p>Representatives Ewshot Village Hall Crookham Alms-houses HDATPC</p>	<p>Gary Bredin Brian Cranstone Alan Taylor Tim Wells Eleanor Jennings Alison Ball (as Clerk)</p> <p>Malcolm Willings</p> <p>Brian Cranstone Gary Shelford Gary Bredin/Tim Wells/Alison Ball</p>
<p>Proposed by Councillor Bredin, seconded by Councillor Wells and agreed unanimously.</p>	

17/76	Consideration of Annual Subscriptions
	The list of annual subscriptions was considered and it was agreed that these should be reviewed at the time of renewal.

17/77	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr A Taylor – on holiday Cllr T Clarke (Hart District Council) and Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council).

17/78	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 10 April 2017
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2017.

17/79	Matters arising from the Minutes
	<p>On Minute 17/61: Planning – a decision had not yet been made by Hart District Council (HDC) on the application for the new dwelling at Woodpeckers, Church Lane. The Highways Officer and the Tree Officer had both submitted objections to the application. Councillor Radley advised that she had requested that this application be determined by the Planning Committee rather than delegated to an officer.</p> <p>On Minute 17/63: Hedge Cutting – a cheque for £200 had been received from south east water in contribution towards cutting the hedge alongside the tennis court.</p>

	<p>On Minute 17/64: First Aid Training – it had been proving difficult to find a date that the trainer and the Village Hall were available but it was hoped that the training would go ahead in the autumn.</p> <p>On Minute 17/65: Hiring of the Recreation Ground – the event run by Pedal Heaven had gone ahead and no complaints had been received.</p> <p>On Minute 17/71: AOB – the paint for the telephone box had been ordered.</p> <p>The Chairman asked whether enquiries could be made into whether it would be possible to purchase pads for the defibrillators that would be suitable for use on children under 8 years of age. All agreed that this was a good idea.</p>
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17/80	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

17/81	District and County Council Report
	<p>District Council Report:-</p> <p>Local Plan Consultation: the consultation on the Draft Local Plan: Strategy and Sites was being undertaken and would end at 5pm on 9 June. Cllr Radley encouraged everyone to respond. She stated that it would be worth reconfirming any comments previously submitted. The Plan included new settlements at Hartland Village (1500 homes) and Murrell Green (1800 homes). There were no proposals for Ewshot although small windfall sites may come up.</p> <p>Traffic Calming in Ewshot: Cllr Radley offered to help on this.</p> <p>Elections: at the recent Hampshire County Council (HCC) elections John Bennison had been re-elected as the councillor for the area. Effectively there had not been any changes across Hart District, apart from Cllr Steve Forster taking over from Cllr Wheale in the Fleet division.</p>

17/82	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

17/83	Public Participation
	A member of the public asked about the first aid training. He also expressed concern about taking any action regarding the vehicles parked on the highway opposite the Windmill as these may be displaced to other areas even more unsuitable for parking.

17/84	Adoption of Internal Auditors Report
	<p>The meeting considered the report of the Internal Auditor Malcolm Willings. The Clerk advised that she was happy with the recommendation in the report and would lay out the annual budget as suggested.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Malcolm for generously giving up his time to conduct the internal audit.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To adopt the report of the Internal Auditor (Mr Malcolm Willings) dated 27 April 2017 following his audit on 26 April 2016. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>
	Approval of Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017
17/85	RESOLVED: To approve Section 1 – The Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 as completed by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.
17/86	<p>RESOLVED: To approve Section 2 – the Accounting Statements 2016/17 as completed by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Both sections were signed by the Clerk/RFO and Chairman of the meeting as appropriate.</p>
17/87	Planning
	<p>REF: 17/00842/FUL Beechwood Farm, Dares Lane, GU10 5BS Demolition of sheds, removal of containers and portakabin; erection of 2 detached dwellings including associated access, parking and landscaping.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Cranstone, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>
17/88	Parking Opposite The Windmill Pub
	<p>It was noted that at the last meeting it had been advised that the parking on the highway opposite the Windmill pub had been reported to HDC. Officers had responded stating that there was no action that they could take as there were no parking restrictions in place. If vehicles were causing an obstruction this should be reported to the Police. The Parish Council could request HDC consider the</p>

<p>introduction of parking restrictions which would mean it would be added to the work programme for investigation.</p> <p>The issue was discussed and concerns about the displacement of this parking were noted. The councillors considered options they felt could alleviate matters. During the discussion it was clear that the parking opposite the Windmill pub was only one area of concern and there were others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the stop sign and reflectors that had recently been installed at the entrance to the SANG bridleway on Ewshot Lane were insufficient; - the speed of vehicles on the A287 junction of Church Lane , particular concern was expressed about vehicles turning right out of Church Lane on to the A287; - the junctions of Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane and Doras Green Lane/ A287 were both dangerous with vehicles turning right from the A287 into Doras Green Lane backing up beyond the slip road during busy times. - the culvert outside Larkspur needed fencing. <p>The Clerk advised that she had spoken to an officer at HCC about the traffic in the village and proposals for mitigation but he had been unable to give any advice due to the purdah period. The officer had stated that he would be in touch after the HCC election when he should be able to give more information.</p> <p>The next meeting of the QEB Transport Steering Group would take place on 5 July. The Chairman intended to attend this meeting to raise all the Parish Council’s concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Radley had been forwarded details of traffic studies undertaken in 2013 and 2016. The Clerk had also been given copies of these and she had been advised that this showed that between these two periods the traffic had not really increased nor had speeds. Cllr Radley was going to seek clarification of this interpretation.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that the Parish Council’s concerns regarding the particular areas above be reported to HCC and HDC for comment and that they be asked to carry out risk assessments of these areas.</p>

17/89	Traffic Calming for the Village
	It was reported that enquiries were being made about having a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the Village.

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17/91	Correspondence
	The Clerk advised that a folder of correspondence would be available in the office.

17/92	Any other business
	<p>Burning at Beacon Hill Pit: reports had been made that this was happening over weekends and causing a nuisance. Any incidents should be reported to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 as they were the body that had the power to take action.</p> <p>Local Plan Consultation: it was noted that the consultation was currently underway and all were encouraged to submit individual responses. In response to a question from Cllr Radley it was advised that the Parish Council had not received paper copies of the proposals. This would be followed up and the paper copies made available to residents.</p> <p>Dog Fouling Enforcement: on 8 May Litter Enforcement Officers started working within Hart District. These officers would be patrolling the streets and open spaces issuing fines for anyone caught dropping litter or not cleaning up after their dog. The fine would be £75 for littering (which included cigarette butts and chewing gum) and £50 fine for dog fouling. The Enforcement Officers would be patrolling the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>New Noticeboard for Badger Way: the clerk had been making enquiries into ownership of the land and it was agreed to conduct a land registry search.</p>

The Meeting ended at 8.10 pm

Signed.....

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