

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 12 JUNE 2017 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

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

**In Attendance:** Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council) (from 7.40 pm), Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council) and 2 members of the public.

<b>17/93</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Cllr A Taylor – at work Cllr T Wells – on holiday Cllr T Clarke (Hart District Council)

<b>17/94</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 8 May 2017</b>
	<b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 May 2017.

<b>17/95</b>	<b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b>
	<p>On Minute 17/79: Matters arising from the Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) a decision had still not 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 and the planning officer had indicated that the application would be refused unless certain matters could be addressed. Additional time had been allowed for the applicant to respond to the concerns raised and to submit additional documents. At the last meeting Councillor Radley had advised that she had requested that this application be determined by the Planning Committee rather than delegated to an officer. The Clerk had been informed by officers at HDC that it would be a delegated decision as a request by all ward members was required for an application to be taken to committee.</li> <li>b) The first aid training had been organised for the mornings of 3 September and 8 October. A poster had been drafted which the Clerk would circulate to establish interest.</li> <li>c) The paint for the telephone box had been received.</li> <li>d) Enquiries had been made regarding the purchase of defibrillator pads for children under 8 years of age. The response had been that any defibrillator could be used on children under 8 by placing one pad on the front of the chest and one on the back. It had been advised that paediatric pads should not usually</li> </ul>

	<p>be available at community sites as it could result in these pads being used on an adult which would not be correct.</p> <p>On Minute 17/90: Payments: the invoice from HDC for emptying the litter bins in 2017/18 had only recently been received and was for £183.31 not £180.00 as reported at the last meeting. A cheque had not been written for the lower amount and it was agreed that a cheque be drawn up and signed for the revised amount.</p> <p>On Minute 17/92: AOB:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Chairman encouraged people to report any illegal burning which was causing a nuisance to the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60.</li> <li>b) Ownership of the land at Badger Way for the new noticeboard had been established. The Clerk was receiving legal advice on whether a legal agreement would be needed.</li> </ol>
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<b>17/96</b>	<b>Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions</b>
	None.

<b>17/97</b>	<b>District and County Council Report</b>
	<p><b>County Council Report:-</b></p> <p>Elections: Cllr Bennison advised that due to the Hampshire County Council (HCC) elections in May and the recent general election purdah (period during which any new or controversial initiatives which may be seen to benefit a particular party or candidate cannot be announced) had been in place. This had now been lifted and HCC was starting to get back to business. Following the election HCC was made up of 56 Conservative councillors, 19 Liberal Democrat councillors, two Labour councillors and one independent. Cllr Roy Perry remained as Leader with Keith Mans as deputy Leader. The Chairman for the year would be Cllr Graham Burgess with Cllr Elaine Still as Vice Chairman. Cllr Bennison advised that he would be on two committees – the Culture and Communities Select Committee and the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee. He also hoped to be reappointed to the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee where he had been a representative for the last four years. Only one full Council meeting had taken place since the May election and the Cabinet and committees were just starting to meet. There would shortly be a briefing for HCC Members on budget savings that would be needed.</p> <p>Fencing outside Beacon Hill Stables: the culvert outside Beacon Hill stables had been fenced. A discussion took place regarding the movement of the 'Welcome to Ewshot' sign to this location and it was agreed that HCC be requested to do this.</p> <p>Hampshire Fire Authority: Cllr Bennison confirmed that he was no longer a member of this as its membership had reduced from 19 to eight for the County Council.</p>

<b>17/98</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations</b>
	None.

<b>17/99</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>
	None.

<b>17/100</b>	<b>Planning</b>
	<p>a) REF: 17/01051/LDC Beacon Hill Farm, Tadpole Lane, GU10 5BU Use of land as a livery yard. The response of no objection which had been submitted prior to the meeting to meet the consultation deadline was noted.</p> <p>b) REF: 17/01050/LDC The Cottage Beacon Hill Farm, Tadpole Lane, GU10 5BU Use of 'Stable Cottage' as independent living accommodation (Use Class C3a) in breach of condition 2 of Application 15320.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Jennings and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>c) REF: 17/01263/HOU Freshfield, Church Lane, GU10 5BD Proposed single storey rear extension with proposed chimney and single storey extension to side.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To make no comment. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Jennings and agreed unanimously.</p>

<b>17/101</b>	<b>Traffic Calming for the Village</b>
	<p>A list had been put together of the traffic measures that the Parish Council would like to see introduced:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a 20mph limit at the heart of the village (to include Church Lane, Tadpole Lane and Ewshot Lane);</li> <li>2. rumble strips on Church Lane;</li> <li>3. closure of Naishes Lane;</li> <li>4. the water on the surface at the junction of Dares Lane/A287 be addressed;</li> <li>5. extension of 50 mph limit on A287;</li> <li>6. No right turn from Church Lane onto A287;</li> <li>7. Heath Lane and Doras Green Lane junctions with A287 – introduce no right turn from A287;</li> </ol>

8. block off left turn from Doras Green Lane to Heath Lane and/or a reduction in speed limit;
9. attention be given to all verges where they had been eroded due to vehicles creating passing places.

Cllr Bennison advised the following:

- a) HCC did not have a policy on the introduction of 20mph zones in villages but he was supportive of this for Ewshot;
- b) The closure of Naishes Lane had come up before and had not been supported by officers at HCC. Cllr Bennison hoped that a cycle route would be introduced that would include Naishes Lane and it would therefore need to be closed to vehicles;
- c) He was unaware of the drainage issue at the junction of Dares Lane and the A287. He would add this to his list to follow up;
- d) The new round-a-bout on the A287 seemed to be slowly progressing and if this happened it was likely that an extension of the 50mph limit would be needed;
- e) He would discuss with officers the no right turn out of Church Lane and the suggestions for Doras Green Lane and Heath Lane.

Cllr Bennison was very supportive of the proposals but did warn that budgets were very tight and action would not happen quickly.

Cllr Radley asked whether the Parish Council was happy with the changes that had been made at the entrance to the bridleway. She felt that the signs that had been installed were too high and the SLOW markings were on a dark stretch of road. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had reported to HCC that the work had been insufficient. HCC had responded stating that there were no other traffic calming measures that could be put in place in the vicinity of the bridle path entrance. Road humps could not be installed in isolation and if a wider scheme were considered for Ewshot Lane the road humps would need to be street lit. HCC had also advised that if the Parish Council would like to see the entrance moved it would need to discuss this with Hart District Council as the planning authority and Taylor Wimpey. It was suggested that this be raised at the annual SANG meeting which should take place in September.

The purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) was discussed and concerns were raised about buying this without having a team of volunteers willing to set it up, move it and interpret the data. A member of the public offered his support and advised he was looking for more people to be involved. The member of the public was referred to Community Speedwatch: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/join-us/volunteers/community-speedwatch/>

	It was agreed that discussions with HCC continue and that this be discussed again at the next meeting.
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<b>17/102</b>	<b>New Footpath on the Recreation Ground</b>
	Some quotes had been received for the new footpath across the Recreation Ground – linking up to the entrance to the SANG. All the quotes received were over the budget that had previously been allocated of £3500. It was agreed to wait for quotes from companies that were yet to respond and to discuss this at the next meeting along with funding.

<b>17/103</b>	<b>Kissing Gate for Play Area</b>
	<p>Quotes had been sought for the installation of a new kissing gate at the entrance to the play area. This was needed to stop dogs pushing the gate open and entering the play area and to stop children running straight out of the play area into the car park. The Parish Council had previously allocated £800 for this. All the quotes received had been significantly over this amount.</p> <p>The Chairman had used his discretion as set out in the Financial Regulations to authorise expenditure of £500 to Brian Cranstone to build and install a bespoke gate. This meant that the work could be done for less than the budgeted amount. It was agreed that this provided the Parish Council with the best value for money.</p>

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<b>17/105</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	The Clerk advised that a folder of correspondence would be available in the office.

<b>17/106</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<p>Play Area Inspection: the annual inspection of the play area had been carried out and the report received. A recurring item in the report was the erosion of the grass and the need for new and replacement matting. Some matting had recently been purchased as part of the work to improve the embankment slide but more was needed for other areas. It was agreed that £400 be allocated for the purchase of more rubber matting.</p> <p>Incidents on the SANG land: Cllr Cranstone advised that he had been made aware of a number of incidents on the SANG land involving horses chasing people and dogs. It was noted that any issues relating to the SANG land should be reported to Mark Howell at TCL group: <a href="mailto:mhowell@tclgrp.co.uk">mhowell@tclgrp.co.uk</a> or 01189 303943.</p>

**The Meeting ended at 8.23 pm**

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**Dated** .....