

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2017 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr B Cranstone, Cllr E Jennings, Cllr A Taylor and Cllr T Wells.
In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk), Cllr T Clarke (Hart District Council), Cllr J Bennison (Hampshire County Council) and 6 members of the public.

17/107	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr J Radley (Hart District Council)

17/108	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 12 June 2017
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017.

17/109	Matters arising from the Minutes
	On Minute 17/95: Matters arising from the Minutes: Publicity for the first aid training had been carried out and eight people had expressed an interest in attending.

17/110	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

17/111	District and County Council Report
	<p>District Council Report:- Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p>County Council Report:- Hampshire County Council (HCC) Consultation on Budget Cuts: Cllr Bennison advised that details of the consultation by HCC 'Balancing the Budget' had been circulated to the Parish Council and he encouraged everyone to respond. It was agreed that a link to the consultation be added to the Parish Council website. The consultation would run to mid August and it was anticipated that options would be brought to councillors in September.</p> <p>Highways: Cllr Bennison had met with Highways Officers and had drawn their attention to the pot hole at the entrance to Dares Lane which would now be repaired. They had also discussed drainage along Dares Lane and a local officer would be looking into this. There would be a new highways contractor working for HCC from 1 August. The role would be moving from Amey to Skanska which may cause some disruption.</p>

17/112	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.
17/113	Public Participation
	None.
17/114	Planning
	<p>REF: 17/00604/FUL Woodpeckers, Church Lane, GU10 5BD Erection of a new dwelling in the garden of Woodpeckers with access from the existing driveway. Additional opportunity to comment following receipt of further information.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted the following comment before the deadline on 29 June 2017: "The Parish Council wishes to reiterate it's objection to the application due to concerns over the loss of trees and potential harm to wildlife; and to again ask Hart District Council to carry out its own tree survey in relation to this site and its surrounding area as it was felt that whilst many of the trees had been categorised as of low quality and value by the applicants consultant the ground conditions did not lend themselves to better quality trees and removal of the trees would have significant impact on the arboreal vegetation and the character of the area."</p> <p>In response to comments made by members of the public prior to the meeting, further enquiries had been made regarding this application. Cllr Wells provided a summary of the information that he had obtained from a tree consultant at Hart District Council (HDC). It was noted that this application would not be a delegated decision but would be considered by the Planning Committee at the request of Cllr Radley.</p> <p>Members of the public addressed the Parish Council raising concerns about this development particularly in relation to the loss of trees, the threat to wildlife and the loss of amenity. A general concern was expressed about the loss of trees in the area and the Chairman asked that when a tree was removed that this be reported to HDC or to the Parish Council as without this reporting HDC would be unaware and could not take any action.</p> <p>It was agreed to not attend the Planning Committee at HDC discussing this application but to submit further written representations again expressing concerns particularly about the loss of trees.</p>

17/115	Traffic Calming for the Village
	<p>The Chairman advised that he had recently attended the QEB Steering Group. At this meeting the group had put together a list of the top five highway schemes for investigation at the request of HCC. It had been agreed to include Ewshot traffic management scheme in this list. The group would meet again in October and it was hoped that officers from HCC would be in attendance to provide updates on progress.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that an officer from HCC had offered to meet with the parish councillors to discuss highways matters. It was agreed to accept this offer.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded everyone that any highways incidents needed to be reported to HCC and/or the Parish Council. It was clear that in order to get HCC to take action there would need to be evidence that incidents were taking place.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison advised that due to budget cuts that had already taken place and further cuts likely to come, it was only possible for HCC to undertake schemes related to casualty reduction. He was hopeful that the speed limit on the A287 might be reduced if the roundabout for Watery Lane gets installed. Cllr Bennison felt that this would change the flow of traffic in the area and might reduce traffic through the village. The timing of the installation of this roundabout was up to the developer but it was believed that it would need to be in place prior to any occupation of new homes.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison also reported that he wanted to see the speed limit by Redfields, the tennis club and Ewshot Gardens reduced to 30 mph. The Police would need to agree this. Cllr Bennison advised that the reduction in speed limit on Doras Green Lane had been discussed previously and not supported by the Police. Work had been undertaken on the crossroads including clear signage and anti-slip road surface.</p> <p>The Parish Council would continue to work with HCC to try to get some progress on the highway issues.</p>
17/116	New Footpath on the Recreation Ground
	<p>Three quotes had been received for the new footpath across the Recreation Ground – linking up the car park to the entrance to the SANG. These quotes were considered by the Parish Council and it was agreed to accept the lowest.</p> <p>All the quotes received were over the budget that had previously been allocated of £3,500 but it was agreed that this was a project the Parish Council was keen to progress and the additional funds should be taken from the general reserve.</p>

	RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Iceberg Civil Engineering of £4951.61 + VAT for the new footpath across the Recreation Ground.
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17/117	Annual Safety Inspection of Play Area
	<p>The annual safety inspection of the play area had recently been carried out and the report had been circulated prior to the meeting by email.</p> <p>Throughout the report a recurring issue was the surface being worn with the grass struggling to stay healthy in areas of high usage. The Parish Council had previously approved and purchased additional rubber matting to try to address this. Some of the matting had already been installed up the bank alongside the embankment slide. There was more matting to be put down over the tunnel and along the zipwire. It was agreed to allocate a further £500 to get this installed.</p> <p>The issues raised in the 2016 inspection with the embankment slide were reiterated. Since the inspection had been carried out work had begun to make alterations to the slide to address these problems. The space in the guardrails had been filled in and the metal work had been replaced where necessary. The slide needed to be repainted and was currently closed for this to take place and to allow the grass to grow through the new matting.</p>

17/118	Approval of Financial Return for Q1
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter one was circulated. Also circulated was a summary of project budgets and the details of spending on these to date.</p> <p>Projects for the Lengthsman were discussed and it was agreed that they be asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Weed kill and carry out a general tidy of the footpath along the A287; 2) Clear ditches; 3) Remove the gravel in the centre of the road along Dares Lane and Tadpole Lane. <p>RESOLVED: To approve the Financial Return for Quarter One. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>

17/119	Payments																		
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	<p>The following payments to Beam Line Steel were approved but it was agreed that the cheques not be written or signed until all councillors had been able to inspect the changes to the embankment slide and sign them off:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) £336 for the supply of 2x laser profile side panels; and 2) £336 for remedial works to the embankment slide including repairing and replacing the framework, handles and floor and fitting of 2x laser profile side panels. 																		

17/120	Correspondence
	The Clerk advised that a folder of correspondence would be available in the office.

17/121	Any other business
	Cllr Taylor advised that there had been some damage to the fencing in the car park caused during the Village Show. The Show Committee had agreed to pay any costs involved it getting it repaired.

The Meeting ended at 8.05 pm

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Dated