

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018 AT 7 PM IN EWSHOT VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr A Taylor and Cllr T Wells.

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

18/32	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr B Cranstone (at work).

18/33	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 12 February 2018
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2018.

18/34	Matters arising from the Minutes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Height Restriction Barriers: these had been installed and the top bar on the barrier at the car park would be closed soon. b) Development at Woodpeckers: the Parish Council was aware that the latest plans for this site had been approved by Hart District Council (HDC). c) QEB Steering Group: there would be a meeting between the QEB Steering Group and Hampshire County Council (HCC) which Cllrs Bennison and Radley hoped to attend. This meeting would discuss how HCC planned to spend the remaining developer transport contributions arising from Crookham Park. d) Cherry Trees: the new cherry trees were being planted. There were approximately 12 more to plant.

18/35	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	The Chairman congratulated the Clerk and advised that she would be taking a short break from her role starting in the summer as she would be going on maternity leave.

18/36	District and County Council Report
	<p>District Council Report:- Cllr Radley gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Local Plan: the Local Plan consultation was running until 26 March. The advice had been to only respond with serious objections but Cllr Radley felt that any comments of support should also be submitted. (b) Bourley Conservation Area Meetings: Cllr Radley attended these meetings biannually and one would be taking place shortly. She intended to raise the

following issues: i) the barbed wire on top of the fence was hazardous to deer; ii) whilst it had been stated that the land would be open to the public when training was not taking place there was no indication of when this would be; iii) there was a need for silt traps. She asked that any other issues be reported to her so she could bring these up at the meeting.

County Council Report:-

Cllr Bennison gave the following updates:

- (a) Snow: Cllr Bennison asked if anyone had seen a gritter in the village during the recent snow. In response several people reported seeing a gritter before the snow fall and some had seen a tractor with snow plough but at the time the snow was not deep enough to need ploughing. Cllr Bennison advised that the village was priority 2 meaning that the roads would only be treated once the priority 1 roads were cleared. HCC had approximately 100 farmers with snow ploughs that could be deployed if needed. It was anticipated that following this bad weather there would be an increase in the number of pot holes on the roads and HCC had a limited budget for dealing with these.
- (b) Council Tax: HCC full Council had met and approved the council tax as reported last month. During the meeting the proposed combined authority had been raised again. This had been discussed previously but had come to a stop when central government had suggested any combined authority would need a Mayor.
- (c) Bourley Road: there was a lot of work going on along this road to bring it up to an acceptable standard.
- (d) Windy Gap: the traffic order bringing in the no right turn had only been in place as a temporary measure and this had now come to an end. It had been agreed to make it a permanent restriction with the exception of cyclists. Some land had also been obtained from the military which may allow for improvements at this junction.
- (e) Ewshot Lane: the introduction of a 30mph limit on part of Ewshot Lane had been published for consultation and there had not been any objections. Cllr Bennison had spoken to the officer responsible for this and he had indicated that it was hoped that this speed restriction would be brought in alongside other proposals. The Parish Council would wait for the details to be received from the officer.

18/37	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

18/38	Public Participation
	None.

18/39	Planning
	<p>a) REF: 18/00245/HOU Tower House, Heath Lane, GU10 5AL Erection of a first floor extension, conversion of existing roof to form terrace. Reduction in height of existing tower, proposed cladding, replacement windows and doors and render to existing brickwork.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Wells and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>b) REF:18/00432/HOU Harmony, 1B Nuthatch Close, GU10 5TN Proposed garage extension with store /office above.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To make no objection. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.</p>
18/40	Traffic Calming for the Village
	<p>A member of the public addressed the meeting advising that he was a resident of Doras Green Lane and was very concerned about the speed of traffic along this road. He had not been living in his property for very long and had been aware that it was a fast road but had not realised that traffic would travel well in excess of 60mph. He reported having difficulty pulling out of his driveway and he felt it was only a matter of time before a serious accident occurred. He had spoken to a neighbour who had lived in the road for 40 years and had said that there had been a couple of deaths on the road. The resident had put some cones out to try to slow the traffic but one had already been destroyed as had his wheelie bin. He had reported his concerns to Hampshire Highways on several occasions and they had advised that he speak to the Parish Council. He would like to see traffic calming measures on the road but was aware that this was not possible while the road was national speed limit.</p> <p>Cllr Bennison advised that the house of the member of the public was within Crondall Parish Council and he should also report the issue to them. Cllr Bennison stated that he was well aware of the problem and he had been trying to get the speed limit reduced for over five years. He was hopeful that he may be able to get it reduced to 40mph around the crossroads but not as far down the road as the member of the public lived. He was aware that 'SLOW' was due to be painted on the roads at the crossroads. He stated that it was impossible to reduce the speed limit without the support of the police. A 30mph limit would not be introduced in this area as there needed to be street lighting, more houses and a pavement.</p>

	<p>Cllr Radley reiterated Cllr Bennison by stressing the importance of getting the support of the police. She encouraged all residents to report any incidents to the police as they would not be able to act without the evidence of a problem. She was aware that Doras Green Lane was used as a rat run and traffic went too fast along the lane. She recommended that the member of the public also speak to Crondall Parish Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council had received an email from HCC advising that they were raising a quote for the new posts on Church Lane for the SID and details of this would be reported as soon as they were received.</p> <p>The Clerk had spoken to a councillor at Crondall Parish Council and he had indicated that the parish council may be willing to lend their SID to Ewshot Parish Council. It was agreed to formally ask Crondall Parish Council if they would be willing to let Ewshot Parish Council borrow their SID for placement on Church Lane. The Lengthsman had confirmed he had installed a SID for another parish and would consider doing this for Ewshot for a small fee.</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted HDC about having their SID on Church Lane but had not received a response. This would be chased up.</p>
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<p>18/41</p>	<p>Community Speedwatch</p>
	<p>Cllr Jennings reported that she hoped there would be a meeting shortly with representatives of Church Crookham Parish Council who were interested in setting up a Community Speedwatch team. She needed to attend this meeting with a list of roads the Parish Council wanted considered for the scheme and an idea of what budget the Parish Council had for this.</p> <p>It was agreed to put forward Church Lane and Ewshot Lane to be considered for the scheme. Cllr Jennings would seek clarification as to whether national speed limit roads could be included or if there needed to be a lower speed limit. If they could be included Dares Lane and Doras Green Lane would be put forward.</p>

<p>18/42</p>	<p>New Noticeboard for Badger Way and Doras Green</p>
	<p>The draft legal agreement for the noticeboard on Badger Way had been received and had been reviewed with comments sent to the solicitor.</p> <p>A quote had been received for building the new noticeboards from the same person that had recently built the new gates at the village hall. The quote for two new noticeboards was similar to the cost of buying one 'off the shelf'.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Pip Beard for building two new noticeboards.</p>

18/43	Email Addresses for Councillors
	<p>Following advice that all councillors should have email addresses for council business, separate to personal emails, the Clerk had received a quote from the supplier of the Clerks email and Cllr Well's email. The cost for four additional emails would be an additional £36.00 per annum, a total of £69.00 for all the council's email addresses.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To set up new email addresses for all councillors at an additional cost of £36.00 per annum.</p>
18/44	Hedge Cutting 2018
	<p>The Clerk had sought quotes for the hedge cutting for 2018 but these had not yet been received. This would be brought back for discussion once the quotes had been received.</p>
18/45	Grass Cutting 2018
	<p>Three quotes had been received for the grass cutting for the summer 2018. The cheapest had been from a new supplier – Gavin Jones. The meeting discussed the quotes and the risks associated with a new supplier.</p> <p>It was noted that two of the companies had expressed concern about the mole hills and had indicated that this added extra cost to the quote.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Gavin Jones for grass cutting for 2018; and to allocated £100 for a pest controller to try to remove the moles from the recreation ground and play area. Proposed by Cllr Bredin, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed unanimously.</p>
18/46	Asset Register
	<p>The Parish Council's Asset Register had been reviewed and updated and had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Register needed to be amended to take into account the new entrance gate in the play area, the height restriction barriers, the bench and table on the recreation ground and the new noticeboard outside the Windmill.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the revised Asset Register be adopted. Proposed by Cllr Wells, seconded by Cllr Bredin and agreed unanimously.</p>

18/47	Insurance
	<p>In 2017 the Parish Council had entered into a three year deal with Ecclesiastical for insurance. They had provided a quote for 2018/19.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Ecclesiastical for insurance for 2018/19.</p>
18/48	Staff Salaries
	<p>The Clerk reported that the minimum wage would increase on 1 April from £7.50 an hour to £7.83 an hour which would be applied to the relevant staff.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss the Clerks salary outside the meeting.</p>
18/49	New Laptop
	<p>The Clerk had been looking into purchasing a new laptop as the current laptop was starting to have problems. She provided details of some of the options available.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to spend up to £700 on a new laptop plus support.</p>
18/50	Grant Applications
	<p>A grant application had been received for £50 for paint to renew the white lining on the recreation ground for the annual rugby match.</p> <p>Another grant application had been received from Ewshot Village Show Committee for the installation of an electricity supply to the recreation ground. The Committee was asking for the full amount for the work of £3,000. The meeting discussed this and agreed that as a significant sum this would need further consideration. It was suggested that the Parish Council should get its own quotes for the work to see if a better price could be obtained.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To give a grant of £50 to Mrs Cranstone for paint for renewing the white lining; and that the Parish Council seek its own quotes for installing an electricity supply to the recreation ground.</p>

18/51	Payments												
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18/52	Correspondence
	The Clerk advised that a folder of correspondence would be available in the office.

18/53	Any other business
	Pedal Heaven would be holding a cycling event again this year on 27 May. They had requested use of the recreation ground and had agreed to provide all the necessary risk assessments.

The Meeting ended at 8.05 pm

Signed.....

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