

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr D Morgan-Jones and Cllr D Rook.

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council).

24/229	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings and Cllr C Turner. Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council).

24/230	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 9 September 2024
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 9 September 2024.

24/231	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.

24/232	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	The Chairman advised that he would need to leave the meeting early. Once the Chairman left the meeting it became inquorate and for this reason some of the items on the agenda were not discussed.

24/233	District and County Council Report
	<p>Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker reported that the HCC Cabinet had considered the proposed budget savings that aimed to help meet the £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025. Various committees had met and considered these proposals over the summer and had made recommendations to the Cabinet.</p> <p>Proposals had included the closure of some smaller household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) but this had met with opposition from members of the public and the committees had recommended that this not be considered until further kerbside recycling facilities were available. The committees had also suggested that the proposal to get rid of the school crossing patrols should not go ahead until each site had undergone an individual assessment to check if alternatives, such as pedestrian</p>

crossings, could be put in place and be safe to use. The Cabinet had accepted both of these recommendations and the cuts to the HWRCs and school crossing patrols had not been approved. In addition there would be changes to the passenger transport services with more joined up thinking around better ways to utilise existing vehicles across the day to serve adults and children at different times. There would also be a review of rural car parks to see where charges could be introduced.

24/234	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

24/235	Public Participation
	None.

24/236	Planning
	<p>(a) 24/01890/AMCON Keepers Cottage, Farnham Road Application to remove condition 1 of planning permission 04/02865/COU for RETROSPECTIVE- Conversion of storage area on ground floor to provide family room, raising of part of the roof to create enlarged first floor providing two additional bedrooms and bathroom, together with the provision of two dormer windows to serve existing first floor tack room and store.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection.</p> <p>(b) 24/01187/HOU Oak Cottage, Tadpole Lane Planning Appeal for Erection of a single storey rear extension, first floor roof extension, conversion of existing detached garage into home office and alterations to fenestration.</p> <p>It was noted that this was an appeal and the Parish Council was being asked whether it wanted to withdraw the response of ‘no comments’ made in respect of the original application.</p> <p>It was AGREED to not make any changes to the response submitted to the original application.</p> <p>(c) 24/01991/PREAPP Oak Park Golf Course, Crondall Proposed redevelopment of golf course.</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council had not been made aware of this pre-planning application by HDC, as was standard practice, but that the applicant had brought it to the attention of the Council. The Parish Council would formally be asked to make comments if and when a full planning application was submitted.</p>

	<p>Cllr Rook reminded the meeting of the response that had been submitted to the September 2023 application to redevelop the golf course which had been refused by HDC. At that time the Parish Council’s main concern had been the traffic impact on Heath Lane, with concern also raised with regard to the lack of detail in respect of the eco cabins and the potential for light pollution.</p> <p>Cllr Rook went on to provide a summary of the reasons for refusal by HDC of the September 2023 application and how the new application sought to address these. Of particular note was that the number of cabins had been reduced and a plan provided showing the location of the cabins, the number of pickle/paddle ball courts had been reduced and would no longer be enclosed and more parking and cycle storage was being provided. There was no mention of highways in the new application.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That (1) the offer of a meeting made by Bell Cornwell, acting on behalf of the applicant, be accepted so that concerns regarding the potential highways impact could be discussed; and (2) any discussions cease once a full planning application was submitted.</p> <p>(d) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda</p> <p>It was noted that the Parish Council had been advised that an application to confirm a new Tree Preservation Order (TPO) for land due east of Redfields Lane at Dachs Lodge, Blackmore Copse and Willow Croft was being considered by the HDC Development Management Committee on 16 October. Whilst the address for this was Church Crookham it fell within the Ewshot Parish Council boundary.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit a comment in support of the application to confirm the TPO for land due east of Redfields Lane at Dachs Lodge, Blackmore Copse and Willow Croft (ORD-24/00003).</p> <p>24/02048/HOU 16 Ewshot Gardens Erection of a single storey rear extension.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection.</p>
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<p>24/237</p>	<p>Highways Issues at Doras Green</p>
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones requested that all councillors look at the Highways Log, which contained details of all outstanding highways issues, and provide feedback on the content and layout.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting an email had been received from the Team Leader, Safer Roads – Traffic North at HCC which had provided reasons why, in his opinion, traffic</p>

	<p>safety measures were not suitable or needed at the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane crossroads. He had advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making one of the arms one way would displace traffic onto the A287 junction with Heath Lane which had a worse history in terms of injury collisions than both the crossroads and the A287/ Doras Green Lane junction; - The ability of larger vehicles, such as agricultural vehicles in rural areas, to use the roads was an important factor in determining what traffic calming measures would be appropriate. Taking this into consideration the carriageway around the crossroads was unlikely to be wide enough to introduce pinch points or other horizontal deflections; - Heath Lane and Doras Green Lane did not meet the criteria for road humps as they could only be used in circumstances with a high standard of street lighting and a 30mph limit; - Speed limits were not used to address isolated hazards such as a single road junction as they were difficult to enforce over a short distance; - There were already SLOW markings, yellow backed warning signs and a high friction surface warning drivers on Heath Lane of the crossroads; - Following the changes made to the junction in August 2022 the Casualty Reduction Team had been monitoring the impact of the changes. Prior to the work there had been four injury collisions and none since the work. This meant that the crossroads were no longer on the HCC list of 'concerns' sites. Despite this a vehicle activated sign was still being planned for the junction.
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24/238	Reinstatement of Verges – Beacon Hill
	This item was not discussed.

24/239	Bridle Path
	<p>Following the discussion at the last meeting regarding bicycle accidents along the Bridle Path an email had been sent to HCC expressing concern for the condition of the surface of the path/road and requesting that consideration be given to the installation of signage. A response had been received from HCC advising that a site inspection had been carried out but it was not considered that any action was needed. A further email seeking clarification of what area of the Bridle Path had been inspected had been sent and a response was awaited.</p>

24/240	A287 - Flooding
	<p>Recent flooding on the A287 at the roundabout junction with Beacon Hill Road had been reported to HCC. The response received advised that debris had been cleared from the drain and this had allowed the flood water to dissipate. Investigations were</p>

	being made into whether the lengthsman could regularly clear the drain to prevent this happening again.
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24/241	Hart Climate Change Engagement Group
	Cllr Morgan-Jones circulated copies of presentation slides setting out the work being carried out to achieve a carbon neutral district. He asked that councillors have a look at the slides before the meeting in November where it could be discussed in more detail. The Chairman suggested that an informal briefing take place on this before being discussed at a meeting.

24/242	Biodiversity
	This item was not discussed.

24/243	Farnborough Airport
	This item was not discussed.

24/244	Grounds Maintenance
	<p>Repairs to the car park surface needed to be considered as it had become badly pitted in some areas, largely due to the anti-social use of the car park that had taken place over the summer. The Clerk advised that a quote had been received from the contractor who had redressed the car park in April 2023 advising that he could do it again for the same price. Concerns were raised about the frequency of carrying out repairs and it was suggested that a more permanent solution should be sought. It was agreed to consider this at a future meeting.</p> <p>The surface wear around the benches in the play area had been picked up in the 2024 annual inspection report and a quote had been received to install rubber matting at these locations to try to allow the grass to grow.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote for the installation of rubber matting around the 2x benches in the play area at a cost of £180 per bench excluding VAT.</p> <p>At the meeting in June it had been reported that the Clerk had looked into obtaining two oak trees for planting on the recreation ground to commemorate the Coronation and the Jubilee. The planting of oak trees with a girth greater than 8cm was tightly controlled by DEFRA due to Ewshot being in a processionary moth management zone. Local suppliers had confirmed it was now too expensive and restrictive for them to supply oaks. It was possible to go outside the restricted area to obtain the trees and a quote had been received from a supplier in Wiltshire. The best time to plant the trees would be in the winter months. At the June meeting it</p>

	<p>had been agreed to delay a decision on this until Cllr Bredin was present. The supplier had confirmed that they were able to honour the quote provided in June.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote for 2x oak trees plus stakes and delivery, at a total cost of £282 excluding VAT.</p>
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24/245	Recreation Ground Dog Fouling
	<p>A HDC Environmental Health Officer had been carrying out random patrols of the recreation ground to monitor the occurrence of dog waste being left. He had supplied a report of his findings which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The patrols would be ongoing.</p> <p>This item was not discussed at the meeting.</p>

24/246	To consider Grant Applications
	<p>A grant application had been received from Ewsh*t Theatre Company requesting a contribution towards the cost of the pantomime being put on in December.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To award a grant of £1,000 to Ewsh*t Theatre Company.</p>

24/247	Bank Reconciliation to 30 September 2024
	<p>The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 September 2024 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2024.</p>

24/248	Q2 Summary of Receipts and Payments to 30 September 2024
	<p>A summary of the figures for quarter two had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 30 September across the budget headings against the budget for the year.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter two.</p>

24/249	Approval of Payments								
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="402 1734 1349 1894"> <tr> <td>October Payroll</td> <td>£593.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - tax</td> <td>£16.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Ball – reimbursement for key cutting</td> <td>£24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Water – water bill (September)</td> <td>£6.06**</td> </tr> </table>	October Payroll	£593.39	HMRC - tax	£16.80	A Ball – reimbursement for key cutting	£24.00	Castle Water – water bill (September)	£6.06**
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	Scottish Power – electricity bill (October)	£13.16**
	Larkstel – Bin emptying (October)	£188.70
	NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (September)	£675.60
	Kompan – play area inspection	£840.00*
	Signomatic – sign for tennis court net x2	£41.66***
	B J Cranstone – supply & installation of new dog waste bin including removal & disposal of old bin	£364.00
	* Already paid – agreed by email and from within existing budgets ** Paid monthly by direct debit *** Paid with debit card	

24/250	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 11 November 2024.

24/251	Any Other Business
	None.

The meeting ended at 8pm

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