

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr D Morgan-Jones and Cllr C Turner.

In Attendance: One member of the public. Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council).

24/252	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr D Rook. Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council).

24/253	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 October 2024
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 October 2024.

24/254	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.

24/255	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

24/256	District and County Council Report
	Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker gave an update on the budget position at HCC.

24/257	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

24/258	Public Participation
	None.

24/259	Planning
	<p>(a) 24/00699/FUL 1 Beacon Hill Road Erection of a two-storey self-build detached dwelling (4-bedrooms) with associated landscaping and parking including formation of a new access from the public highway (amended description of development). A response was required by 28 October so the following was agreed by email: that no comments needed to be submitted in addition to those already submitted for the original application.</p> <p>The response was NOTED.</p> <p>(b) 24/02136/LBC Combe Wood Cottage, Farnham Road Brickwork repointing, brick arch repair, localized internal plaster and crack repairs including decoration following subsidence incident.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection.</p> <p>(c) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda</p> <p>23/00871/AMCON Land at Watery Lane, Church Crookham To allow amendments to the previously approved Sports Pitches (a reduction in the size of pitches to be provided), re-arrangement of the parking areas associated with the sports pitches (no change to the number of car parking spaces to be provided), relocation of the store building to the south of the pavilion for ease of access, realignment of the pedestrian footpath to the northern football pitches and permanent realignment of the access road and Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) car park position, which was temporarily approved under Planning Permission 22/02916/FUL and updated landscaping proposals to take account of proposed amendments which are the subject of this application including the provision of a maintenance gate for the SANG, additional street furniture, lighting and hedgerow planting. (Amended description of development). Response by 19 November.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no comments.</p>
24/260	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	<p>This item had been discussed under Minute 24/254 Review of Actions Log where Cllr Parker agreed to follow up with officers at Hampshire Highways on the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign on Heath Lane, the ongoing works to alleviate the flooding at the top of the A287 and the cutting back alongside the footpath on the A287.</p>

24/261	Beacon Hill – Reinstatement of Verges and Potential Litter Bin
	<p>It was noted that an email had been received from the Executive Director – Community at HDC who had confirmed that the District Council would not be installing a new litter bin on Beacon Hill but that it was within the powers of parish councils to do this.</p> <p>Prior to receipt of this email the Streetcare Manager at HDC had confirmed that his team would be able to empty a bin once a week at this location provided it was cited on highway land and in a safe position. It was agreed that an onsite meeting be arranged to discuss a suitable location and that quotes be sought for the purchase and installation of a new litter bin.</p>
24/262	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 had been sent seeking clarification of what area of the Bridle Path had been inspected and offering to meet onsite to discuss. No response had been received and it was agreed to follow this up as a site meeting would be preferable to be able to point out the issues and discuss potential actions. Cllr Parker requested that he be copied in on any correspondence on this.</p>
24/263	A287 - Flooding
	<p>This item had been discussed under Minute 24/254 Review of Actions Log where Cllr Parker agreed to follow up with officers at Hampshire Highways on the installation of the Vehicle Activated Sign on Heath Lane, the ongoing works to alleviate the flooding at the top of the A287 and the cutting back alongside the footpath on the A287.</p>
24/264	Highways Log
	<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>It was noted that the lengthsman had been asked to cut back the vegetation alongside the A287 from the junction with Church Lane, up the hill to the roundabout and around the corner along Beacon Hill Lane to the bus stop. This route was being</p>

	used by members of the public to reach the bus stop and the overgrown vegetation was pushing pedestrians into the road.
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24/265	Hart Climate Change Engagement Group/ Net Zero Engagement Group
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	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones circulated copies of presentation slides setting out the work needed to achieve a carbon neutral district. He ran through the slides which advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CO2 reduction target for Hart was 436ktCO2e which had not yet been divided up to set individual targets for parishes; - Where the CO2 emissions were coming from in Hart district and across Hampshire County with Transport and Households coming top of the list; - The roadmap to a carbon neutral district which put a timeline on when each sector would be considered resulting in carbon neutrality by 2040; - That to address the CO2 production in the domestic sector a number of actions would need to be taken including getting Standard Assessment Performance (SAP) certificates for each house allowing the worst performing homes to be identified; - Data had already been collected for homes that had an EPC score (required to sell a property) and plotted on a map which was available on parish online. This showed there was a significant number of houses in the parish without EPC scores; - The actions that would need to be taken by parishes to achieve 80% of domestic dwellings having an up-to-date EPC/SAP score and how to fund this; - The only two types of insulation that would help to improve the energy efficiency of homes was cavity wall insulation and loft insulation; - Work would need to be done to encourage home owners to improve insulation including pointing out the long term cost savings and the grants that might be available; - Setting up Community Solar Energy would help to reduce CO2 production and reduce energy costs for residents; - C-ESCO had been established to transform the rate and efficiency of residential solar implementation by overcoming the barriers such as the high investment cost in purchasing panels and the return on investment being too slow (7-10 years), the distrust of suppliers and the lack of confidence in identifying the best solution; - C-ESCO were working with committed districts and parishes to get projects up and running allowing every building to join and providing bespoke solutions. <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that C-ESCO were looking to work with HDC and as part of this they wanted four lead parish councils to commit to the project. He asked</p>
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	councillors to think about whether they would like the parish to be involved. A decision would be needed quickly as the project would get started in the very near future.
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24/266	Biodiversity
	This item was not discussed.

24/267	Fibre Optic Rollout
	<p>This item had been discussed under Minute 24/254 Review of Actions Log where it had been confirmed that an email had been received from HCC advising that HCC had no formal involvement in the delivery of project Gigabit, nor were there any staff resources specifically allocated to this. HCC officers confirmed that they were continuing to engage with BDUK to encourage communication but they were not party to any contractual details. The contract would run until 2028 and the phases of deployment that had been planned were available to check on the CityFibre postcode checker. Where phases had not been planned no information was available so as not to provide misleading information. In addition an email had been received from Gigaclear confirming that there was no update for Ewshot and the build was still on hold.</p> <p>It was agreed that an email be sent to residents advising them of the position and that communication on this would be sent as soon as any meaningful update was received.</p>

24/268	Farnborough Airport
	<p>Cllr Turner confirmed that the Noise Sub-Committee had met and reviewed the findings of the noise monitoring from Churt. The results had been as expected and there was now evidence of which aircraft made the most noise. He confirmed that the readings did not include any police or military aircraft. The noise monitoring equipment had completed its stint in Ewshot and would be moved to a new location.</p> <p>Cllr Turner understood that Ewshot was now overflowed more than ever before but the number of complaints did not reflect this. He encouraged residents to feedback to the airport so that all concerns could be recorded.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee was due to take place on 21 November and Cllr Turner would report back after that meeting. It was noted that the new Chairman had been appointed and this November meeting would be his first meeting.</p>

24/269	Grounds Maintenance
	<p>At the last meeting it had been reported that 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. 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. At the last meeting concerns had been raised about the frequency of carrying out repairs and it was suggested that a more permanent solution should be sought. It was suggested that the repairs needed to be carried out to stop the surface of the car park getting any worse but that a more permanent solution be considered for 2025/2026.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote of £500 for the redress of the car park.</p>
24/270	Litter and Dog Fouling
	<p>It was noted that the HDC Environmental Health Officer was continuing to carry out random patrols of the recreation ground to monitor the occurrence of dog waste being left.</p>
24/271	Tree Cutting – Play Area
	<p>Cllr Bredin had suggested that consideration be given to cutting back the cherry tree immediately inside the entrance to the play area to keep it from getting too large. A tree surgeon had been out to look at the tree and had suggested that be reduced by 25% to ‘good growth points’ and he had provided a quote of £660 for this including disposal of all waste.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the quote for £660 to cut back the cherry tree in the play area and that further quotes were not needed.</p>
24/272	To consider Grant Applications
	<p>A grant application had been received from Ewshot Village Show Committee requesting a contribution towards the cost of the Christmas Fair being put on in December.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To award a grant of £250 to Ewshot Village Show Committee for expenses relating to the Christmas Fair.</p>

24/273	Budget 2025/2026
	<p>The Clerk advised that she would shortly start drafting the budget for 2025/2026 and requested that councillors let her know of any items they would like to see included.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones had produced a spreadsheet which considered the play area and the costs and timeline associated with the replacement of items. He asked the clerk to try to obtain information for the tennis court regarding its life expectancy and the likely costs involved in its maintenance and eventual replacement.</p>

24/274	Approval of Payments																										
	<p>The following payments were approved:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>November Payroll</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£593.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC - tax</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£16.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Water – water bill (November)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6.06**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Water – water bill (December)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6.26**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scottish Power – electricity bill (November)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£13.16**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Larkstel – Bin emptying (November)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£188.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (October)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£337.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT – set up .gov.uk</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£54.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall – Hall Hire/ Office Rent 2024</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£490.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Village Hall – PAT testing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landford Trees – Oak Tress</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£335.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT – Email hosting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">** Paid monthly by direct debit</td> </tr> </table>	November Payroll	£593.39	HMRC - tax	£16.60	Castle Water – water bill (November)	£6.06**	Castle Water – water bill (December)	£6.26**	Scottish Power – electricity bill (November)	£13.16**	Larkstel – Bin emptying (November)	£188.70	NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (October)	£337.80	Vision ICT – set up .gov.uk	£54.00	Village Hall – Hall Hire/ Office Rent 2024	£490.00	Village Hall – PAT testing	£35.70	Landford Trees – Oak Tress	£335.35	Vision ICT – Email hosting	£48.00	** Paid monthly by direct debit	
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24/275	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 9 December 2024.

24/276	Any Other Business
	None.

The meeting ended at 8.16pm

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