EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL**
**HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2026 AT 7 PM**
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr G Bredin (Chairman), Cllr D Morgan-Jones, Cllr H Reeves and Cllr C Turner.

**In Attendance:** Alison Ball (Clerk).

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| **26/160** | **Apologies for Absence** |
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| | Cllr E Jennings (Ewshot Parish Council – EPC).<br><br>Cllr Alan Oliver (Hampshire County Council – HCC).<br>Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council – HDC). |

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| **26/161** | **Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 September 2026** |
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| | **RESOLVED:** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 14 September 2026.<br><br>It was noted that the new signage was up in the car park and at the tennis court. |

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| **26/162** | **Review of the Actions/ Issues Log** |
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| | The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated. |

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| **26/163** | **Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions** |
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| **26/164** | **District and County Council Report** |
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| **26/165** | **Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations** |
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| **26/166** | **Public Participation** |
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| **26/167** | **Planning** |
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| | **(a) 26/01467/ADV Unit 4, Beacon Hill Trade Park, Beacon Hill Road** Display of two externally illuminated fascia signs and four non illuminated fascia signs.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** To note the response of 'no comment' that had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline on 5 October.<br><br>**(b) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda**<br><br>None. |

| **26/168** | **Protecting the Look and Feel of the Village** |
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| | The Clerk advised that Troy Planning had unfortunately had to cancel the meeting scheduled for 9 October and she was waiting for a revised date. It was felt that there would be benefit in getting professional advice from a planning consultant regarding the best way to gather the views of residents about the future look and feel of the village/parish. Once these views had been gathered, consideration could be given to the best way to collate them and whether there was any planning document that could be produced to make sure any new development was in accordance with these views. This had arisen from a concern that many trees were being removed from private properties which, if it continued, would likely change the look of the village. There was a discussion about whether it would be possible to produce a document that HDC would have to consider when determining planning applications. It was agreed to wait and see what advice Troy Planning gave. |

| **26/169** | **Highways Issues** |
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| | Nothing to update at this time. |

| **26/170** | **Speed Indicator Device Replacement** |
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| | At the last meeting it had been agreed to look into the types of SID available and the costings with a view to purchasing a new device to replace the current device which had failed. The Clerk advised that she was still gathering information on this and would present details at the next meeting. |

| **26/171** | **Weed Killing A287** |
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| | The Clerk confirmed that she had received a quote from the grass cutting contractor to spray the weeds along the footpath on the A287 between the roundabout with Beacon Hill Road and Redlands Lane. |

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| | It was suggested that a further quote be obtained to spray the weeds along the footpath on the A287 from the roundabout junction with Beacon Hill Road to the boundary with Surrey County Council. The Clerk agreed to request this.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** To accept the quote from NJL Boxgreen for £240 + VAT for spraying weed killer along the footpath on the A287. |

| **26/172** | **Hedge Cutting** |
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| | It was noted that the usual hedge cutting contractor had provided a quote to cut the hedges around the tennis court and inside the play area.<br><br>It was noted that the Clerk was trying to get quotes for a tractor and flail to cut the hedges around the recreation ground and play area. As in previous years it was proving difficult to find anyone available.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** (1) To accept the quote of £640 from MGB Services for hedge cutting around the tennis court and inside the play area; (2) To authorise the Chairman with the Clerk to instruct a hedge cutting contractor with a tractor and flail to cut the hedges around the recreation ground and play area up to a maximum cost of £500 excluding VAT. |

| **26/173** | **New Benches** |
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| | At the last meeting it had been agreed to look at the options for new benches for the recreation ground. Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated some of the benches available along with approximate costings.<br><br>There was a discussion about the best material for any new benches and it was felt that recycled plastic bench should be ordered as this was maintenance free. It would be placed on the recreation ground. It was agreed that an application be made to HDC to reclaim the costs incurred from s106 money.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** (1) To order one Traditional Seat from Marmax at a cost of £380 plus delivery charge plus VAT; and (2) That the costs be reclaimed from s106 money held by HDC. |

| **26/174** | **Bin Emptying** |
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| | Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that he was continuing to liaise with officers at HDC about the proposal to stop collecting the wheelie bins. He was witing for a response from them and would report back once this had been received. |

| **26/175** | **Hart Climate Change Engagement Group/ Net Zero Engagement Group** |
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| | Following the discussion at the last meeting around the progress of the Hampshire Community Energy CIC, Councillor Morgan-Jones had provided more details on the potential sites to Cllr Turner who had provided feedback.<br><br>Councillor Morgan-Jones advised that there had recently been a meeting of the Hart Climate Emergency Group which had been very well attended. As a result of this meeting he had become networked into a community all trying to create local, renewable energy for local community benefit. He hoped to work with these other groups and get projects moving forward. |

| **26/176** | **Biodiversity** |
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| | There was nothing to update on this at the current time other than to say work was ongoing and it was hoped that there would be support from landowners to enrich the local woodlands. |

| **26/177** | **Fibre Optic Rollout** |
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| | Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that there was nothing to update at the current time. He had struggled to get any communication from CityFibre but would continue to try. |

| **26/178** | **Farnborough Airport** |
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| | Councillor Turner advised that he would be attending the Noise Sub-Committee meeting on 28th October and he would report back after the meeting. |

| **26/179** | **Application by the Windmill Public House to Vary Premises Licence (extension of hours)** |
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| | At the end of September a member of the public had made the Parish Council aware that the Windmill pub had made an application to HDC to vary its premises licence. This application sought to increase the opening hours and the hours that alcohol could be sold so that the pub could open earlier and stay open later. The deadline for comments to be submitted to HDC had been 7 October. Some Councillors had spoken to the landlord about the proposal and advised that he had confirmed that he did not intend to open late or early everyday but it would be beneficial for him to be able to open late/early on an ad hoc basis for specific events. Councillors had discussed the proposal by email but they had not reached an agreement on the response to be submitted by the deadline and as consequence no response had been submitted. |

| **26/180** | **Lamppost Poppies** |
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| | Each year poppies were attached to the posts in the village for the Remembrance period and it was suggested that some new ones were needed.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** To purchase 10 new lamppost poppies at a cost of £140. |

| **25/181** | **Prizes for Poster Competition** |
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| | The Parish Council agreed to run a poster competition for residents to raise awareness of safety on the highway. It was agreed that the top entry would receive a voucher as a prize. The Council agreed to purchase the voucher and to publicise the competition through the Parish Council magazine and other appropriate channels. It was agreed to delay the competition until after Christmas.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** To hold a highway safety poster competition with a prize of a £50 voucher for the best entry. |

| **25/182** | **Bank Reconciliation 30 September 2026** |
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| | The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 September 2026 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2026. |

| **25/183** | **Q2 Summary of Receipts & Payments to 30 September 2026** |
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| | A summary of the figures for quarter two had been circulated prior to the meeting.<br><br>The RFO had produced a list of earmarked reserves and the general reserve to 30 September 2026 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.<br><br>**RESOLVED:** (1) To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter two; and (2) To accept the list of general and earmarked reserves to 30 September 2026. |

| **26/184** | **Approval of Payments** |
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| | The following payments were approved: |

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| October Payroll | £676.88 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| HMRC - tax + NICs – to be taken by direct debit | £Variable | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Lloyds – account charge – taken on or before 18th of each month | £4.25 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| Castle Water, water: taken by direct debit on/around 21st of each month | £Variable | LGA 1972 s111 |

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| | | Scottish Power, electricity: taken by direct debit on/around 23rd of each month | £25.58 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| | | Giff Gaff Mobile Phone: taken by direct debit on/around 20th of each month | £6.00 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| | | Larkstel – Bin emptying (October) | £226.09 | Litter Act 1983 s5-6 |
| | | NJL Boxgreen – Grass Cutting (August) | £372.00* | Open Spaces Act 1906 s10 |
| | | NJL Boxgreen – Grass Cutting (September) + weed killing | £804.00 | |
| | | NJL Boxgreen – Grass Cutting (October) | £744.00 | |
| | | Doodle Signs – new signage | £438.00 | Open Space Act 1906 s10 |
| | | Viking – Printer Ink | £61.78 | LGA 1972 s111 |
| | | Kompan | £2,750.45 | LG (Misc Provisions) Act 1976 s19 |
| | | New Forest Metalwork – new gate | £5,940.00 | Open Space Act 1906 s10 |
| | | New Forest Metalwork – barrier repairs | £2,220.00 | Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s57 |
| | | Royal British Legion – Lamppost Poppies | £114.00 | LG Act 1972 s137 |
| | | * Already paid – agreed by email and from within existing budgets | | |

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| **26/185** | **Date of Next Meeting** |
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| | It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 9 November 2026. |

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| **26/186** | **Any Other Business** |
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**The meeting ended at 7.34pm**

**Signed……..** **Dated……**