

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 10 JUNE 2024 AT 7 PM  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:** Cllr D Rook (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Cllr E Jennings and Cllr C Turner.

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

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| <b>24/153</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>           |
|               | Cllr G Bredin and Cllr D Morgan-Jones. |

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| <b>24/154</b> | <b>Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 May 2024</b>           |
|               | <b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 May 2024. |

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| <b>24/155</b> | <b>Matters arising from the Minutes</b> |
|               | None.                                   |

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| <b>24/156</b> | <b>Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions</b> |
|               | None.  |

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| <b>24/157</b> | <b>District and County Council Report</b>  |
|               | <b>Hampshire County Council (HCC):-</b><br>Cllr Parker advised that because of the pre-election period HCC was restricted on what it could do. The routine business was continuing but any major decisions were being delayed. This was happening with the decision on future funding which would not take place until the autumn. |

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| <b>24/158</b> | <b>Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations</b>  |
|               | Cllr Rook declared an interest in Agenda item 8(d) the planning application for Lea House as a close neighbour. |

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| <b>24/159</b> | <b>Public Participation</b> |
|               | None.                       |

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| <b>24/160</b> | <b>Planning</b>   |
|               | <p><b>(a) 24/00589/HOU The Old Blacksmiths Cottage, Beacon Hill Road</b> Erection of a single storey rear extension, removal of a chimney and installation of Aga flue, removal of chimney and replacement with GRP chimney and wood burning flue.</p> <p>A response was required by 3 June so it had been agreed by email to submit 'no objection', this response was noted.</p> <p><b>(b) 24/00840/HOU Redlands, Redlands Lane</b> Demolition of existing hardwood double glazed conservatory and erection of a new hardwood painted orangery.</p> <p>A response was required by 5 June so it had been agreed by email to submit 'no objection', this response was noted.</p> <p><b>(c) 24/01011/GPDAGD Oaklea Farm, Redlands Lane</b> Application under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 in respect of the change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling house and associated building operations in connection with the change of use.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to submit no objection.</p> <p><b>(d) 24/01015/HOU Lea House, Farnham Road</b> Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestration.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to submit no objection.</p> <p><b>(e)</b> There were no additional planning applications received since the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>(NOTE: Cllr Rook declared an interest in planning application (d) above for Lea House as a near neighbour and she remained in the room during its consideration)</p> |

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| <b>24/161</b> | <b>Highways Issues at Doras Green</b>   |
|               | <p>Cllr Turner reported that, as agreed at the last meeting, HCC had been requested to cut back the vegetation on the Heath Lane/ Doras Green Lane crossroads to improve visibility. This had been carried out but the HCC contractors had only cut back one metre from the highway and only on the north west side which was insufficient on this dangerous junction. The lengthsman had been engaged by the Parish Council to do additional cutting back which had been completed and meant the sightlines were now as good as they could be. Cllr Parker agreed to speak to the Assistant Highways Manager about this as it was his understanding that</p> |

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|  | <p>contractors would usually be instructed to cut back as far as needed to improve safety which had not happened on this occasion and he wanted to make sure this did happen in future.</p> <p>Cllr Turner confirmed that, as agreed at the last meeting, he had contacted the Assistant Highways Manager at HCC for the details of who to contact about speed limit reductions but had not yet received a response. He would follow this up.</p> |
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| <b>24/162</b> | <b>Reinstatement of Verges – Beacon Hill</b>   |
|               | <p>Cllr Parker confirmed that discussions were ongoing about how to address the unsightly verges along Beacon Hill Road. As noted at the last meeting the MoD training estates organisation had offered soil to build up the verges into small berms but investigations needed to be made into the suitability of this soil as if it was contaminated in anyway it could not be used. Councillor Morgan-Jones had provided the Assistant Highways Manager with the contact details of the relevant person at the MoD to discuss this. If any feedback was received on this it would be circulated.</p> <p>It was noted that even if the verge was built up this was unlikely to stop all parking and the verges would get damaged again. Cllr Parker had suggested the installation of dragons teeth but there would need to be quite a lot of these as they needed to be close enough together that a car could not fit between them.</p> <p>It was suggested that consideration be given to painting double yellow lines on the road as these applied to the extent of the highway and would therefore cover much of the verge. It was understood there was a fairly lengthy legal process to follow for the installation of double yellow lines. Cllr Parker agreed to speak to the Assistant Highways Manager about this option.</p> |

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| <b>24/163</b> | <b>A287 - Flooding</b>   |
|               | <p>It was noted that the inspection of the drainage system along the A287 had been due to start on 10 June and it appeared that this had happened as residents had reported seeing cones out blocking one lane of the A287. The Clerk would ask for feedback from HCC in due course.</p> |

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| <b>24/164</b> | <b>Fly Tipping on A287</b>   |
|               | <p>A meeting had taken place on 21 May 2024 with representatives from HDC, HCC and the Parish Council in attendance to discuss the removal of the fly tipping alongside the A287. At this meeting it had been agreed that the most cost effective way of removing the fly tipping would be to do it whilst one lane of the A287 was closed for the inspection of the drainage system (see previous minute). It was</p> |

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|  | <p>noted that removal of the waste was likely to cost in the region of £20k - £25k depending on whether asbestos was found. Officers from HDC had confirmed that it was the responsibility of HDC to remove the waste and if they did not the Parish Council could take them to the ombudsman to request that they did. Some of the waste was on private land and it was the duty of the land owner to remove this waste rather than the council. Officers at HDC had advised that they were hoping to arrange for removal of the waste during the week commencing 10 June but final confirmation of this had not been received. The Clerk would continue to request updates on this.</p> |
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| <b>24/165</b> | <b>Repair of roundabout A287/Beacon Hill Road</b>  |
|               | <p>The repair to the signage on the A287/ Beacon Hill Road roundabout was still on the HCC work list but no timescale had been given as to when this would be carried out.</p> |

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| <b>24/166</b> | <b>Rural Fibre Optic Rollout</b>   |
|               | <p>Prior to the meeting Cllr Morgan-Jones had advised that a member of the public had been in contact with the sales team at Gigaclear and they had confirmed that the roll out of the fibre cables in Ewshot had been pushed back to Q1 2025. He had written to his contact for confirmation.</p> |

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| <b>24/167</b> | <b>Enhancing Parish Communication and Engagement</b>   |
|               | <p>Following the last meeting Councillor Morgan-Jones had asked the Clerk to get in touch with other clerks in Hart to see how they communicated with residents. This had been done and a summary of the responses received had been circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the best ways to communicate with residents and it was agreed that it was important to first think about what should be communicated. The Clerk advised against forwarding information from other organisations such as HCC or HDC unless it was something really important specifically affecting Ewshot. If residents were interested in news from other councils it was already possible to sign up directly with those councils to receive emailed information.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she already held a list of emails of people who had requested to receive information about the Parish Council and this was used to send information relating to the meetings of the Parish Council. This list was not onerous to maintain.</p> |

It was felt that it would be a good idea to make better use of the parish magazine by writing articles three or four times a year setting out things the Parish Council had done and directing residents to the website to find out more or to get in touch. The Clerk agreed to draft an article to be published in the next parish magazine setting out the achievements of the Parish Council in the first six months of the year.

**24/168 Hart Climate Change Engagement Group**

Prior to the meeting Cllr Morgan-Jones had advised that he had been asked by HDC to lead on developing a strategy on behalf of HDC. He would start work on this in the week commencing 10 June.

**24/169 Biodiversity**

It was noted that Cllr Jennings and the Clerk would be attending a public meeting on Monday 17 June being held by Winchfield Parish Council introducing the Greening Campaign Winchfield to residents. Following this meeting feedback would be shared on whether this would be a suitable project for Ewshot.

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. It was agreed to delay a decision on this until Cllr Bredin was present.

**24/170 Farnborough Airport**

Cllr Turner advised that he understood that the process to consider the planning application made by Farnborough Airport to increase the number of flights had paused in light of the general election which had been called for Thursday 4 July. He did not expect to hear anything on this until the autumn.

Since the last meeting the Noise Sub-Committee had met to look at the data collected by the portable noise monitoring equipment. The equipment had identified one particular type of aeroplane that was particularly noisy.

Cllr Turner was meeting with a representative from the airport on 11 June to discuss possible locations in the village to site the noise monitoring equipment. The village hall had been suggested but there were concerns about security. It was agreed that

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|  | <p>a private garden would likely be a better location. Cllr Turner agreed to discuss the options with the airport representative.</p> <p>It was noted that prior to the meeting Cllr Morgan-Jones had circulated an email raising concerns about the new airspace change proposal to modernise the airports airspace. Cllr Turner confirmed that this project was in the preliminary stages and currently contained every single possible option, even if those options could never be practically realised. He advised that there was nothing to be worried about at this stage but he would monitor progress and present to the Parish Council once things had progressed and the options were ones that were viable.</p> <p>It was noted that the airport was going through the process to recruit a new Chairman of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee.</p> |
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| <b>24/171</b> | <b>Play Area Safety Inspection Report</b>  |
|               | <p>The Annual ROSPA inspection of the play area had taken place on 28 May and the report of the inspector had been circulated before the meeting. As previously agreed the report had included details of the life expectancy of each of the items of play equipment. The report recommended some minor remedial works which were low risk and these would be carried out as soon as possible. The only items identified as high risk related to the swings and the cableway/zip wire. These items needed to be taken apart and fully inspected every two years and as this had last been done in August 2022 it would need to be done again soon. The Clerk had contacted the supplier for a quote to do this which had come back as quite expensive and a big increase on the amount paid in 2022. The Clerk had contacted a local company and they had confirmed that they could carry out the inspection but would not be able to do any repairs if needed. It was agreed to accept the quote from the supplier as although this was expensive, if any repairs were needed it would probably be the most cost effective route.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from Kompan to do a full inspection of the swings and zipwire in the play area.</p> |

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| <b>24/172</b> | <b>Asset Register 2024/2025</b>  |
|               | <p>Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the Asset Register which had been updated to include the information on the life expectancy of the play area equipment, to add in the small slide in the play area which had previously been missed, to increase the value of the CCTV following the upgrade to the system and to remove the old dog waste bin that had been removed and replace it with the new one.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Asset Register 2024/2025 as amended be approved.</p> |

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| <b>24/173</b> | <b>CCTV Policy</b>  |
|               | A draft CCTV Policy had been circulated by email and comments had been considered and incorporated. |
|               | It was <b>AGREED</b> to adopt the CCTV Policy as circulated.  |

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| <b>24/174</b>  | <b>Approval of Payments</b>   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
|  | The following payments were approved:   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
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| HMRC - tax   | £16.60  |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| A Ball – reimbursement for stationery                    | £3.80   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Castle Water – water bill (paid by direct debit)         | £6.26**   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Scottish Power – Electricity Bill (paid by direct debit) | £25.58**  |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Larkstel – Bin emptying (June)                           | £188.70   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (May)                      | £675.60   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| ROSPA Play Safety – Annual Inspection of Play Area       | £180.00   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Vision ICT – Website MOT                                 | £174.00   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Hart District Council – uncontested election costs       | £24.00  |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Vision ICT – website and email hosting                   | £249.76   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| Peter A Housdens – Tennis Court Respray                  | £3,240.00   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| B J Cranstone – Dog Waste Bin supply and installation    | £364.00   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |
| **paid monthly by direct debit                           |   |              |         |            |        |                                       |       |  |         |  |          |                                |         |                                     |         |  |         |                          |         |  |        |  |         |   |           |   |         |                                |  |

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| <b>24/175</b> | <b>Date of Next Meeting</b>   |
|               | It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 8 July 2024. |

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| <b>24/176</b> | <b>Any Other Business</b>   |
|               | <p>It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had successfully secured approximately £3,500 of s106 money to improve the electrics and lighting at the Hall. They had advised that they were working on an application for funding for the solar panels.</p> <p>It was noted that the respray of the tennis court had been completed.</p> <p>It was noted that the dog waste bin next to the tennis court had been replaced.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had been receiving reports of anti-social behaviour taking place in the car park next to the village hall. Stones had been sprayed at the building resulting in damage to three of the windows. The CCTV cameras had picked up the</p> |

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|  | <p>offenders but it was not possible to read the number plates of the vehicle involved. A report had been made to the Police. There was a discussion about locking the entrance barrier at night but this could cause an issue with the residents that used the car park overnight. The Clerk would look into what could be done.</p> |
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**The meeting ended at 8.20pm**

**Signed.....**

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