

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 8 JULY 2024 AT 7 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Bredin (Chairman) (until 7.50pm), Cllr E Jennings, Cllr D Morgan-Jones, Cllr D Rook and Cllr C Turner.

In Attendance: Alison Ball (Clerk). Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council). Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council).

24/177	Apologies for Absence
	None.
24/178	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 10 June 2024
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 10 June 2024.
24/179	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.
24/180	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.
24/181	District and County Council Report
	<p>Hart District Council (HDC):- Cllr Collins advised that she had nothing to report.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council (HCC):- Cllr Parker advised that there had been a lull in activity due the general election which took place on 4 May. He would shortly circulate his report by email with useful, local information.</p>
24/182	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

24/183	Public Participation
	None.
24/184	Planning
	<p>(a) 24/01187/HOU Oak Cottage, Tadpole Lane 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 AGREED to submit no objection.</p> <p>(b) 24/01311/HOU Old Carpenters, Dares Lane Demolition of existing detached garage and shed and erection of a detached oak framed outbuilding to be used as garage, store, home office and home gym.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection.</p> <p>(c) There were no additional planning applications received since the publication of the agenda.</p>
24/185	Highways Issues at Doras Green
	<p>Cllr Turner reported that he now had the contact details for the person at HCC responsible for speed limit reductions and he had made contact regarding a potential speed limit reduction at Doras Green.</p> <p>It was noted that there had been two crashes on the Heath Lane/ Doras Green Lane crossroads in the last two weeks.</p> <p>HCC had previously agreed to cut back vegetation along the footpath next to the A287 where the footpath was down to one metre or less. This had not been done and the footpath was now becoming impassable. This would be chased up with HCC.</p>
24/186	Reinstatement of Verges – Beacon Hill
	<p>Cllr Parker agreed to speak to the relevant officer at HCC regarding the potential for double yellow lines on Beacon Hill Road.</p> <p>It was agreed to follow up with HCC to see if there had been any further discussion on progress with the reinstatement (or other solution) of the verges along Beacon Hill Road.</p>

24/187	A287 - Flooding
	It was noted that the inspection of the drainage system along the A287 had been completed. The Clerk had requested feedback from the Assistant Highway Manager on the outcome of this but had not yet received a response. She would chase this up.

24/188	Fly Tipping on A287
	The fly tipping had been removed by Hart and the concrete barriers put back in place to prevent further fly tipping in this location. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

24/189	Repair of roundabout A287/Beacon Hill Road
	The repair to the signage on the A287/ Beacon Hill Road roundabout had been completed and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

24/190	Rural Fibre Optic Rollout
	<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. He would also continue to work with HCC on the countywide project. An email updating residents would be sent out shortly. The website had been updated. It was agreed that an article should be written for the parish magazine setting out the status of the project.</p> <p>It was suggested that contact be made with the broadband company TOOB as there had been several recent road closures in nearby locations for the installation of cables.</p>

24/191	Enhancing Parish Communication and Engagement
	<p>As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk had drafted an article for the parish magazine setting out the achievements of the Parish Council in the first six months of the year. This would appear in the September issue.</p> <p>The Clerk now had a list of email addresses for residents, all of whom had given permission for their email address to be added to a distribution list, which could be used to send out important information. It was thought that approximately 50% of households in the parish were covered by this list. It was agreed that it was not necessary to do routine updates but that information be sent only when needed.</p>

	<p>The parish magazine and the website would be used for routine updates. Each email sent would include an 'unsubscribe' option. It was agreed that when any formal email needed to be sent out from the Parish Council all members should be given the opportunity to comment on the content. Each time any article was put into the parish magazine it should include details of how to sign up to the Parish Council distribution list.</p> <p>(NOTE: Cllr Bredin left the meeting at the conclusion of this item and Councillor Rook took the Chair.)</p>
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<p>24/192</p>	<p>Hart Climate Change Engagement Group</p>
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that he was working closely with HDC on a campaign to achieve Net Zero which was in the very early stages. He predicted that there would be lots of involvement for parish councils associated with this in due course.</p>

<p>24/193</p>	<p>Biodiversity</p>
	<p>It was noted that the Clerk had attended a public meeting on 17 June being held by Winchfield Parish Council introducing the Greening Campaign Winchfield to residents. It would not be possible to join the project as there were only 20 spaces available for parish councils and these had all been allocated but the Clerk would keep following the project to see if there were any ideas that could be used in Ewshot.</p> <p>It was agreed to include in the article in the parish magazine a request for residents to get in touch should they wish to be involved in any climate change projects.</p> <p>The Wildlife Trust had been assisting with the Greening Campaign and it was agreed to get in touch with them to see if they would come and give a talk to residents.</p> <p>Cllr Collins agreed to pass on the details for the relevant contact at HDC.</p>

<p>24/194</p>	<p>Hedge Cutting</p>
	<p>Quotes had been sought for cutting the hedges around the play area, tennis court and car park. Three quotes had been received, details of which had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To accept the cheapest quote for hedge cutting from MGB Services.</p>

24/195	Farnborough Airport
	<p>Cllr Turner advised that he had attended the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee (FACC) meeting on 27 June. At this meeting there had been a lengthy debate about the Environmental Fund set up as part of the original planning permission to be used for local environmental improvement projects. The criteria for projects included a restriction that they must be within 5km of the centre of the airport. Rushmoor Borough Council were actively seeking applications to this fund.</p> <p>Also at the FACC there had been a discussion about the noise monitoring equipment, specifically the results of the noise monitoring at Churt. Some members of the FACC were unhappy that the noise monitoring took an average reading over a 16 hour period, as this was what was done at other airports such as Gatwick and Heathrow, but this was inappropriate for Farnborough Airport as it was only operational for 12 hours a day. The noise monitoring equipment had been moved to a private garden in the parish directly under the flight path.</p> <p>It was noted that the recruitment process for a new Chairman of the FACC was ongoing.</p> <p>It was noted that the process of considering the planning application to increase the number of flights at Farnborough Airport was ongoing at Rushmoor Borough Council.</p>
24/196	Asset of Community Value
	<p>It had been reported at the meetings in the autumn 2023 that the Windmill pub was listed as an Asset of Community Value meaning that if it were to be sold the community would have the first right to buy. Any listing only lasted five years and the Windmill was due to be removed from the list on 19 November 2024. It had previously been agreed that work be carried out to make an application to relist the Windmill pub for a further five years.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting the draft application form had been circulated. It was noted that copies of the title documents would need to be obtained from the land registry to support the application and there would be a small cost associated with this.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the application to relist the Windmill pub as an Asset of Community Value be submitted to HDC as soon as possible.</p>

24/197	Bank Reconciliation to 30 June 2024
	The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 June 2024 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
	RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 June 2024.

24/198	Q1 Summary of Receipts & Payments to 30 June 2024
	A summary of the figures for quarter one had been circulated prior to the meeting. This also showed the total spend to 30 June across the budget headings against the budget for the year.
	RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter one.

24/199	Approval of Payments																																
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24/200	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 9 September 2024.

24/201	Any Other Business
	It was noted that a letter had been received from the developers of the Homecroft Farm site to advise that work would shortly start on building six new homes. Demolition work was due to start at the end of July/ early August. They hoped that

	<p>the building works would be completed within 12 months. The letter contained contact telephone numbers which would be useful if any issues were reported.</p> <p>It was noted that the general election had taken place on 4 July which had resulted in a new Labour Government. It was anticipated that this could result in changes with regard to planning rules.</p>
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The meeting ended at 8.06pm

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