

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 6PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

In Attendance: Cllr S Parker (Hampshire County Council – HCC). Alison Ball (Clerk). Two members of the public.

25/114	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr T Collins (Hart District Council - HDC).

25/115	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 11 July 2025
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 11 July 2025. It was noted that the bronze village sign outside the village hall had been taken away for maintenance and was now back in place.

25/116	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.

25/117	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

25/118	District and County Council Report
	Cllr Parker advised that the process around local government reorganisation was ongoing. HCC was proposing a new model which would reduce 15 councils to four. The final submission would be made to Government before the end of September and there would be further consultation before the final decision by Government.

25/119	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

25/120	Public Participation
	None.

25/121	Co-option of a Councillor
	The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Tony Stuart who had put himself forward to be considered to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. Prior to the meeting he had submitted some information about himself and had informally met with councillors. RESOLVED: That Tony Stuart be co-opted as a councillor to Ewshot Parish Council.

25/122	Planning
	(a) 25/01418/FUL Avondale Lawn Tennis Club, Ewshot Lane Replacement floodlights - Change to luminaires only. As this application required a response by 25 August the following had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline: “No objection.” This response was noted. (b) 25/01429/FUL Oak Park Golf Course, Heath Lane Demolition of existing driving range, erection of a building to provide a driving range, junior golf academy and short game centre of excellence, family putting course and open racquet area comprising 2x pickle and 2x padel courts, retention and extension of the club house to include 12 rooms of accommodation and associated parking, access, lighting and landscaping. As this application required a response by 26 August the following had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline: “No objection.” This response was noted. (c) 25/00691/AMCON Homecroft Farm, Church Lane Variation and partial discharge of Condition 10 (solar panels, EVC details and rainwater harvesting), Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 21/01268/FUL dated 01/04/2022 – Construction of 6 dwellings with associated

	amenity space, access, parking, landscaping and associated works (following demolition of buildings). As this application required a response by 28 August the following had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline: “Ewshot Parish Council has no objection to this application but please note that the Parish Council has no objection to solar panels and there is precedent as the Village Hall has solar panels.” This response was noted. (d) 25/01511/HOU Beacon Hill Farm, Tadpole Lane Erection of a single storey rear timber framed extension and timber framed front porch, timber framed garage with annexe at first floor, new driveway and new vehicle access to the public highway. It was AGREED to submit: “No objection but the Parish Council would like to ensure that the integrity of the ditch, where the new vehicle access onto the highway is being created, is maintained and that work is carried out to ensure that a free flow of water is maintained at this location.” (e) Oakview House, Redlands Lane Erection of freestanding glasshouse and associated landscaping works. It was AGREED to submit no objection. (f) 25/01099/HOU Loxwood House, Dares Lane Erection of a two storey side extension and part two storey part single storey rear extension. Not all the councillors had been able to look at the plans for this application before the meeting so it was agreed that a response would be approved by email. (g) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda None.
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25/123	Highways Issues
	(a) Doras Green A member of the public had been in touch regarding the gateway entry sign on Doras Green Lane. Cllr Turner had spoken to the member of the public and it was

	clear that the sign was still causing confusion despite previous attempts to rectify this. It was suggested that the current wording was not useful and that consideration should be given to removing the sign and replacing it with a welcome to the parish of Ewshot sign, similar to the village entry signs on Church Lane, Tadpole Lane and Ewshot Lane. It was felt that the white picket fence should be retained as this did help to slow vehicles. The Clerk would contact Hampshire Highways to see what would be possible. It was noted that a bollard was missing on the triangle at the junction between Doras Green Lane and the unnamed slip road to Heath Lane. The Clerk advised that this had been previously reported to Hampshire Highways and this had not resulted in the replacement of the bollard. Cllr Parker agreed to follow this up as if the bollard was not being replaced the hole in the ground needed to be filled in. Cllr Turner advised that there had been another accident on the Doras Green Lane/ Heath Lane crossroads. This had been reported to HCC so that it would be recorded. The debris from the accident had been left on the side of the road and it was suggested that HDC be asked to collect this as fly tipping. Cllr Turner reported that the cutting back needed to be done on the north west corner of the crossroads as the brambles were blocking sight lines. The lengthsman would be asked to do this. (b) A287 – Flooding It was noted that Hampshire Highways had recently been conducting extensive work along the A287 to clear the drains and it was hoped that this would resolve the flooding problem. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda and revisit only if necessary. (c) Review of the Highways Log It was agreed that a survey should be conducted of all the work that needed doing so that the jobs could be separated into what had to be done by Hampshire Highways and what the Parish Council could be involved in.
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25/124	Hart Climate Change Engagement Group/ Net Zero Engagement Group
	Cllr Morgan-Jones confirmed he was continuing to work with a group operating across the country to work towards net zero. During discussions within this group it had become clear that parish and town councils were struggling as there was no clear, national, parish specific guidance and there was a lack of easy to access funding. Cllr Morgan-Jones had written a letter to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Climate setting out these concerns and requesting that devolution orders allow principle authorities to delegate Net Zero delivery to parishes and to provide ring-fenced Net Zero funding for parishes. The full letter

	had been circulated before the meeting. He would keep everyone informed of any response.
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25/125	Biodiversity
	Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) had facilitated a meeting at the Village Hall between woodland owners and the Woodland Trust. Cllrs Jennings and Morgan-Jones had attended this meeting and advised that it had been very well attended and was a very informative event. It had included a walk to a local piece of ancient woodland and a discussion about what should be done to help manage the area. There was also some useful detail on the archelogy of the site. It was hoped that this meeting would motivate some of the land owners to carry out works that would improve the woodland and increase biodiversity. Cllr Jennings advised that she hoped to get a working group together that could help with progressing this further. The next steps would be discussed with SWT at a meeting on 16 September. Cllr Morgan-Jones had circulated details of a suggested simple strategy for biodiversity: 1. Discover and understand the full extent of the parish biodiversity; 2. Support Surrey and Hampshire wildlife trusts; 3. Enhance and improve: - the areas of ancient woodland; - the hedgerows across the parish to enhance the movement of birds, small mammals, reptiles and insects across the parish in all directions whilst also increasing plant biodiversity.

25/126	Fibre Optic Rollout
	Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that there was nothing to report at the current time as he had been unable to get an update from City Fibre despite making contact with them on a couple of occasions.

25/127	Parish Communication
	Cllr Morgan-Jones requested approval to do a leaflet drop across the whole parish to encourage all residents to join the Parish Council mailing list. He felt that the current list covered approximately half the households and he wanted to increase this number. It was agreed that wording be drafted for this leaflet and that the options for distribution be researched.

25/128	Farnborough Airport
	Cllr Turner advised that it had been suggested that the airport would be re-applying for planning permission. There was a meeting coming up where he hoped to find out more information about this.

25/129	Grant Applications
	There had been a number of grant applications received for consideration: - An application from the Ewshot Village Hall Committee for £979.04 for the purchase of new carpet tiles to be installed on the stage in the main hall as the current covering was tired and needed replacing; - An application from the Village Pump Group for £400 that would be put towards planned events for older residents of the village; - An application from Citizens Advice Hart for £250 to be put towards the cost of training volunteers; - An application from Ewshot Village Show Committee for £200 to be used to purchase prizes and gifts to be given out at the Christmas Fair. It was requested that further details be sought from the Village Hall Committee with regard to the replacement of the carpet tiles before a decision was made on this grant application. RESOLVED: To award the following grants: (1) £400 to the Village Pump Group to be used towards planned events for older residents of the village; (2) £250 for Citizens Advice Hart to be put towards the cost of training volunteers; and (3) £200 to the Ewshot Village Show Committee to be used to purchase prizes and gifts to be given out at the Christmas Fair.

25/130	Internal Auditor 2025/2026
	The Internal Auditor had provided a letter of engagement for his internal audit services for 2025/2026. RESOLVED: To accept the Terms of Engagement for April Skies internal audit services 2025/2026 and that the Chairman be authorised to sign the agreement.

25/131	External Audit Report 2024/2025
	The completed external auditor report and certificate (Section 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return) for 2024/2025 had been received. It contained a note that the Councils reserves were a bit high. This had been

considered at the meeting in May 2025 and funds moved from the general reserve to allocated reserves.

The Clerk had already posted the notice of completion of accounts.

RESOLVED: That the completed annual return for 2024/25 including the certificate from BDO LLP be approved and accepted.

25/132 Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved:

		POWER TO SPEND
September Payroll	£613.92	LGA 1972 s111
HMRC - Tax and NICs to be taken by direct debit	£Variable	LGA 1972 s111
Lloyds – account charge – taken on or before 18 th of each month	£4.25	LGA 1972 s111
Castle Water – water bill - taken by Direct Debit on around 21 st of each month	£Variable	LGA 1972 s111
Scottish Power – electricity bill - taken by direct debit on or around 23 rd of each month	£25.58	LGA 1972 s111
Viking – Stationery	£91.09*	LGA 1972 s111
Larkstel – Bin emptying (August)	£226.09	Litter Act 1983 s5-6
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NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (July)	£1,054.80*	Open Space Act 1906 s10
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NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (September)	£703.20	Open Space Act 1906 s10
MGB Services – Hedge Cutting	£640.00	Open Space Act 1906 s10
Parish Online	£72.00*	LGA 1972 s111
BDO – External Audit	£252.00*	LGA 1972 s111
DM Payroll Services - 1 April to 30 September	£90.00*	LGA 1972 s111
Hart District Council – New Village Entry Signs	£777.53*	Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s72
Village Pump Group – Grant	£400.00	LGA 1972 s145
Citizens Advice Hart – Grant	£250.00	LGA 1972 s142

	Village Hall Show – Grant – Christmas Fair	£200.00	LGA 1972 s145
	Clerk – reimbursement for new computer mouse	£9.99	LGA 1972 s111
	Ewshot Village Hall – Room Hire for Woodland Trust Meeting	£40.00	LGA 1972 s111
	* Already paid – agreed by email and from within existing budgets		

25/133	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 13 October 2025.

25/134	Any Other Business
	It was noted that the jet washing in the play area would be carried out on 17 September, the tree survey on 18 September and the repairs in the play area on Saturday 20 September.

The meeting ended at 7pm.

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