

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Tony Stuart to his first meeting since being co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

25/135	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr E Jennings.
25/136	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 15 September 2025
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 15 September 2025.
25/137	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.
25/138	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.
25/139	District and County Council Report
	<p>Cllr Collins advised that the new food waste collection service was being rolled out across the borough and everyone should have received a new bin for this purpose. Cllr Turner reported that he had not received a food waste bin and neither had his neighbours which Cllr Collins agreed to report back to the relevant officers at HDC.</p> <p>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 had been made to Government and other councils in Hampshire had submitted alternative proposals. The Government would consider all the proposals put forward and would then conduct a consultation on the Governments preferred option(s).</p>

	<p>Cllr Parker confirmed that he had been working with officers at Hampshire Highways to introduce a 'no right turn' restriction coming out of Aldi onto Beacon Hill Road. Vehicles would be forced to turn left and go around the roundabout. There were some details to sort out, particularly with regard to lorries, but he hoped this would be progressed in the coming month.</p>
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25/140	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	None.

25/141	Public Participation
	None.

25/142	Planning
	<p>(a) 25/01759/GPDTEL Telecommunications Mast, Stillers Farm, Ewshot Lane Application for prior approval for the removal of an existing lattice mast and associated compound and the installation of 1no. lattice sharable mast (height 30m), antennas and dishes to be installed on headframes, operator cabinets, multi-user electrical cabinet.</p> <p>As this application required a response by 6 October the following had been agreed by email and submitted before the deadline:</p> <p>"No objection."</p> <p>This response was noted.</p> <p>(b) 25/01099/HOU Loxwood House, Dares Lane Erection of a two storey side extension and part two storey part single storey rear extension. Updated plans and arrangements for the roof lights.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection to this application.</p> <p>(g) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda</p> <p>25/01621/HOU High Firs, Church Lane Alterations to ground levels and erection of a retaining wall (part retrospective).</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection to this application.</p>

	<p>25/01429/FUL Oak Park Golf Course, Heath Lane Demolition of existing driving range, erection of a building to provide driving range, junior golf academy and short game centre of excellence, family putting course and covered racquet area comprising 2 x pickle and 2 x padel courts and canopies, retention and extension of the club house to include 12 rooms of accommodation and associated parking, access, lighting and landscaping (revised description and additional details).</p> <p>It was noted that just before the meeting notification had been received that the planning application for Oak Park Golf Course that the Parish Council had previously commented on had been amended. The amendments included the addition of a roof to the padel courts, bollards between the car park and the footpath and added details with regard to flooding/drainage. In addition a document had been added that sought to address issues previously raised by Hampshire Highways. It was agreed to look at the detail and agree a response by email before the deadline on 3 November.</p>
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25/143	Highways Issues
	<p>(a) Doras Green Contact had been made with HCC about changing the gateway entry sign on Doras Green Lane. This sign was causing confusion despite previous attempts to rectify this. At the last meeting it had been agreed that the current wording was not useful and that Hampshire Highways should be approached about options for changing the sign. This had been done and it had been confirmed that this would need to be done as a Community Funded Initiative. The Clerk felt that this process was disproportionately lengthy and costly for changing a sign and would try to negotiate with Hampshire Highways on this.</p> <p>(b) Review of the Highways Log Cllr Morgan-Jones reported that he would like to see some progress with works to improve the verges in the village including litter picking, cutting back of hedges and clearance of ditches. This was especially an issue on Ewshot Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Bredin advised that verges were the responsibility of the adjacent landowner and pressure could be put on them to carry out works.</p> <p>It was agreed that a meeting needed to be held with the Highways Manager to discuss what would be possible.</p> <p>Cllr Turner advised that a hawthorn bush had come down and was blocking the footpath at the top of the A287. This would be reported to HCC.</p>

25/144	Hart Climate Change Engagement Group/ Net Zero Engagement Group
	<p>As reported at the last meeting Cllr Morgan-Jones had written a letter to the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Climate setting out concerns about a lack of clear, national, parish specific guidance or easy to access funding 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. A response had been received which acknowledged the essential role of local government, including town and parish councils, in accelerating to net zero and advising that work was ongoing with the Local Government Association. Cllr Morgan-Jones would continue to work with colleagues on the next steps.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that there had been moves towards improving the insulation on houses in the parish. He had managed to obtain data that showed that 48% of houses in the parish did not have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) or had one that was out of date. To provide all these properties with an up to date EPC would cost approximately £11,000.</p> <p>On Green Energy Generation Cllr Morgan-Jones reported that the funding provision was currently with lawyers to agree the contracts. It was understood that the project would start in Essex before coming to Hampshire.</p> <p>The next Hart Climate Change Emergency Meeting was due to take place on 28 October and would focus on retrofit with the Hampshire Environment Centre in attendance.</p>
25/145	Biodiversity
	<p>The meeting was reminded that in early September there had been a very useful meeting facilitated by Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) between woodland owners and the Woodland Trust. At this meeting the Woodland Trust had set out what action needed to be taken to improve the ancient woodland, this included removal of the rhododendrons and removal of smaller trees and bushes from around centennial trees. There had not been any action on this and it needed to be followed up with landowners. Cllr Turner advised that he was aware of some volunteers who would be willing to help with the works once permission had been obtained from the landowners.</p> <p>The next meeting with SWT would take place on 10 November and it was thought that this would focus on hedgerows. There were a variety of apps that could be used by residents to record sightings of wildlife and/or plants which would help build up a picture of the range of biodiversity in the village.</p>

25/146	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. He would try contacting the Chief Executive.																								
25/147	Farnborough Airport																								
	<p>Cllr Turner advised that the planning application submitted by the airport to increase the number of flights had been withdrawn and the Airport would be submitting a new application in the coming months. The Airport had provided a useful table setting out the current arrangements, the proposals contained in the last planning application and the proposals that would be in the new application:</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Existing Limits</th><th>New Consultation</th><th>Original Consultation</th></tr><tr><td>Total annual flights</td><td>50,000</td><td>50,000</td><td>70,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total annual non-weekday flights</td><td>8,900</td><td>13,500</td><td>18,900</td></tr><tr><td>Restricted weight category</td><td>50-80 tonnes</td><td>55-80 tonnes*</td><td>55-80 tonnes</td></tr><tr><td>Non-weekday flights within Restricted Weight Category</td><td>270</td><td>405</td><td>570</td></tr><tr><td>Non-Weekday hours</td><td>08:00-20:00</td><td>08:00-20:00</td><td>07:00-21:00</td></tr></table> <p>* The change from 50 to 55 tonnes would only apply to aircraft which satisfied the most stringent noise standards, aircraft over 50 tonnes which were not able to satisfy the most stringent noise standards would continue to fall with the Airport’s restricted weight quotas.</p> <p>The new application would not seek to increase the overall number of flights but it would increase the number of flights on weekends and bank holidays. There was no proposal to increase operating times.</p> <p>As part of the changes the Airport were proposing to widen the eligibility for the sound insulation grant scheme which would result in approximately 220 more properties being able to claim. This would not extend as far as properties in Ewshot.</p> <p>The Airport were seeking views on these proposals through an online survey which could be access via the Farnborough Airport 2040 website.</p> <p>It was expected that the new planning application would be submitted to Rushmoor Borough Council around Christmas time. It was important to note that any comments made on the previous application would not be carried over to the new</p>		Existing Limits	New Consultation	Original Consultation	Total annual flights	50,000	50,000	70,000	Total annual non-weekday flights	8,900	13,500	18,900	Restricted weight category	50-80 tonnes	55-80 tonnes*	55-80 tonnes	Non-weekday flights within Restricted Weight Category	270	405	570	Non-Weekday hours	08:00-20:00	08:00-20:00	07:00-21:00
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	<p>application so residents would need to submit comments again in order for them to be considered.</p> <p>Cllr Turner reported that the Airport were looking for a new permanent location for a noise monitor and the Airport had suggested the Village Hall would be a good location. Possible locations were discussed and it was noted that the monitor would need a power supply. Cllr Turner would go back to the Airport to get some more details on proposed locations.</p>
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25/148	Tree Survey Results
	<p>It was noted that the Tree Survey had recently been carried out and the full report had been circulated. The report suggested work to four trees. One of the trees that needed work was the oak tree at Broomhill that was the subject of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). An application had been made to HDC requesting permission to carry this work out. None of the work would be done until approval had been received but in the meantime quotes would be sought for the work recommended in the survey and for some additional work to the trees in the play area.</p>

25/149	Grant Applications
	<p>A grant application had been received 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. Cllr Jennings had agreed to get some more information before a decision would be made on this and as she had not received this information a decision would be delayed until the next meeting.</p>

25/150	Review of Roles & Responsibilities														
	<p>Following the resignation of a councillor and the co-option of Cllr Stuart the roles and responsibilities that had been agreed in May needed to be reviewed.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the following responsibilities be approved:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Responsibilities</th><th>Appointment</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Traffic and Highways</td><td>Cllr Turner Cllr Morgan-Jones</td></tr> <tr> <td>Planning</td><td>Cllr Stuart</td></tr> <tr> <td>Estates</td><td>Cllr Bredin Cllr Jennings</td></tr> <tr> <td>Finance</td><td>Cllr Turner</td></tr> <tr> <td>Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)</td><td>Parish Clerk</td></tr> <tr> <td>HR and Standards</td><td>Cllr Turner Cllr Jennings</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Responsibilities	Appointment	Traffic and Highways	Cllr Turner Cllr Morgan-Jones	Planning	Cllr Stuart	Estates	Cllr Bredin Cllr Jennings	Finance	Cllr Turner	Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)	Parish Clerk	HR and Standards	Cllr Turner Cllr Jennings
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	Operational Risk Management and Contingency Planning	Cllr Morgan-Jones
	Rural High Speed Broadband Project	Cllr Morgan-Jones
	Net Zero/ Biodiversity	Cllr Morgan-Jones

25/151	Bank Reconciliation to 30 September 2025
	The RFO had produced a bank reconciliation to 30 September 2025 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.
	RESOLVED: To accept the bank reconciliation to 30 September 2025.

25/152	Q2 Summary of Receipts & Payments to 30 September 2025
	A summary of the figures for quarter two had been circulated prior to the meeting.
	RESOLVED: To approve the summary of receipts and payments for quarter two.

25/153	Approval of Payments		
	The following payments were approved:		
			POWER TO SPEND
	October 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
	Larkstel – Bin emptying (October)	£226.09	Litter Act 1983 s5-6
	NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (September)	£756.00	Open Space Act 1906 s10
	Kompan – works in the play area	£4,883.38	LG (Misc Provisions) 1976 s19
	Henry Matthews – jet washing in the play area	£282.00	LG (Misc Provisions) 1976 s19
	RMT Tree Consultancy – tree inspection	£660.00	Open Space Act 1906 s9-10
	Vision ICT – new email account	£22.00	LGA 1972 s111

25/154	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 10 November 2025.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the date of the meeting in December be changed to 15 December due to the availability of the Clerk.</p>
25/155	Any Other Business
	<p>Cllr Turner advised that a solution for the cricket equipment had not yet been found. Cllr Bredin and Cllr Turner would speak to residents to see if anyone had any suggestions.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones suggested that consideration be given to producing something such as a certificate of thanks to be given to residents that had volunteered within the community. All agreed that this was a nice idea.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.08pm.

Signed.....

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