

EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EWSHOT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr E Jennings, 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).

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Chairman that Councillor Jennings chair the meeting.

25/156	Apologies for Absence
	Cllr G Bredin (Chairman).

25/157	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 October 2025
	RESOLVED: To approve the Minutes of the meeting of Ewshot Parish Council held on 13 October 2025.

25/158	Review of the Actions/ Issues Log
	The Actions/ Issues Log was reviewed and updated.

25/159	Announcements from Chairman, Clerk and Members' Questions
	None.

25/160	District and County Council Report
	<p>Cllr Collins advised that HDC had recently had some successful prosecutions of people who had fly tipped waste. It was hoped this might deter others from doing the same.</p> <p>Cllr Parker confirmed that the new 'no right turn' restriction coming out of Aldi onto Beacon Hill Road had been installed. Vehicles were now forced to turn left and go around the roundabout.</p> <p>In response to a question Cllr Parker advised that the Safer Roads Team had been putting in place some new traffic regulation orders, mainly for new double yellow lines, to help control inconsiderate parking. One such place had been in Brandon Road where double yellow lines were needed to prevent dangerous parking by</p>

	<p>visitors to the garden centre. Cllr Stuart reported that this was also a problem along the Redfields end of Ewshot Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Morgan-Jones asked about progress with Local Government Reorganisation advising that he had recently been at a meeting where an officer from a unitary authority in the west country had advised that parish and town councils were having to pick up many services that were not being carried out by the unitary authority. Cllr Parker confirmed that all statutory responsibilities would be passed to the new unitary and would be carried out by the new unitary, but there could be a greater role for parish and town councils in providing the discretionary services.</p>
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25/161	Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations
	Cllr Stewart declared an interest in item 8(d) planning application for 6 Rose Cottages as a near neighbour to the site.

25/162	Public Participation
	None.

25/163	Planning
	<p>(a) 25/01893/OUT Dachs Lodge, Redfields Lane Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 70 retirement apartments (use class C2) together with associated access, parking, amenity space and other associated infrastructure (access and layout to be considered).</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection to this application but to request that consideration be given to requiring the installation of a zebra crossing on Redfields Lane improving access for residents to the amenities and community facilities on the other side of the road; that sufficient landscaping and screening be required along Redfields Lane to maintain the rural feel of the location; and that s106 contributions be made to Ewshot Parish Council to be used to fund projects aimed at improving biodiversity within the parish.</p> <p>(b) 25/01927/AMCON Heath Lodge, Farnham Road Application to vary Condition 3 (hours and use) of planning permission 24/01061/FUL dated 03/10/2024 - Change of use from a dwelling (Use Class C3) to a mixed use including use comprising a dwelling (Use Class C 3) and swimming pool (Use Class F2(d)).</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection to this application.</p>

	<p>(c) 25/01922/GPDCOM Titan House, Redfields Industrial Park Application for prior approval for change of use from Shop (Class E1) to 20 x studio self contained flats (Class C3) at ground and first floor.</p> <p>Councillors felt that they needed additional time to look at the plans for this application and a response would be agreed by email.</p> <p>(d) 25/02059/HOU 6 Rose Cottages, Ewshot Lane Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear oak framed orangery extension.</p> <p>It was AGREED to submit no objection to this application.</p> <p>(e) Additional planning applications received after publication of the Agenda</p> <p>25/02260/HOU Little Hurst, Church Lane Erection of a two storey and single storey front extension and detached car port with log store.</p> <p>Councillors felt that they needed additional time to look at the plans for this application and a response would be agreed by email.</p> <p>(NOTE: Cllr Stewart declared an interest in planning application (d) above for 6 Rose Cottages as a near neighbour, he remained in the room during consideration of the application but did not take part in the decision or vote.)</p>
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25/164	Highways Issues
	<p>(a) Doras Green There was nothing to update on this.</p> <p>(b) Review of the Highways Log A meeting would be set up to discuss this informally.</p> <p>(c) SID Repair or Replacement It was reported that the SID had not been working properly over the last few months and enquiries had been made with the manufacturer regarding a repair. The manufacturer had advised that the SID could be returned to them for assessment to see whether a repair would be possible and not too expensive. The cost for this service would be £72.50 including postage. It was noted that the SID had been purchased in early 2020 so may be beyond repair. Councillors felt it would be worth trying to get the SID repaired before considering whether to purchase a new device.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To return the SID to the manufacturer for assessment to see whether repair would be possible at a cost of £72.50.</p>

25/165	Hart Climate Change Engagement Group/ Net Zero Engagement Group
	<p>Cllr Morgan-Jones advised that the Hart Climate Change Emergency Group (renamed Impact Hart Engagement Group) had met on 28 October and had focused on retrofit with the Hampshire Environment Centre in attendance. He had been unable to attend but understood that it had been a very useful meeting.</p> <p>As reported at the last meeting it was noted that Cllr Morgan-Jones had obtained 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 £11,500. There were ongoing discussions about how this could be achieved.</p>

25/166	Biodiversity
	<p>Cllr Jennings advised that there had been a meeting earlier in the day with the Woodland Trust. At this meeting it had been agreed that there would be two strands to the work in this area: the first would be hedgerow development and the second woodland management.</p> <p>On hedgerow development it had been noted that the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) had advised that they had received funding which would allow them to supply whips, guards and canes for planting new hedgerow. It was thought that this would only be available for planting on public land. The Woodland Trust would be producing plans of where new hedgerow was needed in the parish to create wildlife corridors connecting existing habitats. Once these maps had been received it would be possible to see how much planting would be needed and in what location.</p> <p>Cllr Jennings had been working with four woodland landowners in the parish helping them to connect with the Woodland Trust and see what needed to be done to improve biodiversity. She hoped that once things were up and running with these landowners, others would be encouraged to get involved. She would be looking for volunteers to help do the practical work.</p>

25/167	Fibre Optic Rollout
	<p>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.</p>

25/168	Farnborough Airport
	<p>Cllr Turner advised that the next meeting of the Farnborough Airport Consultative Committee would be taking place on 20 November and he would report back with any information after that meeting.</p> <p>The Airport were still looking for a new permanent location for a noise monitor and consideration was being given to a suitable location on the recreation ground. Planning permission would be required. Once final details had been received from the Airport regarding the preferred location and the draft contract giving permission to place the noise monitor on the recreation ground had been received, the details would be shared for consideration as to whether permission would be given.</p>
25/169	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 had been requested for the work recommended in the survey and for some additional work to the trees in and around the play area.</p>
25/170	Grant Applications
	<p>It was noted that the Ewshot Village Hall Committee had withdrawn the grant application for new carpet tiles.</p> <p>An application for grant funding had been received from Fleet and District Carnival asking for support with the 2026 Carnival.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To not award a grant to Fleet and District Carnival and to keep grant funding available to more local events/facilities.</p>
25/171	Budget 2026/2027
	<p>The Clerk advised that she would soon be putting together the draft 2026/2027 budget and she requested that items for inclusion be submitted as soon as possible.</p>

25/172	Approval of Payments		
	The following payments were approved:		
			POWER TO SPEND
	November Payroll	£613.92	LGA 1972 s111
	HMRC - Tax & 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 (November)	£226.09	Litter Act 1983 s5-6
	NJL Box Green – Grass Cutting (October)	£351.60	Open Space Act 1906 s10
	HALC – Training Course for Clerk	£64.20	LGA 1972 s111

25/173	Date of Next Meeting
	It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 15 December 2025.

25/174	Any Other Business
	<p>The Clerk advised that she had made some enquires with regard to conducting a leaflet drop of all households in the parish requesting that residents sign up to the Parish Council mailing list. She had contacted a couple of private companies and one had not replied and the other advised that the area being leafleted was too small for them. The Clerk had also contacted the post office. The door to door team at the post office had advised that in order to only leaflet the parish area addresses needed to be added to the letter/leaflet. Without this the only option would be send communications filtered by postcode which would result in more people living outside the parish receiving a letter than those inside the parish. To send an a4 letter to every residential property would cost £732.28 and an a5 letter £484.31. This did not include the cost of printing the letter which would have to be organised separately. It was agreed that the quotes seemed expensive and alternatives were discussed. It was agreed to get a quote for printing the document to be delivered and then to try to find an alternative way to get these delivered which may involve finding volunteers and using the post for the harder to reach properties.</p> <p>Cllr Stuart expressed thanks on behalf of Farnham Heath End School which had been the recipient of the cricket equipment.</p>

The meeting ended at 8.09pm.

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