

Council Meeting 14th June 2021

Minutes

Hamble Parish Council, Parish Office, 2 High Street, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4JE

Meeting held at the Priory Centre, St Andrews Church, High Street, Hamble.

Present

Members: Cllr Cohen, Cllr Cross, Cllr Dann, Cllr Hand, Cllr Jones, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Palmer, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Underdown

Staff: Clerk

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1. Welcome – Chair welcomed all present especially those new to Hamble Parish Council.
 - a. Apologies – Cllr Leheis, Cllr Dann and Cllr Rolfe
 - b. Declarations of interest – None
 - c. Minutes approved – couple of changes – removal of Cllr Jones from Attendance list, Item 5 delete 'proposed Simon and' and typo item 6 'Repre4sentation'
- Proposed: Cllr Underdown Seconded: Cllr Cohen

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th May April were approved subject to the changes listed and would be signed the following day.

2. Public participation –
Two members of the public asked to speak.

The first raised issues regarding concerns about a number of Parish Councillors posting on social media, the tone and content of the messages and the lack of clarity around whether they were acting in their official capacity or not. A particular post related to a current planning application that the Planning Committee was due to consider.

The second member of the public raised the issue of anti-social behaviour in the village particularly at the allotments, Coronation Parade and the Roy Underdown Pavilion.

The Chair thanked them both for their contributions and invited them to stay for later items that might be of interest.

3. The Chair welcomed the District Commander for Eastleigh Chief Inspector Marcus Cator.

Been in post for 12 months and has been keen to find ways for the service to engage with the community. Increasing use of social media, newsletter and community based scrutiny groups aimed at providing input and challenge of keys aspects of policing. Staffing levels have increased significantly over the last twelve months from a low base and the impact of that is now being seen following intensive training and induction for new officers.

Chief Inspector Cator then addressed the following points as well as issues raised by the member of the public.

- What the Police are doing to manage anti-social behaviour in Hamble? Work on Operation Aquatics (Hamble Foreshore) has been running since November last year with a dedicated officer preparing a Partnership Plan which the following are part of:
 - Hampshire Police
 - Marine Police
 - Eastleigh Borough Council
 - Hamble River Harbour Authority
 - Hamble Parish Council

This has resulted in a number of actions from signage, youth engagement, high visibility policing and regular patrols from Police and other agencies at high-risk times – high tides/high temperatures. Officers from across the district are being offered overtime to cover Hamble during these periods to ensure adequate policing.

In addition, the recent issue of large numbers of young people using the rail network to come into the village has been reduced by the British Transport Police and Network Rail working together to ensure that trains don't stop at Netley or Hamble when there is a known problem.

The Police have also used high visibility vehicles parked in prominent locations to act as a deterrent and the Lifeboat Building is being used as a touch down base for Police when they are on the patch.

Given this Chief Inspector Cator was keen to see more engagement with young people. Park Sport this year is focused at those locations where there is a high incidence of reporting and known problems and should help to provide construction diversionary activities.

- What else can be done?

There needs to be a continuation of partnership working as no agency holds the answer to ASB and the issues Hamble are witnessing. Use of Dispersal Orders has not been necessary and there is a reluctance to use them as they are fine based which is an unsuccessful approach to managing minors as fines are not enforceable (same issue we have with Bye Laws).

There is a reluctance to see young people prosecuted and generally the Youth Offending Team will look at alternatives to custodial sentences as the impact of a conviction at an early age has profound and long-lasting implications for individuals.

- What could the Parish Council and other councils do to help?

Welcome the work carried out already and keen to see the Council help to reinforce key messages with the community. The main one is that neighbourhood policing follows crime reporting. Call volumes for Hamble are low – typically 20/30 per monthly of which 10 – 15 relate to ASB. This is similar to the volume of calls per day in Eastleigh. Resources will follow the areas with highest levels of reports.

Recognition was given to the constraints and frustrations with the telephone 101 but response times are now much improved with many answered within target times. That said the system is less responsive during peak busy periods.

People should be encouraged to either use 999 where a crime is taking place – including ASB or reports can be made via the website

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/contact-us-to-discuss-something-else/>. He also provided a link for Councillors and staff to use which was

circulated separately.

- What should residents do?

Residents should be encouraged to report more frequently when issues occur in the community. Social media is not a reporting tool for the Police and although it does generate interesting discussions it is not used for intelligence gathering.

The following questions were raised by Councillors.

- What advice is available for secured by design for community spaces

Crime Prevention Officers will be holding a surgery on 5th July to provide free advice on a range of measures.

- How useful is CCTV ?
Residents should be encouraged to register CCTV cameras with Hampshire Alert :
https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/da/364698/Help_Us_To_Fight_Crime_REGISTER_YOUR_HOME_OR_BUSINESS_CCTV.html. This creates a network of cameras that prove useful in crime detection. This is often more effective than fixed CCTV which is very expensive and unaffordable both in equipment and staff costs. Very expensive to operate and maintain.
- Are drug and alcohol the main drivers of crime and ASB in Hamble?
Drugs are rife generally although there is not a drug problem in Hamble. Police focus on disrupting drug networks rather than focusing on individual users. Alcohol is an issue in the village and has been for a long time. Use of Nitrogen Oxide is also common place but not illegal or something that the Police will be involved in unless they are being traded.
- A local problem with a residential property continues to be a problem – Councillor invited to submit a Community Partnership Information Sharing form.

A number of Councillors then provided feedback and thanks to the Chief Inspector and his team on the improvements seen in the level of Policing over the last few weeks and preparedness for the summer. The improvements at the Foreshore were noticeable as a result.

Chief Inspector Cator concluded his session although stayed to hear the discussion on the Hampshire Constabulary Advisory Group.

He was thanked for his time and efforts and offered an open invitation to attend future meetings.

4. Representation on Hampshire Constabulary Independent Advisory Group – Cllr Palmer was asked to outline how he saw this group benefiting the village and in the light of that it was agreed to include it on the list of outside bodies.
Proposed: Cllr Hand Seconded: Cllr Underdown

Unanimously agreed to include the Hampshire Constabulary Independent Advisory Group on the list of outside bodies with Cllr Palmer as the representative.

5. Cali Sparks EBC regarding the relaxation of regulations for businesses to use public spaces - Hamble Foreshore
This item was deleted from the agenda as none of the effected parties had indicated that they would attend.
6. Project Initiation document - Bin store relocation at Hamble Foreshore
Project Manager outlined the detail of the project and the work already carried out by the Head Groundsman. The project now ready to commission with elements still needing to be resolved including discussions with the Beach Hut but that these could take place after the new bin was in place.

Proposed: Cllr Underdown

Seconded: Cllr Hand

And all agreed

To approve expenditure of £15,000 for the purchase of three metroSTOR PBM at a cost of £2,199.75 + vat each, and enabling measures.

To note the discussions with the Beach Hut Café about the use of and contribution to costs of the new bin stores.

To approve the removal of the existing bins and the relocation of the replacement bench from the recent insurance claim in the space vacated

7. Feedback from EBC team meeting
Cllr Cross highlighted the local market initiative and what was due to happen next.
8. Consultation on the Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan Modifications 9th June – 21st July 2021
Cllr Underdown outlined the key messages from the recent meeting that had been arranged for Parish Councils by EBC. The modifications will be discussed by the Planning Committee and brought back to the next meeting for approval before submission.
9. Clerk's report including:
Reopening of the office
Delivery of village newsletter and delay to its review (complete 12 months)
Annual Parish Meeting - new meeting date
Insurance claim updates
Use of the Donkey Derby Field – 23rd – 27th June 2021

Signed

Date

The content of the report was noted and the Communications Working Group were asked to consider options for future delivery of the newsletter to come back to the next meeting.

10. Project List

Council agreed the list of projects set out in the report.

11. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

Propose: Cllr Cross Seconded: Cllr Underdown

And all agreed

To approve the Annual Governance Statement set out on page 4

To approve the Accounting Statements set out on page 5

12. End of year audit

Council noted the recommendations in the report and the work to ensure compliance. Further work will be carried out over the summer on the recommendation of this report and the March audit.

Proposed: Cllr Hand Seconded: Cllr Underdown

All agreed to note the end of year audit recommendations and receive an update report in September on progress.

13. Payments and reconciliations

Cllr Underdown queried a payment of £3,000 for professional services at Mount Pleasant. It was agreed that the Clerk would go back to Cllr Underdown outside of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Hand Seconded: Cllr Ryan

The list of payments was approved and signed by the Chair.

The bank reconciliation reports were also received and signed by the Chair for April and May 2021

Meeting ended at 20.57