

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2015 AT THE ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION, COLLEGE PLAYING FIELDS, BARON ROAD, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr I Underdown – Chairman
Cllr S Hand - Vice Chairman
Cllr M Atkinson
Cllr S Cohen
Cllr M Cross
Cllr M Davies
Cllr S Hamel
Cllr E Lear
Cllr W Pepper
Cllr M Venables

In attendance

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council
Judy Hickman - Minutes Secretary
Ramesh Kolli & Nigel Parry – Friends Cricket Club
Chris Ward & Jan Pearson – Hamble Allotments Society

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Angela and Clive Fish.

382/102/15

To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cohen declared membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Lear declared an interest in Planning. Cllr Hand declared two dispensations, relating to the Dinghy Park and Foreshore and concerning the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in Hamble Club Football Club. Cllr Davies declared an interest in the Hamble allotments. Cllr Hamel declared an interest in Planning, and a dispensation relating to the Dinghy Park and Foreshore.

383/102/15

To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 October 2015

Cllr Hand queried minute no. 368/101/15, regarding delegation of powers to the Staff and Salaries Committee. The record would be checked prior to approval. Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Allotment Holders and the Exempt Council meeting held on 12 October 2015 as a true record

384/102/15

Public Session

Chris Ward (Chairman, Hamble Allotments Society) had sent information to the Council following discussions at the meeting on 12 October. She did not wish to add anything further.

Friends Cricket Club

Cllr Underdown referred to an appeal from the Friends Cricket Club (FCC) relating to the use of the facilities at the College Playing Fields, a matter that needed to be discussed at a full Council meeting and it was on the agenda at this meeting. He was surprised at some of the information and said there was a need to review the Council cricket facilities. He was unaware of changes that had occurred and still thought that two teams played, one from Hamble and one from outside the village. Former parish councillor David Tyrell had set up the Hamble Cricket Club and promoted local facilities. Cllr Underdown was under the impression that Friends was a renaming of the Hamble Cricket Club which was incorrect. He asked how many players were Hamble residents. **Ramesh Kolli** explained that one of the Hamble clubs had dropped a team and they thought it was better to maintain a team. 5 players were Hamble residents. FCC wanted to encourage youngsters, and hoped to set up facilities for football, cricket and tennis for the under-9s. The other club struggled because GE removed its support and with other issues. FCC was growing.

385/102/15

Planning and Development Control

a) To consider any planning applications

N/15/77276 – Notification of intent to reduce 2 branches overhanging the cemetery by 6-8m from 1no. Oak at Watermans Cottage, School Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4JD

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Pepper seconded, a majority agreed, and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with the arboriculturist, subject to minimum work being carried out.

**Clerk
386/102/15**

S/15/77163 – Consultation on application for a Marine Licence for maintenance dredging at Port Hamble Marina, Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice

Cllr Hand believed the planning authority had concerns about noise. Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Pepper seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers, but to make a comment on the issue of noise.

**Clerk
387/102/15**

C/15/77331 – Single storey extensions, porch canopy and first floor extension including balconies and parapet walls creating additional living accommodation at 16 Crowsport, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4HG

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers.

**Clerk
388/102/15**

b) Planning Correspondence

Cllr Pepper referred to a letter from EBC regarding planning application number O/15/77121. Outline Application for up to 182 no. dwellings and associated landscaping, open space and infrastructure, and diversion of public right of way, with access from Bursledon Road. (all matters reserved except for access). Location: Land South Of Bursledon Road. He said the Council should respond.

Although Cllr Hamel thought it had been distributed on 9th October, the office did not receive it until the 26th. Cllr Cohen said the Council might have been left off the list of consultees as the application lay outside the parish. The Local Area Committee was due to meet on 5th November; therefore Council comments were needed before the next meeting. As this proposal was important for local residents, Cllr Cohen proposed, Cllr Underdown seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to arrange a special Council meeting to discuss the application and reach a decision before 5th November.

**Clerk
389/102/15**

Finance

a) To receive bank and petty cash reconciliations for September 2015

Petty Cash - £15.92

Barclays Current (70978787) - £132,710.75

Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the bank and petty cash reconciliations for September 2015.

390/102/15

b) To receive the September 2015 Salary Journal

Cllr Atkinson proposed, Cllr Davies seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the September 2015 salary journal.

391/102/15

Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project

The Clerk reported that Hamble Lifeboat Ltd had removed the fencing around the building which was now exposed. There had been one or two incidents of petty vandalism to the front. He had not heard anything from the Trustees nor received a section completion certificate or a practical completion certificate. The grounds staff had done some work in the area and would reinstall the noticeboard and reinstate the hose tap for the dinghy park. Dinghy park spaces had been mapped out. There had been no response from the Trustees regarding payment of the Council's invoice. Cllr Pepper asked whether there was a completion date and said the Council should put pressure on the Trustees. Cllr Underdown commented that after the site visit councillors had agreed that they could not make a fair comment until work to fix the deficiencies had been completed. He thought the removal of the fencing had created trip hazards. Cllr Pepper commented that the prime objective for the Council should be to get the toilets finished and reopened. Cllr Venables thought it was time for

the Council to write again to the Trustees and find out the timetable for completion. Cllr Pepper proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that the Clerk should write to the Trustees of Hamble Lifeboat Ltd stating that the works were their responsibility and asking for a completion date. Cllr Hamel said the Trustees should also be requested to meet with the Council to discuss the snagging list and some of the issues raised during the Council's visit.

Clerk
52/21/15

To consider the provision of Cricket facilities at the College Playing Fields

Cllr Underdown said the Council had developed a policy for sports including cricket, to provide sports facilities, with Hamble teams having priority and to provide for outside teams if economical viable and this was not detrimental to parishioners. He was unaware that there had been a change in the cricket circumstances in that no Hamble team was using the facilities. He outlined various costs and told councillors that if the grounds staff were not preparing pitches the Council would not have to contract out any grass cutting, saving around £6-7,000 per year.

The Clerk reported that at the start of the season both FCC and Bursledon were booked to play, but the Bursledon club folded in May. FCC had 13 fixtures. In August the Council received an application from Old Netley and Highfield Cricket Club (ON&H) to use the pitches for three Saturdays in August. Another enquiry was received from Sporting Wessex. ON&H were currently using Fleming Park but could not do so in 2016 and had offered a guaranteed booking of 18 fixtures with a 25% deposit. There was a long discussion about costs, various teams (including GE clubs) and usage of the facilities. Cllr Hamel asked Mr Kolli how many fixtures FCC would have in 2016. Mr Kolli said 13, but there was another team interested in sharing with them. FCC was currently in Hampshire League Division 1, with 17-18 games per season. He wanted to encourage Sunday cricket to bring in young players. This would involve another ten weeks. FCC could provide the same guarantees as ON&H. After further discussion about the viability of providing cricket facilities in Hamble, Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Hamel seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that Hamble Parish Council should continue to provide facilities for cricket at the College Playing Fields.

392/102/15

Details of bookings were then discussed. Cllr Venables queried renegeing on the agreement with ON&H. The Clerk had already written to say there was a dispute. He and the Head Groundsman had made a decision on a commercial basis. The Head Groundsman had spoken to FCC but there was no concrete evidence that a second team from FCC would be forthcoming next season. Mr Kolli commented that FCC had been promoted to the first division of the Hampshire League last season, a large league with 500 teams. The League liked the higher teams to have preferential consideration, and players enjoyed visiting Hamble. FCC had not been asked about a deposit, but was prepared to match the ON&H offer. Cllr Atkinson proposed, Cllr Hamel seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to offer the use of the cricket facilities at College Playing Fields in 2016 to Friends Cricket Club on the basis of 18 fixtures, and a 25% deposit: with the proviso that the Club tries to bring in extra matches and encourages youth involvement. It might help to establish communication with the Ageas Bowl community cricket programme.

Cllr Underdown thanked Mr Kolli and Mr Parry for attending and hoped they felt their appeal had been dealt with fairly. Both FCC representatives indicated they were and Mr Parry said that FCC had been good customers and had thought they were valued, so were disappointed at having to make an appeal. He said he was now satisfied with the Council's treatment of the club.

393/102/15

The Hamble Parish Allotments

a) To receive a request to consider allowing bonfires at the allotment gardens

The Allotment Society had sent a proposal regarding the disposal of waste material using incinerators. The Society was happy to comply with any rules brought in by the Council regarding times/days. Chris Ward said about 10 out of 20 allotment holders had expressed an interest in buying an incinerator. There was some discussion about Council policy on bonfires. Cllr Cohen suggested including a condition that only plant debris should be burnt and no material should be imported. Cllr Hamel proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to grant permission for the Hamble Allotment Society members to use incinerators to burn plant material on site. This was conditional on the Society discussing the rules with the Clerk. The draft rules would be brought back to the Council for agreement.

Clerk
394/102/15

b) To receive a request to consider allowing sheds at the allotment gardens

A document giving details of the proposed type of shed had been circulated. The Clerk made it clear

that if sheds were erected on site this would be at the allotment holders' own risk. Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Hamel seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED in principle to allow sheds at the allotment gardens, This was conditional on the Society discussing the rules with the Clerk and they were in accordance with the proposals submitted. The draft rules would be brought back to the Council for agreement

Clerk
395/102/15

To consider the following matters arising

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Secure Storage

The Working Party had met and asked the Clerk and Head Groundsman to obtain three quotations to enable the Council to seek planning permission.

239/81/12

Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive

The Clerk was due to meet with officers and the Area Co-ordinator the following week.

205/61/13

Public Toilets Water Bill

There was no further progress, but another invoice had been received.

239/62/15

Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

The Clerk would contact Joanne Calcutt to get the artist's recommendations for maintenance. Cllr Hamel understood there was a maintenance schedule already and asked if any work had been done during the winter following installation. Cllr Hamel proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that the Council should immediately fill the splits and apply a coat of preservative.

Clerk
273/71/15

Parish Council Out of Hours (OOH) contacts

The Clerk had spoken to the groundstaff who were unwilling to make their personal contact details available out of hours. Some discussion about the alarm systems followed and the Chairman said a procedure was still required.

Clerk
276/71/15

Hamble Footpath 5

Awaiting information from the Commodore of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

275/71/15

Barclays Bank in Hamble-le-Rice

The Chairman and Clerk had met with representatives of Barclays Bank, who told them at the beginning of the meeting that this was only to explain the reasons and process for the closure. The Council's own banking concerns would be dealt with via the business manager. They said their customers had been informed how to manage their accounts and provided figures showing that business at the bank had declined. The Council reiterated Hamble's special circumstances, including diversity of local population and organisations. In particular they highlighted that the Post Office was an inadequate alternative because of long queues and parking problems. Customers were complaining to the Council. An alternative facility was needed for certain issues such as proof of identity. Barclays had offered to send a representative to the village market at the Memorial Hall fortnightly or monthly (although the Clerk thought this would be for a limited time). Barclays said they would look at how to improve the closure process for Hamble customers. The Clerk reported that Barclays own their building, and he had asked for first refusal for the Council in the event of disposal.

327/91/15

The Well Lane Footpath Spur

A document had been received from the Land Registry. The Clerk said the Council's solicitors advised that there were significant amounts of work to be done to prove that over the last 12 years the Council had undertaken management control and to demonstrate that there was an ongoing commitment to ensure that other people did not try to manage or control the land. This was difficult to achieve with a public right of way through the land.

330/91/15

To authorise the Clerk to deal with correspondence relating to Council matters including:-

a. From Eastleigh Borough Council

EBC Implementation and Design Team – Public Art Strategy - noted.

396/102/15

b. From Hampshire County Council

None received.

397/102/15

c. Other correspondence

Further letter from a parishioner concerned about model aircraft flying – there was some discussion about where flying was taking place and various regulations. Since some aircraft were being launched from the cricket field which is under Parish Council jurisdiction, Cllr Venables suggested stipulating what can and cannot happen on Council land. The costs of erecting a sign would be investigated.

Clerk

Correspondence from a parishioner regarding overhanging vegetation in the High Street – the Clerk had spoken to the agent who had assured him that the project to revitalise and rebuild The Anchorage would begin within the next 6-8 weeks, and they would deal with the overhanging vegetation.

At the next meeting an issue would be brought forward regarding exercising of dogs in the multi-use games area.

398/102/15**Exempt Business**

The Chairman proposed, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded.

399/102/15

The matters to be discussed were as follows:-

The Hamble Football Club lease discussions.
The provision of a Trip Boat at the Hamble Foreshore.
Several personnel matters.
The Staff and Salaries Working Party.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.