

HAMBLE-LE-RICE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 12th DECEMBER 2016 AT THE ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION,
COLLEGE PLAYING FIELDS, BARON ROAD, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AT 7.00 PM**

Present

Cllr S Hand – Chairman
Cllr S Cohen – Vice Chairman
Cllr I James
Cllr D Phillips
Cllr D Rolfe
Cllr S Schofield
Cllr I Underdown

In Attendance

Mr B Gibbs – Clerk to the Council
Mrs J Panakis – Minutes Secretary
Sgt Mark O’Hanlon

To Receive Apologies for Absence

503/121/16 Apologies had been received from Cllr C Palmer, Cllr P Beach, Cllr M Cross, Cllr G Woodall and Cllr T Hughes.

Declaration of Interest

504/121/16 Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park, and the River Hamble. Cllr Hand declared a dispensation relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park, and membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Cohen declared a dispensation regarding membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr James declared an interest in the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

Dispensation Requests

505/121/16 Cllr I James has requested a dispensation regarding membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club and Cllr G Woodall has also requested a dispensation regarding membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, the majority agreed (Cllr James abstained) and IT WAS RESOLVED to approve these dispensations.

To Accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th November 2016

506/121/16 Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Rolfe seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th November 2016 as a true record. These were then signed by the Chairman.

To Accept the Minutes of the Burial Ground Committee held on 14th November 2016

507/121/16 Following discussion, it was agreed that the information on Page 2, concerning past residents who had moved to a nursing or rest home prior to their deaths needed further clarification. The

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Clerk was asked to make the necessary alterations and put the minutes on the agenda of the next meeting.

CLERK

Public Session

508/121/16 Sgt O’Hanlon informed the meeting that the new beat officer for the Hamble area was PC Penny Young. PC Young is a very experienced officer, having worked with one of the response teams for the last 10 years. She was now learning her new role. The Clerk was asked to invite her to a future Parish Council meeting.

CLERK

509/121/16 Sgt O’Hanlon spoke to the meeting about HYPE. The local Parish Councils supporting this initiative had been asked to continue giving funding. Hamble School will be withdrawing its support for HYPE and consequently they would be unable to use their premises in future. Hamble Parish Council has been approached about using one of their venues, and the Roy Underdown Pavilion with its sporting facilities in the grounds would make it attractive as a venue. Sgt O’Hanlon felt that, if HYPE used Hamble Parish Council’s premises there would be aspects which needed careful consideration and management. It is probable that there will be an increase in complaints of noise from local residents. In addition there may be behaviour problems and possibly damage or abuse of facilities. He recommended that there needed to be a clear understanding between HYPE and the Parish Council as to how such problems would be dealt with.

Local Authorities have responsibilities to provide youth activities in their area, and it was particularly important here as it is semi-rural, plus there are pockets of social deprivation in the other Parish areas which is covered by the HYPE initiative. Often these young people came to the attention of the Police merely through boredom, rather than intentional criminal behaviour and the HYPE project helped to prevent this.

Sgt O’Hanlon, at the request of Councillors, gave information on the youth initiatives in the Hedge End/Botley/West End Parish Council areas, which was notably different to HYPE. There was a lot of community engagement in that area including use of community premises. They also employed a dedicated youth worker and had the use of 2 dedicated premises in Hedge End and West End.

Councillors enquired about the demographics of young people using HYPE. It was thought that approximately a third came from Hamble. Not many appeared to come from Netley at this present time although attendance is largely dictated by peer groups and therefore was subject to change. He suggested that it may be possible to obtain a grant from Eastleigh Borough Council as they had a responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act to help ameliorate anti-social behaviour in the area.

Cllr Hand thanked Sgt O’Hanlon for his presentation and asked that he convey to the Divisional Superintendent the Parish Council’s thanks for allowing PCSO Phil Davenport to help with Hamble Community Policing whilst the Parish was without its own beat constable.

Sgt O’Hanlon left the meeting at 7.37 pm

Planning and Development Control

To consider any Planning Applications

510/121/16 There were no Planning Applications for the Council to consider.

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To receive any Planning Decisions and Matters at Appeal

511/121/16 Information on Planning Appeal for 57 Coach Road, Hamble-Le-Rice, Southampton SO31 4LA. This was retrospective permission for a 2m high double gates and wall along front and side boundaries and partial variation of condition 1 of planning permission F/13/72898. Appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal for Planning permission as described. The Clerk said that he had re-submitted the Council's previous objections and asked whether Councillors wished any further objections added: they did not.

Finance

512/121/16 To receive the Bank and Petty Cash reconciliations for October 2016. Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Hand seconded and all agreed, and IT WAS RESOLVED that the Bank and Petty Cash reconciliations October 2016 be accepted. **CLERK**

513/121/16 To receive the October 2016 Salary Journal. Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Hand seconded, and all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that the October 2016 Salary Journal be accepted. **CLERK**

514/121/16 The Clerk informed the Council that he was still working on the Budget and Charges for 2017/18, incorporating changes requested following the last discussion. This work will be completed and presented at the next Parish Council meeting. **CLERK**

515/121/16 The Precept for 2017-18. The Clerk circulated information from Eastleigh Borough Council regarding the current tax base for the Parish, from which the precept figure for the following financial year was calculated. This provided a yield of £216,934.09. In addition, Central Government provided a Council Tax Support grant of £11,928.68. If the Parish Council decided not to increase in their precept this would provide £228,862.77 income for the Council for the next financial year. The Council discussed whether increasing the precept was desirable. The Clerk confirmed that there had been no increase since 2012/13 financial year and this had been initiated by the auditor recommending that the Council hold, at the least, 6 months of reserves (and at that time reserves had been lower than this). The Clerk reminded the Council that they had resolved to contribute £40,000 towards the improvements at Coronation Parade and there was still the continuing issue of having to fund temporary toilets on the foreshore. Cllr Hand said that he was keen that the precept not be increased. Cllr Cohen suggested that the Council review their revenue income to ascertain if income generation could be improved. The Council would discuss this again at the next Council meeting. **CLERK**

516/121/16 Orders for Payment for December 2016. The Council queried the £2,383 expenditure for work on the heating of the Roy Underdown Pavilion. The Clerk explained that there had been an initial problem with the heating system and whilst repairs were being made engineers found several other things needed to be replaced.

Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Hand seconded, and all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that the December 2016 Orders for Payment be approved.

Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project

52/21/15 Cllr Hand reported that he had been informed that there was now a date for the commencement of work on the toilets: 3rd January 2017. He was aware of the contractors selected to complete this work and he knew that they had a good reputation. Cllr Hand had been asked when discussions on the signing of the lease could recommence: the Council agreed that this could be

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addressed once the work on the toilets had been satisfactorily completed. The Clerk was requested to obtain a schedule of work from the Lifeboat Trustees. **CLERK**

The Clerk had circulated a document showing the expenditure incurred by the Parish Council as a result of the inadequate construction of the toilet block. This has been provided to the Lifeboat Trustees so that they were aware of the scale of these costs and that the Parish Council would be looking for recompense for this amount when the Lifeboat Trustees obtained their legal settlement from the original contractors.

Neighbourhood Plan

233/52/16 Cllr Cohen reported that a further meeting was required before this could be progressed further.

HYPE

517/121/16 Cllr Schofield is the Council's representative to this body: she confirmed that she was happy to pass on the Parish Council's comments following Sgt O'Hanlon's presentation at the beginning of the meeting. Cllr Schofield reminded the Council that HYPE will need to know as soon as possible whether they will be receiving Hamble Parish Council's grant contribution. As HYPE will shortly be unable to use Hamble School premises, there is no time to make any new decisions on its future, and whether to consider any new models of operation. Consultation with Bursledon and Hound Parish Councils would also be necessary to ascertain their longer term vision of this provision. Cllr Phillips (also representing the Parish at HYPE) apologised that she was unable to attend the next HYPE meeting.

Cricket at the College Playing Fields

518/121/16 The Clerk informed the Council that in the last year there had been two clubs playing cricket at the College Playing Fields but both had now informed the Council that they would not be using the pitch next season. Richard Clarke had contacted the Southampton Evening Cricket League and the Hampshire Cricket League asking if any other of their teams were looking for a venue: the result had been negative. The Clerk said that the Council needed to make a decision about the future of the pitch. Unfortunately, the pitch was not of a good enough standard to be used by higher league teams. The Clerk said that, although unwelcome, this situation presented an opportunity for cost savings to be made as a cricket pitch takes a lot of time and money to maintain alongside the Parish Council owning items of ground maintenance specifically to care for the pitch. It was also noted that the Council contracted out the grass cutting of other recreational areas that could now be maintained "in-house". It was decided that the Council would preserve and maintain the square of the pitch for the forthcoming year, and look at a decision after that period. **CLERK**

Christmas Festivities at Hamble December 2017

519/121/16 The Clerk reported that the Council had received a lot of complaints regarding the tree in Hamble Square. The tree had subsequently been vandalised with the damage having been rectified. The Clerk informed the Council that, in order to organise all aspects of the tree in December, work had to start in January each year. This includes testing the electrical connections and equipment by a contract electrician, ensuring there was sufficient insurance cover and ordering a tree. Suggestions were made about relocating the tree. The Clerk reported that that would require organising a new electrical supply point. This issue would be reconsidered early in the New Year. **CLERK**

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Travel Token Working Party

520/121/16 The Clerk reported that the Working Party had yet to meet. There were fewer applications this year.

Reports from the Clerk

226/52/16 Coronation Parade Improvements: The Clerk reported that he had informed Eastleigh Borough Council that Hamble Parish Council had approved their contribution to these improvements. Eastleigh Borough Council had agreed that they would invoice the Parish Council upon completion of the project.

360/91/16 Foreshore Waste Bins: The bins will be removed in early January. The Clerk was liaising with the Beach Hut Café to ensure that their new waste disposal arrangements coincided with the removal of the Parish Council bins. Cllr Phillips asked about the costs of providing replacement bins: this would be reported at the next Parish Council meeting. **CLERK**

428/101/16 Hamble Foreshore Dinghy Park: The Clerk reported that the charges had increased and the new Terms and Conditions will be circulated to Councillors as soon as possible. **CLERK**

475/111/16 Donkey Derby Field Allocations 2017: these have been agreed. Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Cohen seconded and IT WAS RESOLVED that this item could now be closed. **CLERK**

477/111/16 CPF Storage Building Construction Project: The Clerk reported that he had been in contact with S & E Building Control Partnership and the Building Control document had been included in the Council's papers for information. Work is scheduled to commence on 9th January 2017.

Hamble River Valley Forum

521/121/16 A report from Cllr Underdown had been circulated with the Council's papers for the meeting. The latest information on the progress of the English Coastal Path was noted.

Hamble Estuary Partnership

522/121/16 A report from Cllr Underdown had been circulated with the Council's papers for the meeting. Cllr Underdown reported the main agenda item was on planning issues relating to the river and its valley, with those authorities with planning responsibilities invited and attending this meeting. This was as the result of concerns being expressed that the authorities were dealing with planning issues relating to the Hamble River and its valley focused on their own responsibilities and did not appear to co-operate with one another. As a consequence there did not seem to be an overall plan for the river.

To Authorise the Clerk to Deal with Correspondence relating to Council Matters, including

From Eastleigh Borough Council

523/121/16 Correspondence regarding a planning appeal notices relating to a property in Coach Road: this had already been discussed (item **511/121/16**).

524/121/16 Eastleigh Borough Council Public Meeting Schedule for 2017: this was noted.

525/121/16 Correspondence from the Head of Finance regarding the 2017-18 precept: this had already been discussed (item **515/121/16**).

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From Hampshire County Council

526/121/16 None had been received.

Other correspondence

527/121/16 Correspondence from the Department for Communities and Local Government regarding Open Water Safety. This related to such locations as gravel pits or lakes: Hamble Parish Council had none of these features in the Parish. This was noted.

528/121/16 Correspondence from various Parishioners concerning the 2016 Festive Lighting arrangements and the Hamble Square Christmas Tree. This had already been discussed (**519/121/16**).

All correspondence had been replied to.

Exempt Business

529/121/16 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.

The matter to be discussed is as follows: Confidential correspondence from Hampshire Constabulary.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

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