

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Monday 12th October 2020 at 7.00pm

Held virtually due to coronavirus restrictions

Present: Councillors: S. Hand (Chair), Cllr Cohen (Vice Chair), M Cross, T. Dann, S. Hayward, J. Nesbitt-Bell, M. Nicholson, S. Schofield, A. Thompson, and I. Underdown

Officers: The Clerk & Deputy Clerk

The minute reference for each item is 12102020 + the agenda item number

Welcome

1a Apologies for absence - Councillor Rolfe.

1b Declarations of interest and approved dispensations

Cllr Hand declared an interest in connection with the grant application submitted by Hamble Good Neighbours and Cllr Cross declared an interest in items relating to planning applications.

1c To approve the minutes of previous meetings

Several amendments to the draft Minutes were agreed. The amended Minutes will be presented for approval at the November meeting.

2 Public Session - No members of the public joined the meeting.

3. Grant Applications:

Cllr Hand took no part in discussions or vote on the grant application for Hamble Good Neighbours. Cllr Cohen, took over as Chair for this item.

Hamble Good Neighbours

Application for a Grant of £1500 to provide additional support and an out-reach programme for vulnerable residents living alone or shielding due to the corona virus (e.g. Feel good Fridays) on top of the normal transport service provided by the volunteers.

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Cllr Hand resumed as Chair of the meeting.

Victim Support

A grant application for £150 was considered by the Council.

Citizens Advice

The report from Citizens Advice was noted.

4 Request for a small grant from Mercury Area Residents Association

The Mercury Area Residents had written to the Council requesting a contribution of £150 towards the cost of a skip for its Autumn clear up day.

Items 3 and 4 above were considered together and the Council decided in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, it should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure to award. The Council RESOLVED to award grants of: £1,000 to Hamble Good Neighbours, £150 to Victim Support, and £150 towards cost of a skip for the Mercury Area Residents Association Autumn clear up day.

5 Appointments to Committees

IT WAS RESOLVED To appoint Cllr Nicholson to the Review Panel, Planning Committee and the Communication Working Group.

6 Recommendations from Committees

The Council noted the decision under the Clerk's delegated authority to appoint of Grahame Rob Associates to undertake an organisational survey and feedback to the Personnel Committee at a cost of £750.

7 Community Investment Projects update

Cllr Schofield pointed out the skate park figure should be £150,000 not £1,500,000. Cllr Cohen asked about the car park for Hamble Halt Station and suggested this project is given a higher priority as it will benefit the whole peninsula.

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Cllr Thompson raised concerns about the lack of progress safeguarding the gun emplacement which is being eroded by the sea.

Cllr Underdown suggested BP may be able to offer a secure storage site for the bo-fors gun.

8 Budget Process and timetable

The Clerk's report and timetable were noted. The project to redevelop the Mount Pleasant pavilion, skate park and play equipment was discussed. It was felt the project should be moved forward in the near future whilst there is still the possibility of government loans at a favourable rate.

9 Financial Reports

- a. Payments for approval
- b. Income Shortfall.

The Council noted the Chair has decided bank reconciliations will now be provided every quarter rather than monthly.

The Clerk gave a brief verbal overview of the losses and additional expenses caused by the covid-19 pandemic. A detailed report will be presented at the next Council meeting.

It Was Resolved to approve the list of payments.

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