

**Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 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 Cross  
Cllr C Fish  
Cllr S Hamel  
Cllr W Pepper  
Cllr M Venables

**In attendance**

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council  
Judy Hickman - Minutes Secretary  
Diccon Bright – BHH Local Area Co-ordinator, Eastleigh Borough Council  
Andrew Simpson – YMCA, Botley  
Reverend Graham Whiting – St Andrews Church, Hamble-le-Rice  
Jeanette Symes - parishioner

**To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Angela Fish, Cllr Cohen, Cllr Lear, Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Davies.

**427/113/15**

**To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hamel declared an interest in Planning, a dispensation relating to the Foreshore and membership of the Hamble River Sailing Club. Cllr Hand declared dispensations relating to the Dinghy Park and Foreshore and (re footpath 5) membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and the Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in the Hamble Club Football Club.

**428/113/15**

**To accept the minutes of the Council meetings held on 2 and 9 November 2015 and the Foreshore users meeting held on 9 November 2015**

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Council meetings held on 2 and 9 November 2015 and the Annual Foreshore Users meeting held on 9 November 2015 as a true record.

**429/113/15**

**Public Session**

**Reverend Graham Whiting** welcomed the opportunity to attend as an observer and find out about issues under discussion.

**430/113/15**

**To receive a report from Diccon Bright regarding HYPE (Hamble Young Person's Experience)**

Mr Bright's report had been circulated. Hampshire County Council had not indicated its funding for youth services in 2016/17 but was likely to continue the current provision for the first six months. He gave councillors more information about the range of services provided at HYPE and the benefits, particularly the sessions for young people with autism and Aspergers. He reported on successful outcomes, including entry into training and employment. The service was reaching around 4-500 young people every month. Some came from outside the area but had a connection with the peninsula, such as students at Hamble College. Mr Bright had asked for a financial contribution from Southampton City Council but had received no response. HYPE services needed to be made more sustainable, and he hoped to make a bid to an EU employment fund. Mr Bright asked the Council to consider extending its funding for HYPE at least for the first six months of the next financial year.

Mr Andrew Simpson said the services were also very important to the YMCA. HYPE provided a place of safety for young people, where they could talk to youth workers and obtain advice, both from staff and external agencies. Cllr Underdown asked about costs relating to the HYPE building.

Mr Bright explained that a few years ago HCC (the building's owners) arranged some funding to the School to pay for running costs of around £4000 per year. This might change because of funding cuts at HCC. No contribution should be expected from Hamble Community College because schools were under funding pressure. Solid core funding was needed and was likely to be readily available only from the parishes and the LAC. Smaller grants could be sought for particular projects but this was unreliable. Mr Simpson said there were not many funding streams that could help keep the doors open, as most funders wanted to see an outcome. Cllr Hamel asked about young carers. Mr Simpson did not have any figures to hand, but said there was no specific young carers' group. In response to a question from Cllr Pepper about concerns raised by the Head teacher regarding money going to the school, Mr Bright said there was some misunderstanding. All the money for HYPE was passed to the YMCA as the provider of the service. Cllr Underdown asked about outreach work. Mr Simpson said this took place on Tuesday evenings. HYPE also worked with the local police and parish clerks. A significant number of people were being met and issues discussed.

Cllr Underdown proposed that Hamble Parish Council should allocate £5,000 to HYPE for the six months to October 2016, with the proviso that they continue to seek other sources of funding. Cllr Hamel proposed (supported by a letter from Cllr Lear) that the Parish Council should fund the whole year, because the situation with Hampshire County Council was uncertain and Eastleigh Borough Council wanted to commit to HYPE. Cllr Underdown then proposed, Cllr Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to grant £10,000 to HYPE for the year 2016-17.

431/113/15

### **Planning and Development Control**

#### **a) To consider any planning applications**

*F/15/77464 - Temporary siting of portable office accommodation for a period of 3 years at Mercury Marina, Satchell Lane, Hamble-Le-Rice, SO31 4HQ and F/15/77471 - Continued siting of 2 no. temporary sales offices for a further period of three years at Huntsman Road, Hamble Point Marina, Hamble. SO31 4ND*

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers, but express reservations about the renewing of temporary permissions.

**Clerk**  
432/113/15

*F/15/77470 - Two storey extension to provide 4no. New units & replacement marina office, following demolition of existing control building (resubmission of F/11/69822 and F/08/63351) at Saltmakers House, Huntsman Road, Hamble Point Marina, Hamble-Le-Rice*

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

**Clerk**  
433/113/15

*F/15/77441 - Display of 2no. non-illuminated fascia signs, 1no. illuminated neon sign & 1no. flag at Blue Star Café, The Foreshore, Green Lane, Hamble-Le-Rice, SO31 4JB*

Following some discussion about the neon sign, Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, a majority agreed (Cllr Fish abstained) and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers, but to note that the application was within the conservation area.

**Clerk**  
434/113/15

*F/15/77497 - Notification of intent to remove 2no. Scots Pines at rear of Layton, High Street, Hamble-Le-Rice, SO31 4HA*

Cllr Fish proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with the arboriculturist.

**Clerk**  
435/113/15

*N/15/77527 - Notification of intent to pollard to previous pollard points of 1no. Willow & pruning & crown cleaning of 1no. Chestnut at 1 Rostellan Cottages, School Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4JD*

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

**Clerk**  
436/113/15

O/15/76883 - Outline Application For Up To 45 no. Dwellings Including Public Open Space, Landscaping And Vehicular Access From Cranbury Gardens And Pedestrian Link To Hamble Lane. All Detailed Matters Except For Access Reserved. Land To The North Of Cranbury Gardens, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8FB

The Council had previously supported Hound Parish Council in their comments about air quality and local gaps. Recent planning permissions granted had now changed the gap situation. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers.

**Clerk**  
**437/113/15**

**b) To receive any Planning Decisions and Matters at Appeal**

None received.

**c) The Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan**

Cllr Underdown had attended a meeting regarding the Local Plan where officers had explained the planning process relating to the three parishes. Areas for potential development could be submitted by anyone and the former airfield, the GE Aviation sports field and areas around Mercury Marina were included in Hamble for consideration. On 24 November EBC would hold a meeting about boundary reviews and a Local Plan review meeting would be held on 8 December. Mr Bright recommended that councils should attend both sessions.

**438/113/15**

**Finance**

**a) To receive bank and petty cash reconciliations for October 2015**

Petty Cash - £237.39

Barclays Current (70978787) - £18,335.47

**b) To receive the October 2015 Salary Journal**

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Clive Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the October 2015 bank and petty cash reconciliations and the October 2015 salary journal.

**439/113/15**

**c) Budget and charges 2016-17**

The Clerk reported that at the end of October the CPI index was negative at -0.1%. The Council could not therefore consider applying inflation increases to its charges. He did say that the Council was at liberty to consider above inflation increases depending on the circumstances

**440/113/15**

**d) Precept 2016-17**

A document had been received from Eastleigh Borough Council stating that it did not propose to reduce the Council Tax support grant.

**441/113/15**

**Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project**

The Lifeboat Trustees had sent an e-mail in response to a request for a snagging list. This would be circulated to councillors. There was some discussion about tiling of the toilets and showers. The Trustees claimed it was in accordance with the drawings, and asked if the Council could provide a record of any changes. Cllr Underdown said the Council had a snagging list. This had not been passed to the Trustees. After some discussion about this and the need for a practical completion certificate, Cllr Underdown asked the Clerk to send the Council's snagging list to the Trustees.

**Clerk**  
**52/21/15**

**To consider the following matters arising**

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Secure Storage

Quotations were still awaited.

**239/81/12**

Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive

In progress.

**205/61/13**

**EBC Developer Contributions**

Cllr Underdown thanked Cllr Cross for delivering 700 consultation forms around the area. Diccon Bright said the feedback about Coronation Parade had allowed him to explain to LAC members the priority for a feasibility study into traffic and parking issues. Almost all the feedback indicated that parking was the primary concern of local residents.

The feasibility study would look at how to improve parking in the whole area including Kings Avenue and Coach Road. Unfortunately only fairly inexpensive solutions could be considered such as traffic restriction orders, signage, double yellow lines etc. and would not involve any major re-engineering. EBC was looking into the offer of help by a local resident. Regarding the challenge of land ownership, he hoped EBC would take on this responsibility.

Mr Bright said that money available for public art could contribute to infrastructure improvements at Coronation Parade. Cllr Underdown mentioned funding for Mount Pleasant. Mr Bright said some of the items on the Council's wish list were not appropriate as the money was coming from the McCarthy and Stone development and needed to be directed more towards the elderly. The Clerk had been asked to cost the remaining items on the list. Cllr Underdown raised the idea of a bowling green, possibly helping the Follands Club to move. Mr Bright would look into this and said the potential loss of a bowls facility was an issue that EBC would address with GE Aviation. EBC policy was to protect this kind of sports provision. Other suggestions were made, including a petanque court. Cllr Underdown said he was shocked at how much money was available for public art, which Mr Bright said was £300 per dwelling. There was a long discussion about this, and a feeling among councillors that the money could be better used, by funding youth services for example. Mr Bright said using a proportion of developers' contributions for public art was EBC policy, and Cllr Venables suggested it was time to change this. Mr Bright said he would try to make the case for using some of the developer money for youth services, but would also get his public art colleagues to brief the Council better about how to use the money. Cllr Underdown asked how the Council or EBC could start to try to change the public art policy which had been a problem over the years. Mr Bright agreed to check with planning colleagues how much flexibility there was to change the policy.

**Clerk**  
**111/32/15**

#### Public Toilets Water Bill

Southern Water had agreed to apply a reduction of account for leakage but details had not yet been received.

**239/62/15**

#### Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

The Head Groundsman had been in touch with the artist.

**273/71/15**

#### Hamble Footpath 5

No further information.

**275/71/15**

#### Parish Council Out of Hours (OOH) contacts

An "out of hours" situation involving a Councillor response to a call out should be seen as an approved duty so as to ensure councillors are covered by the Council's insurance policy. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that all out of hours attendance to respond to an alarm, whether at the Council offices, the storage building or the Roy Underdown pavilion should be considered a parish councillor approved duty.

**276/71/15**

#### Barclays Bank in Hamble-le-Rice

The Clerk reported that the bank had shut. The Council now had to review how to pay in cash and would also have to consider changing the way it paid its staff, HMRC and the Hampshire Pension Fund. Previous concessions from the bank would no longer be possible. Payment would have to be made by cheque or internet banking. A monthly charge would apply to an internet business account with Barclays. Because there would be a sole signatory on that internet account, more checks and balances would be required and more regular inspection of the accounts. Cllr Venables commented that the Council needed to modernise. Cllr Hamel thought the Council should investigate the possibility of changing banks.

Mr Bright was interested in the Council's views regarding the future of the Barclays building. Barclays had received offers from developers in the area. If the Council was serious about obtaining the building it should consider making an offer. The guide price was in excess of £100,000. The Council's offices currently cost around £4,000 per year to run. Mr Bright said that EBC might raise this issue with the Council again.

Cllr Underdown asked about the situation regarding Barclays coming to the Village Market. The Clerk said this would happen in December but that the bank had indicated that it would not be an ongoing service.

327/91/15

The Well Lane Footpath Spur

No further information.

330/91/15

Hamble Allotment Regulations Review

New allotment rules had been circulated. Cllr Underdown recommended two amendments. He proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the new allotment regulations with the following changes:- the word 'concrete' in paragraph 6(v) to be replaced by 'paving'; and an addition to paragraph 6(vi) following 31<sup>st</sup> March, to read "permission for fires outside these dates would only be granted in special circumstances".

394/102/15

The Hamble River Raid 2016

Following the previous meeting, the Clerk had received information from Mr Cunningham. Councillors thought the River Raid was run by the Sea Scouts and there were some concerns expressed when they discovered that this was not so and that it had been run by a limited company since 2004. Councillors supported the Raid as an event; however Cllr Underdown said the Council should apply due diligence and ask to see the company's accounts. Cllr Hand said these were available from Companies House. The River Raid committee would be invited to attend the next meeting.

**Clerk**  
422/112/15

**To consider closing the following minute references:**

394/102/15 – Hamble Allotment Regulations Review

422/112/15 – the Hamble River Raid

Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to close minute number 394/102/115 but to leave minute 422/112/15 open.

442/113/15

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

**a. From Eastleigh Borough Council**

November 2015 Developer Contribution totals for Hamble-le-Rice – noted.

Invitation to EBC Ward Boundary Review meeting at Eastleigh House on 24 November 2015 – noted.

Invitation to EBC Local Plan Review meeting at HE 2000 Centre, Hedge End on 8 December 2015 – noted.

443/113/15

**b. From Hampshire County Council**

HIOW devolution newsletter - noted

Notification regarding the Hamble Lane Roadworks -

The Council had received no notification about the works before the sign was erected. Cllr Hamel had raised the matter with Cllr Woodward and been told HCC was looking into the matter. SSE had changed its mind about going ahead. The work was to provide an enhanced electrical supply to GE Aviation. There was a discussion regarding easement over the former Hamble Halt allotments. Cllr Hamel said work was due to start on 21 December and SSE would try to complete it during the Christmas period, with 7-day working, but thought it could take up to 30 January. Regarding the agreement for the easement, the Clerk said that as a tenant the Council had to be consulted, and Cllr Underdown thought it could affect Eastleigh Borough Council's plans for a car park or further allotments. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that two councillors should sign the Deed of Grant to Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC of an electricity cable easement at the land on the west side of Hamble Lane, but that before they signed, solicitors at Hampshire County Council should be asked what consideration they would give Hamble Parish Council for disturbance.

443/113/15

Draft Electoral Review of Hampshire County Council – noted.

444/113/15

**c. Other correspondence**

Hamble Community Sports College – acknowledgement of grant received – noted.

Hamble Community Sports College – improving water confidence for adults – noted.

HALC letter to the Chief Executive of the National Association of Local Councils – Cllr Underdown asked how much the Council was paying HALC. The Clerk did not have the figure to hand, but said it was a substantial figure and thought that in the future HALC might offer a fee which did not include NALC affiliation.

Axis Fire and Security – the Clerk would obtain further quotations for CCTV.

**445/113/15**

Before moving into exempt business, the Chairman wished the Council to record its thanks to Mrs Lorraine Smith for her work over the last seven years and to wish her all the best for the future.

**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.

**446/113/15**

The matters to be discussed were as follows:-

The Hamble Club Football Club lease discussions

The provision of a Trip Boat at the Hamble Foreshore

Various personnel matters

*The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.*