

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.00pm

Held virtually due to coronavirus restrictions

Present

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

Officers : Clerk

Members of the Public

The minute reference for each item is 130720 + the agenda item number

1a Apologies for absence

Councillors J Dajka, D Rolfe and Deputy Clerk

1b Declarations of interest and approved dispensations

Cllrs Hand and Thompson declared that they knew some of the parishioners who had indicated that they wished to make representations.

1c. To approve the minutes of the 8th June 202 and note the changes to the approved minutes of 11th May 2020 which the Chair had declined to sign

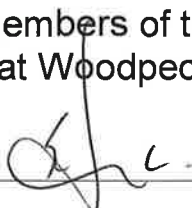
IT WAS RESOLVED TO approve the Minutes of 8th June 2020 and note the changes to the Minutes of 11th May 2020.

2. Public Participation

Woodpecker Walk

Three members of the public spoke to express concern about anti-social behaviour at Woodpecker Walk. They reported that young people had been

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congregating around the bench adjacent to Cirrus Gardens and there was evidence of drug dealing, abusive language, littering, loud music and they were playing football at anti-social hours. People were being deterred from using Woodpecker Walk due to this behaviour. They considered that the problem would be resolved by moving the bench to another location and, on being questioned, responded that it should be in a location where it could be easily watched by police patrols and that there should be more monitoring by the PCSO.

In response the Chair said that dealing with anti-social behaviour was the responsibility of the borough council and the police with whom the parish council worked closely. In order to persuade those authorities that there was a problem it was vital that all incidents should be reported and although he acknowledged there was a problem the police had only received four complaints in the past two years about anti-social behaviour at this location. He urged the residents to report all incidents so their concerns were logged and in the meantime the council would liaise with the residents.

Litter

Two members of the public spoke to express their concern at the increase in litter in the village and expressed their support for Cllr Nesbitt-Bell's motion. One had previously written to the Clerk about their concerns.

3 Motion from Cllr Trevor Dann

AS RESOLVED TO agree that our village has seen a wave of rubbish and litter since the lifting of Lockdown. Despite our own efforts including more hours spent cleaning public spaces and our own litter pick, the problem still exists. Additional bins on Hamble Lane would be a help and we ask EBC to increase the number of bins in Hamble as soon as possible.

4 Motion from Cllr Jo Nesbit-Bell

IT WAS RESOLVED TO agree that an article be included in the next magazine seeking volunteers to look after the phone box in The Square following the sad removal by BT of the phone boxes at Coronation Parade and Satchell Lane.

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5 Motion from Cllr Jo Nesbitt-Bell

IT WAS RESOLVED TO agree that signs like those used in York should be erected to reinforce the message that people should take their rubbish home with them or get rid of it in a bin.

6 Co-option for filling the vacancy

The Clerk's report was noted.

7 Proposed changes arising from Coronavirus lockdown and staff absences

IT WAS RESOLVED TO approve the following proposals:-

- Staff should continue to work from home following government advice - remote working should continue although office cover will need to be balanced against this.
- Temporary member of staff should be retained (if possible) to help cope with any backlog of work resulting from staff absences and will be reviewed in September.
- Staff will seek to deal with telephone and email enquiries but will offer appointments where a face to face meeting is needed.
- Changes to the office to enable public access will be deferred until autumn when guidelines may have changed. Delaying the admission of the public will also address staff concerns. Reduce the work required to make it conform to changing requirements.
- Council and committee meetings continue to be held virtually
- Reduce grounds maintenance such as grass cutting, rubbish clearance linked to the rewilding project
- Employ contractors where necessary to supplement the grounds team eg grass cutting, to enable additional litter collection
- Clock Permits issued for 2020 should remain valid until the end of 2021

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- Dinghy park : No reallocation of spaces unless needed for operational reasons
- Priorities for staff to be agreed taking us up to the new year. New ideas or initiatives should be considered against this list – one in one out.
- Agree a strategy for communicating to residents including the magazine, social media and other options.
- Keep the situation under review.

8 GE Planning Application

The Chair reported that he, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Underdown and the Clerk had attended a virtual meeting with GE with regard to their planning application and associated matters. It was expected that GE would submit an appeal against the refusal of the application. Concern was expressed that Eastleigh Borough Council had not consulted the Parish Council about certain matters that had been discussed and the Chair indicated that he would be writing to the Leader of EBC about this issue.

9 Recommendations from Committee and updates from Working Groups

a Communications Working Group

IT WAS RESOLVED TO approve the following recommendations from the Communications Working Group

- To draft a social media policy setting out the Council's approach to this form of communication and providing advice to members on how best to use it.
- To move from an A5 magazine to an 8 page A4 newsheet that is designed and printed externally. This decision will be reviewed in July 2021.

b Asset Management Committee

IT WAS RESOLVED TO approve the following recommendations from the Asset Management Committee

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- To enter into a 3-year lease agreement with Pitter Self Drive for a 3.5T tipper at a cost of £468 per calendar month (£5616 annually) capped at 5,000 miles a year. The contract will include a maintenance agreement. This will replace the current truck that is coming to the end of its contract period.
- To establish a small Working Group to look at the purchase of a further electric vehicle to support the work of the grounds team. An earmarked reserve has already been set aside for a further acquisition.
- To permit the erection of two plastic advertising ice cream cones outside of the Beach Hut Café subject to the cones being unilluminated and removed outside of trading hours and subject to planning consent.

10 Delegated decisions


IT WAS RESOLVED TO note the decisions taken under delegated authority.

11 Payments

IT WAS RESOLVED TO approve the list of payments and note that the normal process for producing payments has been changed as a result of staff shortages.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

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