

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 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 M Cross
Cllr M Davies
Cllr A Fish
Cllr C Fish
Cllr E Lear
Cllr W Pepper
Cllr M Venables

In attendance

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council
Lorraine Smith - Assistant Clerk
Judy Hickman - Minutes Secretary
2 parishioners

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hamel and Cllr Cohen.

361/101/15

To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lear declared an interest in Planning. Cllr Hand declared dispensations relating to the Dinghy Park and Foreshore and the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and the Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in Hamble Club Football Club.

362/101/15

To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 September 2015

Cllr Clive Fish proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2015 as a true record.

363/101/15

Public Session

Several parishioners had sent letters to the Parish Council regarding the bollards in Green Lane. One of the correspondents said Hamble River Sailing Club (HRSC) had been in existence since 1919. Previously there was a rise and fall gate near the pink house, which had been removed many years ago. Until recently there were no bollards, and she considered these, plus the signs and yellow paint, were a waste of public money. She commented on HRSC's good relationship with Southern Water and the ferry operator, and the Club's work in the community, such as children's activities through Park Sport. She said disabled children were being disadvantaged by the presence of the bollards. Local rumours that the parking space was for the use of the Commodore were not true. The correspondent had to park there because one of the suppliers was unable to deliver due to access difficulties. She said it was affecting the business of HRSC and wanted answers to the questions raised in her letter.

Cllr Underdown asked for clarification regarding disabled use of the Club because one of the reasons for installing the bollards was to allow access for mobility scooters. The bollards had to be adjusted to provide a suitable turning circle. The correspondent said the bus for disabled school children could not get down to HRSC. Cllr Underdown said not only disabled people, but also mothers with children, buggies etc. had problems with access. When the bollards were installed HRSC asked the Council to adjust them. Unfortunately as soon as this had been done people associated with the Club parked there. The correspondent commented that over many years there had never been an issue with parking, and it was only in the last year that the Council had decided there was a problem.

Cllr Underdown disputed this, saying he had photographic evidence going back further. Consultation had been tried, but had not worked. The Council agreed with the correspondent's concerns about costs and wished it was not in this position. Cllr Pepper commented that width of the road was to allow access for fire appliances. Anyone causing an obstruction could lose their licence.

With councillors' agreement, Cllr Underdown brought forward this item from Other Correspondence. A draft reply to correspondents, together with additional words for the correspondent, had been circulated. Photographs would also be included. The Clerk had spoken to her regarding Freedom of Information requests, and recommended that to avoid further costs it would be better in the first instance for the Council to send a letter answering all the questions.

Cllr Pepper proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, a majority agreed (1 abstention) and IT WAS RESOLVED to write to them and the other correspondents and reply to their questions.

Clerk
364/101/15

Planning and Development Control

a) To consider any planning applications

F/15/77178 – Two storey side extension and alterations/rebuilding existing garage to side at 72 Coach Road, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4LA

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

Clerk
365/101/15

F/15/77198 – Alterations to front façade, including porch extension, erection of single and first floor side extension with balcony and rebuild of existing double garage at Tanglewood, 56 Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice

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

Clerk
366/101/15

b) To receive any Planning Decisions and Matters at Appeal

Noted. Eastleigh Borough Council had sent notification of a planning appeal regarding land to the east of Grange Road, Netley Abbey, to commence on 27 October. Cllr Pepper commented on the need to support other councils.

367/101/15

Working Parties – to receive a report from Cllr Hand

Working parties and panels had been reviewed, in particular the Grievance and Disciplinary panel and the Staff and Salaries Working Party. Cllr Hand recommended that councillors should serve on either a Grievance or a Disciplinary panel, but not both. Cllr Hand proposed Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to incorporate disciplinary issues into the Staff and Salaries Working Party's remit and rename the Grievance and Disciplinary Panel the Grievance Panel. Cllr Hand said Cllr Hamel was resigning from the Staff and Salaries Working Party and Cllr Venables would resign from the Grievance panel, so an additional councillor was required for the Grievance panel. Cllr Angela Fish volunteered. Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept Cllr Hamel and Cllr Venables' resignations and to appoint Cllr Angela Fish to the Grievance panel.

368/101/15

Finance

a) To receive Orders for Payment for October 2015

Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Venables seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the October 2015 orders for payment.

369/101/15

b) To receive the Income and Expenditure reports for the 2nd Quarter 2015-16

Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the income and expenditure reports for the 2nd quarter 2015-16.

370/101/15

c) External Audit 2015-15 – to receive a report from the Clerk

Various notices had been circulated following a successful conclusion of audit. The auditor had raised no issues. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the external auditor's report.

371/101/15

Hamble Lifeboat Station construction project – to receive a report from the Chairman

The Trustees had attended the previous meeting expressing concerns about finishing the lifeboat station. Several councillors went to visit the building, and although unfinished, some internal work had been done. They were disappointed with the quality of the toilet provision and the disabled access. Cllr Underdown said a number of things needed to be put right and recommended that the Council should not make a detailed response until the work was finished. There were comments about loss of income for the Council and the cost of the temporary toilets. Cllr Hand asked whether land had been returned for dinghy parking. The Clerk said the fence had been relocated and some dinghies had been moved but two remained. Cllr Clive Fish had spoken to Nick Rose who told him the Trustees did not have a specification for the toilets. This had previously been provided, but the Clerk would send all the paperwork and drawings again. Cllr Underdown said that until the work on the toilets was done to a proper standard the Council should not accept it. Cllr Clive Fish added that the Council needed to see the Building Inspector's sign-off report. The Clerk was in contact with Eastleigh Borough Council about this. He had written again to the Trustees to remind them that the invoice for the Council's extra costs was now overdue, but had not received a reply.

Clerk
52/21/15

The Mount Pleasant Recreation Ground Car Park

The Clerk reported that he had recently received complaints about parents using the Mount Pleasant car park when dropping off and picking up their children from the primary school. There had been some inappropriate parking and a couple of accidents. He had been asked for the Parish Council view as to how the car park could be better managed, for example with an attendant on a daily basis. He told the correspondent that the car park did not belong to the school and was managed by the Council, with no parking restrictions other than a height barrier. Cllr Underdown commented that the parking problems were not confined to Mount Pleasant. Cllr Cross said the problem was caused by the drivers but one possible course of action would be to remove the two spaces closest to the fence. The Clerk said parking of contractors' vehicles from the McCarthy and Stone development had to be taken into account, but this was temporary.

372/101/15

To consider the following matters arising

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Secure Storage

Cllr Underdown reported that the working party had met the previous week, unfortunately without Cllr Cross, and there had been some disagreement about what to do. The Council's intention was to centralise the storage to make it more efficient, which would enable all the old buildings to be removed. Planners said the proposal was viable and the Council had sufficient funds to complete the project. In the longer term issues would arise with the Mount Pleasant pavilion and should be addressed by the new Council. Cllr Davies said he was not against this proposal, but that at the meeting he had spoken with grounds staff, who were not particularly keen on the new building as it did not achieve everything they wanted. The Council had been discussing this project for some time and he wanted to make sure the right decision was taken. The planners did not approve the original design for a 30m building which then had to be reduced to 20m. The Mount Pleasant pavilion was reaching the end of its life. Cllr Davies suggested a replacement could involve using almost the whole of the ground floor for storage and putting changing/meeting facilities upstairs. Cllr Cross commented that what was originally agreed was to position the storage shed so that if the Council needed another one later on it could be erected without planning permission. This would save money as the second shed would not cost as much as the first. He thought it preferable to store all the equipment at the RUP site, and that replacing the pavilion would be expensive. Other councillors agreed.

239/81/12

Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive

The Clerk would request two hours' of consideration by legal officers at Eastleigh Borough Council, and provide all the data required relating to the S106 agreement, solicitors' advice and how to enforce S106; and would cross-reference advice received from EBC in 2009.

205/61/13

Public Toilets Water Bill

The Clerk was still negotiating with Southern Water. Cllr Fish said the company should be reminded that while there were no functioning toilets, the Council should not be billed for any discharge of foul water.

239/62/15

Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

The Clerk had not heard from Jo Calcutt but was working with Diccon Bright. Cllr Hand commented that Cllr Hamel thought there was a clear understanding that the Council would be responsible for the maintenance of the artwork once it was installed. Cllr Underdown commented that because it was not properly made it should be fixed.

273/71/15

Parish Council Out of Hours (OOH) contacts

Cllr Hand still needed some information which the Clerk would supply once grounds staff had returned from leave.

Clerk
276/71/15Hamble Footpath 5

The Chairman and Clerk had met the Commodore of Royal Southern Yacht Club and matters were progressing. The Rights of Way officer at Hampshire County Council was involved and had contacted Eastleigh Borough Council to ascertain their understanding of the situation.

Clerk
275/71/15Barclays Bank in Hamble-le-Rice

The Clerk had received e-mail stating that Southampton managers of branch closures would meet with the Clerk and Chairman, but any meeting would only be to clarify the rationale behind the closures and how the bank would support its customers. Cllr Underdown thought Barclays should be invited to attend a Council meeting but other councillors thought they would be unlikely to accept such an invitation. The Clerk said the Council should not give up. He believed that Barclays had been surprised by the volume of complaints.

327/91/15

The Well Lane Footpath Spur

The Clerk would contact solicitors to start the process of claiming the unregistered parcel of land.

330/91/15

To consider closing the following minute references

53/21/15 – Westfield Common Improvements

331/91/15 – Public Seating adjacent to the Royal Southern Yacht Club

Cllr Underdown proposed from the chair, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to close the above minute references.

373/101/15

Borough Councillor's Report

Cllr Lear had attended a recent Project Kraken meeting where border police were also present. Ports and airports were covered, but not smaller places like Hamble. People were being asked to look out for any unusual activity on the river, as jihadists were trying to get into the UK by chartering boats in France and using small marinas. At the Local Area Committee meeting on October 1st a taxi rank had been discussed, for Friday and Saturday nights in the Square. Although the idea was well received, there was disagreement about where the taxis should be parked. The danger of lorries accessing Coach Road was raised. Residents wanted "slow" signs, but EBC preferred the idea of putting dotted lines at the junction, making Westfield Common vehicles slow down. Cllr Lear had attended a HYPE meeting and commented on the high quality of the work done by the YMCA. She said Hamble Parish Council was the only one querying the provision of funding. Cllr Underdown explained that this was because at the outset the Council had recommended that HYPE try to find other sources of income, so it was not reliant on continuing Parish Council funding.

374/101/15

To authorise the Clerk to deal with correspondence relating to Council matters including:-**a. From Eastleigh Borough Council**

BHH Team meeting notes from 17th and 22nd September 2015 – noted.

375/101/15

b. From Hampshire County Council

Rights of Way Small Grant scheme. Notification of deadline for applications – noted.
Operation Resilience – E608 – Oakhill Close, Bursledon – Footway Resurfacing Works – noted.

376/101/15

c. Other correspondence

MIND - Spotlight on Dementia – event 23 October 2015. Noted. Councillors wondered how this could link with the Safe Places initiative and thought it would be useful to invite a suitable organisation to come to speak to the Council. Cllr Lear would find out more.

EL

Correspondence from parishioners regarding the Southern Quay – discussed in public session.

Correspondence from PCSO Davenport and the Harbour Master's Office re unauthorised swimming from the public jetty – noted.

Correspondence from a parishioner regarding the flying of model aircraft in Hamble – this particular incident did not involve the Firebirds club, and the aircraft did not appear to be flying from Council land. The Clerk was asked to reply saying the Council was sympathetic to the problem but had no jurisdiction in the matter. Cllr Pepper suggested that some enquiries should be made, in the interests of safety.

Clerk

Correspondence from the organisers of the Hamble River Games – Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to grant the organisers' request to hold the next River Hamble Games on Saturday 18 June 2016, subject to the proper insurance policies being in place.

Clerk
377/101/15

Correspondence from a parishioner regarding Coronation Parade – suggestions from the parishioner had been circulated. Cllr Underdown re-opened public session in order to allow her to speak. She said she had regular contact with Eastleigh Borough Council and Hampshire Highways through her work and wanted to use her professional expertise to help the Council get the best possible scheme. The area was heavily used and would become more so with the McCarthy & Stone development, and the top of the village was important. Cllr Underdown welcomed her views, but said there were constraints because the developers' contributions were allocated to various budgets. Coronation Parade improvements came under public art. The parishioner said there were ways to get around this, for example using decorative materials. She thought problems at Coach Road also needed to be addressed. Cllr Underdown had already met with the Area Co-ordinator and the engineer to discuss the practicalities. It was agreed that a meeting would be set up between the parishioner, Diccon Bright, Cllr Lear and the Clerk to have further discussions. Cllr Lear would also contact Cllr Hamel.

EL/Clerk

Response from GE Aviation – Cllr Underdown suggested inviting GE to attend a meeting in order to work together on behalf of the local community.

378/101/15

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.

379/101/15

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.
The Staff and Salaries Working Party.
The Parish Council Clerk's request for a sabbatical during July and August 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.