

Parish of Hamble-Le-Rice

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH APRIL 2018 IN HAMBLE SCHOOL, SATCHELL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AT 7.00 PM

Cllr Sheelagh Cohen – Chair
Cllr Sally Schofield– Vice Chair
Amanda Jobling – Clerk to the Council
Jeanette Symes – Assistant Clerk to the Council

Cllr Cohen welcomed those present and thanked the school for allowing their premises to be used for the event.

TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 12TH APRIL 2017

Cllr Rolfe proposed, Cllr Underdown seconded, all agreed, and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2017.

INTRODUCTION AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The theme for the Annual Parish Meeting this year was 'Sustainable Hamble'. A review of the opinions of the residents of Hamble was commissioned last summer in the WeRHamble survey. Concerns highlighted, predictably, traffic on Hamble Lane, however in addition to this there was a strong desire for environmental initiatives, which reflected current national and international trends.

Sustainable projects and environmental improvements instigated by the Parish Council in the last year include:

- a tree survey of the trees for which the parish is responsible and the development of a management programme
- A Biodiversity Survey by Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust
- Instigating a programme which will reduce the use of plastics and plastic waste, having gained agreement from business in the village to allow people to re-fill their water bottles at their premises
- Planting a community orchard, spring bulbs and providing nesting boxes.
- Moving to battery operated equipment for the ground staff
- Encouraging environmental sustainability by leaving grass cuttings in situ to decompose naturally and creating habitat areas of wood piles
- a replacement programme for benches in the Parish
- Improvements to Westfield Common, Heather Gardens and the cemetery
- Ongoing action on traffic congestion in Hamble Lane

She confirmed that the Community Hub would be named The Mercury in recognition of the historical connections that Hamble has with TS Mercury and the TS Mercury Old Boys' Association had donated a model of the ship to the parish which would be displayed with other artefacts in the building.

“TEA AND TEACH” AT THE MERCURY

Alison Perry and Mark Wiggett, Barclays Bank

“Tea and Teach” would be offered in the The Mercury. This initiative helps people to engage with modern technology, and caters for all ages of the community. On offer at The Mercury will be 2 to 3 hour slots each month creating sessions for 3 people for one hour each. Two employees of the Bank will run this service. A booking service for this will be run by the Parish Council.

Cllr Cohen thanked Ms Perry and Mr Wiggett for their presentation.

THE GREEN BLUE

Kate Fortnam, RYA

‘The Green Blue’ is an environmental awareness programme to promote the sustainable use of coastal and inland waters, assisting sailors and boating businesses to minimise their impact on the environment and is a joint initiative of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and British Marine, which has been operating for 12 years.

Their latest Green Blue campaign focusses on marine protection areas and species protection for birds and marine animals. Some non-native species of plants and animals have become invasive in the UK and can have a massive environmental impact. The campaign encourages sailors to check the hulls of their boats for any non-native species which have ‘hitched a ride’ from waters outside the UK, to clean their hulls methodically and allow hulls to air dry completely. Other recent campaigns relate to plastic rubbish and trying to minimise use and safe disposal.

Cllr Cohen thanked Ms Fortnam for her informative presentation.

HAMBLE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Bob Llewelyn

The work of the volunteers started in 2009 with the initial aim of maintaining clean beaches in Hamble and the area around Westfield Common. Financial support is received from several local businesses and some businesses allow their staff to volunteer in their work time to assist in conservation work.

Beach cleans are carried out twice a month and it is estimated that a ton of rubbish is collected each year. The volunteers cover the area from Hamble Point car park up to GE Aviation and Westfield Common. During the summer months there is general rubbish to clear and in the winter months the focus is on maintaining Hamble Common including the bird boxes.

Information on current projects is reported through articles in the Parish Magazine, plus posts around the village and on their newly re-designed web site. This attracts volunteers, however, numbers fluctuate and many are retired. The Parish Council’s new biodiversity initiative is welcomed by the volunteers who are keen to offer assistance to the Parish Council if required.

Cllr Cohen thanked Mr Llewelyn for attending the Annual Parish Meeting and his informative presentation.

WATER EFFICIENCY AND REFILL SCHEME

Ben Earl – Southern Water

Pressure on requirements for water are increasing due to factors such as increases in population and reduction in summer rainfall owing to climate change. At present water sources are 70% aquifers, 23% rivers and 7% reservoirs but in the future Southern Water will have to reduce their extraction of water from the Rivers Test and Itchen by 30% to ensure the sustainability of river life.

Southern Water is endeavouring to reduce the water consumption. Metering has made an impact and, in addition, in the last 2 years 12,000 advisory visits have been made to households advising on more efficient use of water and practical assistance such as fixing of leaks and installing water butts for a small fee.

New initiatives being trialed with a water bottle re-fill scheme. This is supported by Public Health England, as part of its 'sugar smart' initiative. The re-fill scheme reduces litter and marine pollution, it also benefits the businesses that participate in the scheme as customers entering to re-fill bottles often make purchases. Cllr Cohen confirmed that the majority of premises in Hamble had agreed to participate in such a scheme.

Cllr Cohen thanked Mr Earl for his informative presentation.

PRESENTATION: WASTE AND RE-CYCLING

Mr Giles Gooding – Eastleigh Borough Council (Sustainability Officer)

Borough councils are responsible for waste collection in their areas and the County Council is responsible for waste disposal. In Hampshire a system, known as Project Integra, was set up by the councils and Veolia Environmental Services to deal with waste for the whole of Hampshire.

Eastleigh Borough Council is the top local authority in Hampshire for re-cycling, currently at 42% of material collected. What gets re-cycled depends on what is re-cycled in the UK and the market for materials suitable for re-cycling. Some items are easily recycled, known as the "super six" which are tins; aluminum cans; clean paper; card; aerosol cans; plastic bottles. However, the re-cycling machinery is now 30 years old and is a need of overhauling in order to include more materials that can be re-cycled such as yoghurt pots and margarine tubs.

A map identifying areas where fly tipping in the Hamble Parish area had occurred was displayed, and Mr Gooding explained the legislation governing fly tipping. In response to questions he confirmed that prosecutions for fly tipping were difficult to pursue.

Cllr Cohen thanked Mr Gooding for his informative presentation and all present for attending. She confirmed that the issues the community have highlighted in the WeRHamble Survey will be taken into account when developing policies for the village and the development of any plans.

She reiterated that all Parishioners are welcome to attend the Council's monthly meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm