

**Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 27 JULY 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 Cohen  
Cllr M Cross  
Cllr M Davies  
Cllr A Fish  
Cllr C Fish  
Cllr E Lear  
Cllr W Pepper

**In attendance**

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council  
Richard Clarke – Head Groundsman  
Judy Hickman - Minutes Secretary

**To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hamel, Cllr Venables, Cllr Atkinson and Cllr Hand.

**288/73/15**

**To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cohen declared membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Angela Fish declared an interest in the Dinghy Park. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations in matters relating to the Foreshore and the Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in Hamble Club Football Club. Cllr Clive Fish declared an interest in the Dinghy Park.

**289/73/15**

**To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 July 2015**

Cllr Pepper proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2015 as a true record

**290/73/15**

**Public Session**

No members of the public were present, however Richard Clarke, the Head Groundsman, reported on various items (minuted below).

**291/73/15**

**Planning and Development Control**

**a) To consider any planning applications**

*F/15/76560 – Installation of 1no. floating pontoon on pile mooring F59 to F62 pontoons near Mercury Marina, Hamble-le-Rice*

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

**Clerk  
292/73/15**

*X/15/76712 – Relief of condition 3 of planning approval C/14/75528 to allow pergola to remain unpainted at 15 Crowsport, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4HG*

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

**Clerk  
293/73/15**

*O/15/76491 – Construction of up to 80 dwellings, including public open space with access as detailed matter for consideration following demolition of nos. 1 and 3 Mallards Road at 1 Mallards Road, Bursledon SO31 8EH*

Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to object to this proposal, on the same grounds as with previous applications for large-scale development along Hamble Lane.

**Clerk  
294/73/15**

*F/14/74903 – Alterations and improvements to access road and formation of new parking (phase 2) at Plots 1s-if Riverside Caravan Park, Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4RA*

The Clerk explained that this was a notification and had been placed on the agenda in error.

**295/73/15**

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

Cllr Underdown referred to the Hallam Land Management Ltd planning appeal. The inspector's report would be available in September with the Secretary of State for Communities making the decision on or before 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. The previous week the Chairs and Clerks of the three parishes had met, together with the Area Co-ordinator and some Vice-Chairs. One of the major discussions was about planning applications and traffic issues along Hamble Lane. There was great concern as to how anything could be done when Hampshire County Council does not raise objections provided it gets enough money from the developers to overcome the problems. A working party would be set up with representatives from each of the three parish councils with a view to arranging a meeting with Sean Woodward at Hampshire County Council to put their views forward. Cllr Lear had been told she would be invited to the meeting and had already been in contact with HCC regarding Hamble Lane. She felt another representative would add weight. Cllr Clive Fish proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr Cohen would represent Hamble Parish Council on the working party. Cllr Cohen commented that the three Councils might have to consider jointly appointing a traffic consultant.

Cllr Underdown reported on other matters discussed at the Chairs' meeting. The Berry Farm planning application had been passed. Bursledon Parish Council said it could not use a local gap as an objection. Also we should not oppose some less harmful applications or those likely to be lost at appeal. Cllr Lear said the vote at the LAC was 3-2 and Hampshire County Council had approved access from Hamble Lane. In due course there would be consultation on changes to the Borough Council's electoral areas. Eastleigh Borough Council would only supply electronic plans in future and would only supply paper copies of planning applications if parish councils paid for them. As a result of the Berry Farm development Hampshire County Council was changing its view about school places on the peninsula. There was also discussion about joint working between the three parishes regarding councillor and staff training (including staff safety training) rather than using Eastleigh Borough Council and HALC. Community engagement with parishioners and industry was discussed. It was noted that Hampshire County Council's youth services were funded until March 2016, but funding was less likely in the future so the type of services required needed to be considered.

**296/73/15**

**Finance**

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

Petty Cash - £153.35

Barclays Current (70978787) - £19,281.33

Cllr Davies proposed the bank reconciliation, Cllr Lear proposed the petty cash reconciliation, Cllr Clive Fish seconded both, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the bank and petty cash reconciliations for June 2015.

**297/73/15**

Barclays Tracker (60854980) - £225,806.08

Cllr Pepper proposed, Cllr Clive Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the Barclays Tracker statement.

**298/73/15**

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

Cllr Angela Fish proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the June 2015 Salary Journal.

**299/73/15**

**Hamble Lifeboat Construction Project**

An extraordinary Council meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, followed by a meeting with the construction manager, Ben Moore on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr Moore was given a copy of the building agreement, which he said he had not seen. Councillors explained the procedure to him whereby once the whole structure was watertight, he would give ten days' notice to the Council. This would trigger payment of the outstanding £35,000. The windows had now been installed, and 24 July was agreed as the start date. Mr Moore had invited the Council to visit the site at 9 a.m. on 28 July to have a defects

inspection. At the extraordinary meeting on 22 July, Cllr Lear reported that at the EBC Southern Parishes Older Persons' Forum the Mayor of Eastleigh, Jane Welsh, had quoted from a letter from a resident saying that Hamble Parish Council was responsible for holding up the building works. A response was needed. Cllr Lear proposed, Cllr Clive Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to write to Jane Welsh and point out that this comment was incorrect.

300/73/15

In order to discuss financial matters relating to the Lifeboat project, Cllr Underdown proposed from the Chair, Cllr Pepper seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to go into exempt business.

301/73/15&  
52/21/15

### To receive a report from the Clerk on the following matters

#### Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Secure Storage

Richard Clarke reported that Eastleigh Borough Council planners had suggested that the current application would not be approved due to its size. They had given guidelines as to what would be acceptable, but this might not meet the need to centralise storage and more than one building might have to be considered. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to withdraw the planning application. The working party would meet on 29 July.

239/81/12

#### Well Lane path to Marina Drive

Nothing further to report.

205/61/13

#### Westfield Common Improvements

The Head Groundsman reported that the ecological survey of the Common had been completed with management recommendations. Recommendations 1 and 2 related to work the Council was already carrying out and would continue. In respect of no. 3, Ride Creation, Mr Clarke thought that widening should be avoided as it would create unwanted access for vehicles, but existing footpaths would be maintained. No. 4 involved gradual restoration of native tree cover. A number of sycamores had been felled over the last five years, but a second phase now involved cutting back and opening up areas to more sunlight. No 5, coppicing holly, the Head Groundsman was not sure how to tackle this, but the Council now had a starting point for small scale coppicing and more practical advice. This would be put into effect with the scrub management during the autumn and winter. Regarding No 6 (birds and bats) he would look into this if the Council could find volunteer organisations with more specialist advice about the type and position of boxes. Cllr Cohen mentioned the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. Cllr Cross said advice could be obtained from Royal Victoria Country Park but sounded a note of caution regarding bats. A bat survey could be expensive. Cllr Lear asked about fly tipping. Mr Clarke said that large-scale fly tipping had been eradicated since height barriers were installed. There had been a few occasions involving a couple of bags of rubbish. Cllr Underdown said that residents would be informed about work at the Common via the Village Magazine. He asked whether many trees would need attention from specialist contractors. The Head Groundsman was aware of three, but said the work could be spread over a couple of years. The minute would be recorded as complete.

53/21/15

#### A Farmers Market in Hamble

All was progressing for 5<sup>th</sup> September and the organisers were considering dates for April 2016.

113/32/15

#### Sporting Facilities at GE Aviation Systems Ltd

Cllr Pepper expressed firm support for the sporting facilities and thought the Council should be involved in any meetings. He believed a covenant existed allowing the land to be returned to the Council if not needed by GE. The Clerk was unsure that GE would sanction any meetings with the Council. GE, the Chief Executive and Leader of Eastleigh Borough Council, and Cllr Hamel (EBC Portfolio Holder for Enterprise and Business) had met, with the Area Co-ordinator present to take the minutes. Cllr Lear had e-mailed the CEO of GE Aviation in the USA. She said GE wanted to sell the land for development. She would bring correspondence to the next meeting and said it would be a shame to lose the useful sporting facility. Cllr Cohen suggested writing formally to the CEO in the USA. Cllr Underdown recommended waiting until the Council knew how EBC had fared.

216/61/15

#### Hallam Land Management Ltd Planning Appeal

Already discussed under Planning. Cllr Cohen thought the Council should be prepared to lobby the Secretary of State.

217/61/15

The Hamble Point Car Park

At the recent Local Area Committee meeting a decision was taken to install height barriers.

**219/61/15**

Public Toilets Water Bill

The Clerk and Head Groundsman had carried out inspections of the meters at the foreshore and continued to investigate why 413 cu. m of water was unaccounted for. The toilets were locked and the water supply was turned off. The Lifeboat had its own meter. Cllr Clive Fish commented that the Harbour Master also had a separate meter. The Clerk said that on 21 July, a dry day, water was coming out of the Lifeboat site. He would ask Southern Water for another bill.

**239/61/15**

Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

After discussions with the Chairman and the Area Co-ordinator, the EBC Community Arts section would be involved and the Clerk reported that if any remedial work was carried out, this would be at no charge to the Parish Council.

**273/71/15**

PCSO and Special Constable Funding

A copy of the agreement for the provision of a Community Support Officer had been circulated to each councillor. Cllr Pepper drew attention to an increase of £250.

**Clerk  
274/71/15**

Hamble Footpath 5

A response was awaited from John Cartwright, Right of Way Officer at Hampshire County Council.

**275/71/15**

Parish Council out of hours contacts

The Head Groundsman reported that since the complaint passed on by Eastleigh Borough Council he had been checking the alarm at the Council's storage unit and it had not gone off once. The point of contact was currently Cllr Underdown, but the Clerk would speak to Cllr Hand, who lived closer.

**Clerk  
276/71/15**

**To consider closing the following minute references**

269/71/15 – MARA Annual Autumn clear up

Cllr Underdown proposed from the Chair, Cllr Pepper seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to close minute ref 269/71/15 and Westfield Common ref 53/21/15.

**302/73/15**

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

Consultation regarding suggested improvements to Coronation Parade – being circulated to residents.

Correspondence regarding a boundary review of Eastleigh Borough Council – noted.

Correspondence regarding First Wessex leisure credit scheme. Noted. The scheme involves encouraging young adults with rewards for good service in the community.

**303/73/15**

**b. From Hampshire County Council**

None received.

**304/73/15**

**c. Other correspondence**

The Planning Inspectorate – details of decision dates for the Hallam Lane Appeal – noted.

Hamble River Raid – evidence of the distribution of money raised for charity – noted.

**305/73/15**

**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.

**306/73/15**

At this meeting the following matters were to be discussed:-

The Hamble Club Football Club Lease

The provision of a Trip Boat at the Hamble Foreshore

The Staff and Salaries Committee

*The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.*