

Hamble Annual Parish Meeting
MINUTES
12th May 2022
7pm at Hamble Aerostructures

Attendance

Invited guests

Paul Holmes – MP for Eastleigh
Claire Hewett – Head of Hamble Primary School
Lynn Whitaker – Chair of Governor Hamble Primary School
Kristi Rogers – Development Director MDL Marinas
Clive Rendle – QA Director Coopervision

Hamble Parish Councillors (HPC)

Cllr Hand Chair, Jones (Vice Chair), Sheelagh Cohen, Cross, Ryan, Nicholson, Rolfe, Thompson and Underdown

Hamble Parish Council consultants

Claire Price – Smart Marketing
Steve Tilbury – Tilbury Consulting

Hamble Parish Council staff

Amanda Jobling – Clerk
Lisa Bradbury-Knight – Operations Manager
Robin Mason – Projects Manager

Apologies

Cllr Rob Humby – Hampshire County Council (HCC)
Cllr Keith House – Hampshire County Council/Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC)
Cllr Tonia Craig – EBC
Cllr Adam Manning – EBC
Cllr Trevor Dann – HPC
Cllr Sarah Lehnies – HPC
Cllr Craig Palmer – HPC
Alaric Govan – The Hamble School
Father Graham Whiting – St Andrews Church
Chris Tickner – Vice Governor of The Hamble School
Ross McClean – EBC

1. Cllr Hand welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially the invited guests.
The Minutes of the last meeting from 4th April 2019 were proposed by Cllr Cohen, seconded by Cllr Underdown, and approved by the meeting.

2. There was a slight change to the agenda with Amanda Jobling the Clerk opening the session on the future of the Airfield. She recapped on where we are with the application and the key issues. She highlighted that the Council was waiting for further responses from Cemex, following the first round of consultation. She also confirmed that there would be a further opportunity to comment once the additional information was received but in the meantime the council would be working on a number of issues with updates posted on the website.

She then handed over to Jennie Austin and Emma Westmacott who opened a discussion about the need for a community led group to deal with issues of concern that weren't necessarily planning related. A series of questions followed.

Coopervision were asked if they were concerned about jobs and employment. They responded that they were keen to understand the issues and especially the safety related issues. They also recognised the implications of additional traffic on Hamble Lane and the potential impact on their operations. Despite this they did not believe that the proposals would impact on jobs.

A statement was also raised about the potential of residential development if the gravel is refused and the impact of residential development on the village.

A resident asked what sort of commitment people were being asked to make if they joined the community action group. Likely to be evening meetings or online meetings which would equate to a few hours a week.

Another question was raised about the business sector and the need for it to work together to address the Cemex application and the Council were asked to confirm what information they held on local businesses. The Clerk replied they did have a data base that had been recently reviewed but it was unlikely to be comprehensive. A supplementary question was raised about the number of people employed in the village which no one was able to answer.

The Council were asked to confirm what gaps there were in the evidence base so that the group could focus on these. The Chair confirmed that the campaigning was a main area but also there were some non planning issues such as legal constraints.

There was a specific question about how the Parish Council had engaged businesses and in particular Hamble Aerostructures. Confirmed that we had contacted businesses ahead of the consultation exercise.

A follow up question about the robustness of the rail bridge was raised - and how that would impact businesses if it failed.

Another resident set out how a more active campaign could be run that would start to tap into national press and raise the profile of the issue. It was agreed this could be the role of the new community led group

Alternative uses should be looked at for example solar farms.

A local business owner asked whether some of the business users could be encouraged to use some of their resources to support work to oppose the application.

The Head of Hamble Primary School agreed that information could be sent out via their mailing list.

Paul Holmes offered to push messages out via his social media network. He also confirmed that he would be inviting members of Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee to attend the site at peak period to better understand the proximity to homes and the level of congestion on Hamble Lane.

Paul Holmes also confirmed that he had had discussions with Stuart Andrew - Planning Minister – to look at the general issue of quarrying in and around residential areas.

He also offered to use the Parliamentary Library to find out the number of jobs in Hamble.

This closed this part of the meeting with a request for people to confirm their willingness to be involved in the group by the end of the meeting.

3. Cllr Chris Jones opened up by saying that regardless of whether the future we need to be clearer about how we want to shape the future.

Hamble Vision 2050 – Cllr Chris Jones The meeting then allowed for an interactive session with comments being sought around some key themes of housing, work, village and leisure, travel and environment.

When the meeting reconvened participants were encouraged to complete the sign in form so that a summary of the notes could be sent out along with minutes of the meeting.

Meeting finished 8.35pm.

