

Council Meeting

Minutes

Hamble Parish Council, Parish Office, 2 High Street, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4JE

Minutes of the **Hamble Parish Council Meeting**
held on **Monday, February 13, 2023 at 19:00 - 21:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion, Baron Road, Hamble; Meeting Room**

Present: Ian Underdown, Malcolm Cross, Sarah Lehneis, Sheelagh Cohen, Tony Ryan, Mark Venables, Tony Moody, Michelle Nicholson, Simon Hand (Chair), Andy Thompson

Apologies: Chris Jones, Trevor Dann

Staff In Attendance: Clerk - Hamble Parish Council, Steve Tilbury, Claire Price, Projects Manager.

MINUTES

1 WELCOME

Apologies Cllr Dann and Cllr Cross.

Dispensations and Interests - Cllrs Lehneis, Moody, Underdown and Venables declared dispensations relating to the CEMEX application and Cllr Cross on Planning issues

2 MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2023

Proposed by Cllr Venables and seconded by Cllr Cohen and resolved to approve them unanimously.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four residents attended the session with three asking to speak.

The first was a resident from Satchell Lane who read a statement (attached) setting out a series of criticisms of the Councils approach to the Cemex application.

The issues include the following:

During the public meeting at Aerostructures the questioning strategy didn't allow for multiple questions to be asked by one individual.

The Councils draft submission was narrowly drafted and didn't pick up a number of village wide issues such as the impact of the quarry on the adjoining schools.

Research and Information was not shared with him in a timely fashion (in his role as a School governor).

Request for disclosure of the fee paid to date for Planning Consultancy advice.

Anecdotal evidence indicates that the Parish Council is not willing to work with the Residents Group.

A lack of engagement with the schools about their concerns.

Lack of openness with the community about its strategy.

A loss of faith in the Parish Council and a wish to lodge a formal complaint against the Council. The lead for the Hamble Peninsula Residents Association then spoke.

She set out the purpose of the group and the work it has carried out and particularly with the businesses and the medical community. She felt that prior to Christmas they had addressed the Council and set out how as a group they could help to fill in the gaps and set about doing this.

She then referred to the recent press coverage that the RA had arranged and the approach made to the council to be involved and their disappointment that this was declined. Also perceived that the issue with hirers of the hall were overstated as a means to try to stop the event. Furthermore, they believe that HPC then sought to take the credit for the press coverage with Meridian in social media posts and were piggybacking on the work of the resident's association.

Lastly she questioned the Council's intention around the site and the current application and stated it wasn't clear what we were seeking and that we were not representing the community and the village.

A further resident spoke as a representative of local businesses and stated that she was concerned that our response did not give reference to the business needs of the community.

The Clerk responded to a number of issues before the session was drawn to a close.

4 FUTURE OF HAMBLE AIRFIELD - CEMEX PLANNING APPLICATION

This item is included to allow the following:

a. Council to approve the final response to the Regulation 25 Consultation on the Cemex Quarrying application.

This item was taken at the same time as the item in 6 below - Response to the Draft Partial review of Hampshire Waste and Minerals Plan (HWMP). The Council discussed the pros and cons of the site being removed from the HWMP and whether removal from the plan would increase the prospect of the site coming forward for residential use. Recent discussions confirm that the site as well as being allocated in the plan for sand and gravel are safeguarded, regardless of the site's inclusion in the Plan. In simple terms this means that if removed from the plan and an application comes in for another use, the expectation will be that the sand and gravel will have to be removed first. In the light of this it was agreed that the response should be amended to include a statement asking for the site to be removed from the Plan. With that amendment the response to the Partial Review and the draft Reg 25 response including the addendum were proposed by Cllr Underdown, seconded by Cllr Venables and resolved for approval by majority.

b. Note that further work has been commissioned by Steve Tilbury regarding the Hampshire County Council's Highways response - focusing on their methodology to measuring severe cumulative congestion and how it was related to this application, as well as their policy context for highway responses on Hamble Lane given the evidence recently given at the Satchell Lane Planning Appeal hearing.

c. Consider the range of planning conditions that we consider essential to the Cemex application. Members deliberated whether at this stage being party to discussions about planning conditions and mitigations would be misread by the community as the Council giving in and accepting that the proposal could be seen as acceptable with the use of conditions. This isn't the position but accepting this argument it was agreed to not do more than currently outlined for the moment. The same applied for the item below.

d. To discuss what HPC might want HCC to secure on behalf of the village (if the application is approved). The list is designed to address issues and concerns raised through the consultation exercise and the "Tell us your concerns" exercise.

e. Update council on the various meetings related to the application.

A meeting is being arranged with HCC via Paul Holmes office. Also looking to secure a room at Aerostructures for the 23rd March 2023 for a Public Briefing.

5 GRANT APPLICATIONS

Three grant applications from St Andrews Church, Hamble were considered for the following sums. Professor Hearn outlined the challenges that the church was facing with rising costs and an aging congregation which was reducing in size.

This year's grant budget totalled £4500 at the start of the year. Five payments have been made during the year totalling £1737.00.

£700.00 - repair of the front fence - this was due to damage/anti-social behaviour, not as a result of disrepair.

£890.00 - improve and repair paving at the village Cenotaph - the area is currently subject to regular clearance taking up to eight days a year. Proposal aims to relay some block work and grout them to stop weeds coming through.

£7954.80 - for the maintenance and electrification of the Clock. Currently the clock is wound manually. It is having to be done in the bell tower and fewer of the congregation are able to physically manage the climb to do it, hence the investigation to electrify it. Given the cost it was suggested that they might also seek funding from Hamble's Hampshire County Councillor Keith House who has a community grant fund.

Cllr Underdown proposed, and Cllr Moody seconded that the Council agreed in accordance with its powers under S137 & S139 of the Local Government Act 1972 should incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure to award a grant of £1590 towards the cost of repairs to the fence and the cenotaph.

6 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Planning Committee

To approve the Council's draft response to the Partial Review of the Hampshire Waste and Minerals Plan (see above)

Coordination Working Group

To note the approval of expenditure by the Clerk of up to £1,000 for legal advice in connection with the Cemex Planning Application (within the scheme of delegation)

Asset Management Committee

The Committee agreed unanimously to an increase in charges from April 2023 to £1 for the Foreshore Car Park

To start work on a PID for the redevelopment of Mount Pleasant Pavilion and play area with a view to starting the project in September 2023 with a consultation exercise.

Personnel Working Group - meeting scheduled for 10th Feb 2023

To allocate a sum of £500 to fund a social event in recognition of the staff team's performance over the last year.

To establish a task and finish group comprising members of the personnel working group to review the Council's current staffing structure and the role of the Clerk as part of a succession planning process. Once completed there will be a second stage that applies this to the Council's priorities and also the recruitment timetable.

All the recommendations were accepted unanimously by the Council as listed.

7 FINANCIALS

To approve the bank reconciliation for December 2022 and January 2023 and the payment list. Other financial reports are available for information.

All the reports were proposed by Cllr Venables and seconded by Cllr Thompson, and all resolved to approve unanimously the attached documents.

Ahead of Exempt Business Richard Beach and his wife attended the meeting to discuss the issues that they are currently facing as a business and the concerns that they have about the structure of the lease and possible solutions to it. The Chair thanked them for attending the meeting before moving into exempt business. He also moved an extension to the meeting of 15 minutes which was agreed by all.

Cllr Ryan left the meeting at 9.25pm

8 EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 in respect of the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it is/they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act. The Schedule 12A categories have been amended and are now subject to the public interest test, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This came into effect on 1st March 2006. It is considered that the

following items are exempt from disclosure and that the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the inform

9 RECOMMENDATION FROM ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Council discussed the proposal put forward by Richard Beach and the recommendation from the Asset Management Committee rejected it, asking that the Council continues to work with the Beach Hut to resolve the outstanding issues. Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Underdown and all resolved unanimously to reject the proposal.