

Council Meeting

Minutes

Hamble Parish Council, Parish Office, 2 High Street, Hamble, Southampton SO31
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Minutes of the **Hamble Parish Council Meeting** held on **Monday, March 13, 2023**
at **19:00 - 21:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion, Baron Road, Hamble**

Present: Chris Jones (virtually), Malcolm Cross, Mark Venables, Tony Moody, Simon Hand (Chair), Sarah Lehneis, Michelle Nicholson, Andy Thompson, Trevor Dann (virtually) and Ian Underdown

Apologies: Tony Ryan, Sheelagh Cohen

Staff In Attendance: Clerk, Project Manager, Planning Consultant and Comms Manager (arrived at 19.25pm)

MINUTE REFERENCE 13032023+AGENDA NUMBER

1 WELCOME

There were seven members of the public present who were welcomed to the meeting.

The Chair explained that the meeting was not being recorded tonight although remote access was allowing Cllrs Dann and Jones to join the meeting – but they were not able to vote.

Announcements – Chair read out the letter from the Friday Snug Initiative highlighting the successes of the scheme and thanking the council for funding. The Council welcomed the update and hoped it continued to provide a vital service for the future.

Apologies for absence – Cllrs Cohen and Ryan

Dispensations or interests

Cllrs with dispensations for Cemex included Cllrs Dann, Lehneis, Underdown, Venable and Moody.

2 MINUTES

Resolved unanimously to approve both the Minutes of the last meeting 13th February 2023 and to approve the exempt minutes from 12th December 2022 which hadn't previously been formally approved.

3 PUBLIC SESSION

Introduce session.

Chair welcomed the public to this session. Three people had asked to speak so they were asked to confine their comments to five minutes.

The first resident tabled a paper which highlighted a number of changes within the High Street Conservation Area which they were concerned about. The issues identified included: design of the Lifeboat Station, condition of the cobbled highway, signage in and around the Foreshore including the newly painted areas in the car park and the slipway, the quay ladders, bins and bollards. An offer was made to set up a group to assess these issues and options to improve the area. Cllr Underdown highlighted work going on to review the conservation area policy due to Council concerns. It was agreed that a response would follow outside of the meeting.

A representative from the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG) attended and welcomed work being done on mitigation and the Regulatory Committee site visit and welcomed the regular meetings that were taking place between the two groups each week.

The final representation was from a resident who had carried out work on Hamble Airfield mapping site distances to show the impact of the quarry location in relation to key positions around the village and Satchell Lane. Reference was also made to properties in The Close, Hamble which are one of the closest to the quarry boundary

and the impact it will have on them. A request was made to highlight the location to the Regulatory Committee so they could see it for themselves when they did the site visit.

4 FUTURE OF HAMBLE AIRFIELD - CEMEX PLANNING APPLICATION

Cllr Jones highlighted the work that the Coordination group had been focused on since the last meeting. Generally, it had been a quiet period waiting for the outstanding consultation responses. In the meantime, the Council have established a joint working group with the HPRG in preparation for the Regulatory Committee (RC). Details of the terms of reference for the group were attached.

Steve Tilbury referred to the outstanding responses and the importance of Natural England to the application in terms of both the acceptability of the proposals and the long-term management of the site.

He also outlined the process that the case officer would be going through trying to pull together the final report. This would be published a week ahead of the committee meeting which would leave a short timescale to respond to any final issues that emerge. We would be able to make further representations up to the morning of the committee.

Cllr Hand left the room at 7.38pm and returned 2 minutes later.

The Clerk then outlined the different papers that had been circulated to Council and their relevance. The planning conditions table produced by Steve Tilbury reflected the comments from other agencies and were likely to form part of the final report. The list of mitigations suggested by HPC were attached in the table that had originally been circulated in January but had been updated. A discussion then took place about the relative merits of sending it now versus once the highways mitigations were published. It was agreed to send now but with a covering letter highlighting our frustration at not having all the available information to comment and reserve the right to go back in due course.

Also discussed the route map for the Regulatory Committee and how to update that in the light of the additional distance information. Agreed to discuss it at the Coordination Meeting at the end of the week.

Cllr Nicholson introduced the latest position on the communications strategy and the proposals put forward by the Working Group. These set out three strands as follows:

Working with others – HPRG, other parishes, EBC etc.

Reaching out to the community – run a series of outreach sessions hosted by Cllrs and also target residents where they are likely to have specific issues due to location and proximity.

Focus on positive stories in the community and events that are running around the Coronation to provide positive messaging in what might be a difficult time.

Proposed by Cllr Underdown and Seconded by Cllr Cross and all resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the Regulatory Committee Working Group

Proposed by Cllr Underdown and seconded by Cllr Venables and all resolved to submit the list of mitigations with a covering letter with any other amendments being signed off by the Coordination Working Group.

To conclude the discussion of the RC route and background information paper and to seek volunteers for the outreach outside of the meeting.

Steve Tilbury left the meeting.

5 COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

Cllr Thompson highlighted his concerns about the increase in dog incidents in and around Hamble and what if anything could be done to regulate the current arrangements especially when people are using Hamble Parish Council's land?

Confirmed that the responsible authority is Eastleigh Borough Council and the legislation that covers it would be the Public Spaces Protection Orders. It was agreed that Cllr Cross would make enquiries and a report would come back to the next meeting.

Cllr Lehneis agreed that the issue of the outside gym equipment was best dealt with at Asset Management Committee and would be added to the net agenda for discussion.

6 EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL - LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE PLAN

The document was noted along with the suggested changes that the Clerk had made which included the addition of the Cemex application and the insertion of the word Hamble in relation to anti-social behaviour at the Foreshore so it was clear it related to Hamble.

7 CIVILITY AND RESPECT POLICY

Proposed Cllr Lehneis and seconded Cllr Nicholson resolved to adopt the policy by majority.

8 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Financial Risk Assessment for 2023/24 was introduced and the Council resolved to approve it unanimously.

9 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT 2022/23

The Chair introduced the report having met the new auditor. The comments were welcomed, and the Council resolved to accept the recommendations from the auditor unanimously.

Cllr Lehneis left the room for a minute at 8.30pm.

10 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Clerk highlighted that the Council was needing to manage its cash flow as we approached the end of the year. The Clerk had requested that the precept be paid early in the month of April but sought approval to use delegation with the Chair to draw down monies from the EBC loan if needed. This was not anticipated but it was a possibility. The delegation if used would be reported to the next meeting.

Council welcomed the improvement in the reports and the work carried out by the Admin Assistant (Finance) and the rest of the team in getting the sales invoices up to date. A question was raised about the contract with Nespresso and the Clerk confirmed there was no contract in place – purchases were made as needed which was more cost effective.

Council was also asked to note the movement of money from the business savings account to the business current account and Cllr Venables and Cllr Thompson resolved to approve the list of payments and the reconciliation statements for February and all were approved unanimously.

Cllr Tony Moody left the meeting at 8.37 for a minute

11 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 information.

Proposed by Cllr hand and seconded Cllr Underdown and all resolved to move into exempt business. The Project Manager and the Comms Consultant left the meeting.