



## Council Meeting

### Minutes

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

#### Minutes of the **Full Council** of **HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on **Monday, December 9, 2024** at **19:00 - 21:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion**;

Present: Chair Chris Jones, Simon Hand, Ian Underdown, Michelle Nicholson, Tony Moody, Serena Alexander, Malcolm Cross, Mark Venables, Nick O'Donnell,

Apologies: Shareen Benton, Trevor Dann, Sue Kendall

Staff In Attendance: Clerk and Administration and Finance Officer

Partners and consultants in attendance: Claire Price SmartMarketing

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## MINUTES

### 1 WELCOME

The Chair Welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the year.

Apologies for absence Sue Kendall, Trevor Dann and Shareen Benton

Dispensations for Cemex Cllr Venables, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Underdown

RSrnYC Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Alexander and Cllr Hand

### 2 APPROVE MINUTES

Cllr Underdown asked to have noted that he had not understood the request in the last minutes that the Parish would prepare a Designation statement and if he had realised it was being proposed he would have requested that this went to a vote as he does not think the time is right to be preparing this, however, he understands that this does not commit the Parish to anything.

Resolution: to approve the minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> November. Proposed by Cllr Underdown and seconded by Cllr Alexander. Cllr Nicholson abstained as she was not present.

The minutes of the Mount Pleasant Sub Committee were brought to Council for approval.

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the Mount Pleasant Sub Committee Cllr Hand Proposed and Cllr Moody seconded and all in favour

### **3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of the public present representing the residents group.

### **4 YOUTH OPTIONS**

The Chair outlined the Youth Options provision that is contracted by Eastleigh Borough Council with contributions from Hamble, Hound and Bursledon.

He introduced Mark Ford from Youth Options who joined the meeting remotely and explained that that this is an outreach roaming service in the community two nights a week and now includes Friday night football.

There is an additional holiday programme of play and stay style sessions across the peninsular and included at the Roy Underdown Pavilion.

He outlined the different topics that are important to young people including ASB, vaping, sexual health and wellbeing and he advised that through this provision they had redirected young people to additional support. He then gave statistics on how the engagement had made a positive impact.

He then outlined the various options that had been proposed to for the 25/26 financial year and that this was currently with the Borough for agreement.

Three Councillors asked questions in relation to statistics, communications and gender profile and how to engage with more females.

The Chair thanked Mark and all of the Team for their hard work and that the Parish Council supported this important provision and would be including the option with the most resource in their 25/26 budget (however, this was dependent on the other Parishes and also the Borough).

### **5 HAMBLE AIRFIELD/CEMEX**

The Chair updated that there had been informal confirmation that an appeal had been submitted by Cemex, we would hear officially as soon as this was submitted by the Planning Inspector.

He said that this evening there were two items that needed to be resolved:-

The first to pass a resolution for an enabling amount of money in the Clerks control to use if and when there was a requirement without needing to wait to get approval of Council of £5k in the Clerks control to deal with professional and planning issues should they arise between meetings.

The second is that as Councillors we need to ask what the appetite is for full participation in the appeal process. He outlined the legal process with an Inspector, Cemex the Appellant and the County Council, who may or may not defend the appeal.

There are options as to how we engage; from Comms right up to a Rule 6 Party. If the Parish want to put a coalition together to present a case, this is likely to cost around £50k and would be fronted by the Parish,

with the Residents Group and the Borough, however, procedurally it is difficult for one Planning Authority to get involved in another planning authority. Therefore, the Borough's ability to participate is constrained but they are willing to consider funding and possibly offer expertise.

If the Parish were to contribute to between £10k and £20k, then this would cost around £8 per household for the year, this needs to go into the budget and we have a short time to ask the community if they support this.

He outlined the process and what we expect to happen: official PINS (Planning Inspectorate) notification, Inspector appointed (only a few experienced in Minerals & Waste applications) and the timing is when is the Inspector available. Earliest is March and possibly through to the Autumn.

He then outlined the reasons for objections and highlighted in particular the Highways mitigation argument.

Cllr Moody queried the £8. Cllr Venables asked about the role of the Local MP.

The Chair invited the member of the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group who explained that Cemex only have to appeal against the reasons for refusal and that the HPRG would like to join together as a Rule 6 Party and that the Inspector would prefer only one Rule 6 party.

Cllr Underdown said he supported the suggestion to give allocated funding and for the Clerk to be able to spend this money. He said we should wait to see what the papers are saying and what Cemex statement is and how the County intends to respond.

During the discussion it was stated that as well as paying its own legal representation, there is a possibility the Parish Council could have to pay for Cemex's costs.

Cllr O'Donnell suggested that he thought the contribution from the village was defensible.

He then said that the Neighbourhood Plan should happen in parallel.

The Chair advised on the Local Plan Options and Appraisals briefing that there is no development on the Peninsular.

**Resolution:** The Chair proposed that we resolved to approve a fund of £5,000 for professional and legal fees to be delegated to the Clerk. Cllr Underdown seconded and all in favour.

All Councillors prepare that at the January meeting they need to agree the contribution from the Parish of what is put into the Budget and if the Parish are to participate in a Rule 6 party.

Cllr Underdown advised that the independent examination of the Minerals & Waste plan is taking place in February and asked should we get representation at the meeting.

## **6 V E DAY**

The Chair said we need to respond to RSrnYC who would like to lead on this event.

The Council are minded to support RSrnYC's proposal to lead on this but only as long as there is suitable representation from the rest of the Village.

Cllr Hand then mentioned VJ Day.

Cllr Underdown agreed and suggested that it is in collaboration with other business in the village and there was discussion that there should be beacon lighting elsewhere ie at Mount Pleasant as it is important how the village sees this. Time of day and other venues outside of the RSrnYC should be considered.

The Council will support RSrnYC in their plans providing critical elements of National significance are included as well as consideration for inclusivity. Also that the Parish have the ultimate say in how and where events take place.

**Resolution:** The Chair proposed and Cllr Hand seconded, Cllr Moody abstained, all others in favour to support the RSmYC leading on this event but that the Parish Council has the ultimate final say

## **7 COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

### **7.1 CHAIR UPDATE**

The Chair advised that the Community Awards scheme which had been circulated was ready for approval.

**Resolution:** Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour to approve the Community awards.

The Chair confirmed that the Mount Pleasant Play park contract has been awarded to Kompan for £120k inc VAT

The Chair then mentioned the Code of Conduct and said it was important to be clear about what is a Pecuniary Interest and what is a Disclosable Interest and clarity on the code of conduct is required so that all Councillors are clear.

### **7.2 ASSETS UPDATE**

Cllr Moody highlighted the quotes for line marking at the car park, there was discussion around what exactly was required.

**Resolution:** It was resolved to approve the quote of £1100 but to renegotiate the detail to remove some of the line markings. Cllr Underdown Proposed and Cllr Nicholson seconded and all in favour.

### **7.3 PLANNING UPDATE**

Cllr Underdown reiterated that there will be an independent inspection of the Minerals & Waste Plan and if Council should have representation.

He also mentioned the Issues and Options Appraisals for the Local Plan – the Chair suggested that Steve Tilbury should respond on our behalf. The Clerk to guide Council and liaise with Steve on how best to respond.

13 Satchell Lane a recurring application has been refused at appeal but the homeowner has applied for a Lawful Development Certificate.

### **7.4 FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Cllr Nicholson, Chair of Functions mentioned that the Parish had appointed the Interim Officer on a Fixed Term basis starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Caretaker and Maintenance Operative will be readvertised in January.

Claire from Smart Marketing mentioned that Hamble Parish Council was Runner Up in Village of the Year and had also won Best Use of Social Media. The Chair congratulated and thanked Claire and all the team at SmartMarketing.

## 7.5 BHH & LAC

Cllr Cross mentioned that we are near the end of the Financial year and the Parish should consider any areas that they may wish to request funding from the Borough.

## 8 STANDING ITEMS

### 8.1 HEALTH & SAFETY

Nothing to report. No near misses or incidents

### 8.2 OPERATIONAL FINANCE

The Operational Finance document was discussed.

## 9 BUDGET/FEES & CHARGES/PRIORITIES

The Chair asked Council to agree the Fees & Charges document.

**Resolution:** To agree the Fees & Charges document which was Proposed by Cllr O'Donnel and seconded by Cllr Nicholson

Cllr Moody left at 20.26 and returned at 20.27

The Chair outlined the £44,000 that had been put into the budget for an Asset Maintenance programme.

Cllr Hand said he didn't think £20k was enough for the Cemex appeal.

Cllr O'Donnel felt that asking the public for around 10% of the overall budget for a much needed Asset Management fund was easily explainable.

Cllr Underdown said that we should accept the budget as it stands and not ask the Clerk to do any further work and bring this back to Council in January for final approval of the precept and overall budget.

## 10 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT

The Interim Internal Audit was taken as read.

**Resolution:** Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour to note the actions in the report.

## 11 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Resolution:** Resolved to approve the financial reports and information proposed by Cllr Nicholson and seconded by Cllr Cross and all in favour

## **12 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.

Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour to move to Exempt business. Partners and staff left the meeting.

## **13 ENCROACHMENT ON COUNCIL LAND**

The Chair outlined the current position and requested that Council approve a further spend of £2,000 on this matter.

**Resolution:** Proposed Cllr Underdown and seconded Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Moody abstained and all others in favour.

## **14 COUNCIL LEASES**

The Chair outlined the current position. The minutes of this discussion are confidential and have been recorded separately and not available to the public.

## **15 ROW 5**

This item was deferred.

Meeting ended at **21:00**

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