

Council Meeting

Minutes

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

Minutes of the **Cemex Defence Management Committee Meeting** of **HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL**

Meeting held on **Monday, January 13, 2025** at **13:00 - 14:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion**

Present: Chair Chris Jones, Michelle Nicholson, Simon Hand,

Apologies: None

Staff In Attendance: Clerk and Finance & Administration Officer

The Minute Reference for this meeting will be the following format (DD/MM/YYYY) + item reference

MINUTES

1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed the members. There were no member of the public preset.

No apologies for absence

Dispensations Cllr Nicholson for Cemex. There were no disclosable interests.

2 FINANCIAL/CONTRACTUAL MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE CEMEX APPEAL AND THE RULE 6 PARTY

Governance – the Chair outlined where we are now as a Parish and gave some background in relation to the Rule 6 party.

He confirmed that Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG) have previously done and are continuing to do a huge amount of fact find and analytical work and doing a fabulous job and have got us a long way down the path.

The Parish now have to consider the spending of public money to support this process under our rules and this is this was the job of this Committee.

- Any Commitments that are made are properly in line with the Councils rules.
- That monies will be paid properly and in line with Auditing procedures.
- No decisions will be made that will incur undue risk to the Council or public expenditure.

Extra complications are that we need to receive money from HPRG and Eastleigh Borough Council.

At the moment, the Chair suggests we are likely to be in the £60k bracket, assuming the inquiry remain a 2 day hearing, the biggest unknown is who the expert witnesses are and how much they will cost us.

The Chair outlined the basis of the call with the Barrister and confirmed what areas would be focused on for the statement of case. The Clerk will follow up on actions from the Barrister briefing with Leigh Day.

Resolved that the Cemex Defence Committee approve the Client Care letter from Leigh Day on the basis that Full Council sign off the financial commitment at this evening Full Council meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Hand and seconded by Cllr Nicholson seconded and all 3 members in favour

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

Meeting ended at **14:02**

CHAIR _____