



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, March 10, 2025** at **19:00 - 21:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion**;

Present: Trevor Dann, Simon Hand, Ian Underdown, Michelle Nicholson, Tony Moody, Serena Alexander, Sue Kendall, Mark Venables

Apologies: Chris Jones, Malcolm Cross, Andy Thompson. Nick O' Donnell joined remotely

Staff In Attendance: Clerk, Interim Officer

Partners & Consultants in Attendance: Claire Price SmartMarketing

The minute reference for this meeting is (DD/MM/YYYY) + Minute Reference

MINUTES

1 WELCOME

The Vice Chair took the meeting in the absence of the Chair (he is referred to as Chair in these minutes)

Apologies for absence from Cllr Jones, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Cross

Cllr O'Donnell joined the meeting remotely around 5 mins into the meeting

He sent well wishes to Cllr Cross who had been unwell and also to Cllr Thompson who was in hospital.

He advised the meeting was being recorded for Admin purposes.

Dispensation for Cllr Venables, Cllr Alexander, Cllr Moody, Cllr Nicholson for Cemex

2 APPROVE MINUTES

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 10th February 2025 Cllr Underdown and Cllr Nicholson and all in favour

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the Public present from HPRG in relation to item 5 and two officers from Hedge End Constabulary P C Peacock and P C Badnam who were here in relation to item 4.

4 LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

There was a presentation from P C Simon Peacock in relation to the Hamble Foreshore and Operation Aquatic outlining plans for 2025. He reviewed reports, noting most were related to antisocial behavior, with 6 actual crimes (e.g., damage to toilets and the Lifeboat). He clarified that 26 reports about children jumping into the water were safety concerns, not crimes.

Due to limited resources, the police will focus on serious crimes but won't be reactive to youth gatherings. The Problem Solving team recommended updating signage, improving water safety education, and collaborating with British Transport Police on unticketed train use. They also suggested adding more litter bins, a responsibility of the Parish Council.

The Chair acknowledged the added pressure on Parish Grounds staff due to litter. PC Peacock emphasized the importance of reporting all incidents, even non-crimes, through the online system.

Cllr Underdown asked about future Operation Aquatic meetings, and PC Peacock confirmed that no Dispersal Orders would be issued. Cllr Alexander inquired about alcohol-related issues and shoplifting.

Cllr Kendall sought guidance on public messaging for reporting, and PC Peacock advised promoting online reporting. Cllr Nicholson then reiterated how the Parish could promote the Comms messaging.

Cllr Venables raised concerns about motorbikes on RUP and the Airfield, and PC Peacock noted past success in addressing this.

Cllr Underdown asked about photographing youths, and PC Peacock confirmed it is not illegal. The Chair thanked him for his attendance.

5 HAMBLE AIRFIELD/CEMEX DEFENCE COMMITTEE

The Chair asked for an update from Cllr Nicholson, who then invited the Member of the public from the Hamble Peninsular Residents Group (HPRG) to lead on the update.

She said at the last Council meeting in February the Statements of Case had been submitted which is the summary of each parties case. Next was the Proofs of Evidence due on 4th March Proofs, she apologised for the lateness of the POE's and the version control. These are now in. The Solicitor Leigh Day, had done their job well to manage the legal aspects.

All POE's are in from appellant. Hamble Parish Council and Hampshire County Council, once read see if there are any rebuttals, which the Inspector was very clear, we can only put a rebuttal in if there is something Cemex or HCC have said the on that/ only if the information has not been evidence already and if it will make the inquiry shorter. At this stage, it doesn't appear there will be many. There may be some Highways queries. She said that HCC were no longer defending their refusal.

Parallel is the statement of common ground, of everything that all three parties agree on.

Inquiry is split into two 1st –4th April and then 24th and 25th (4 days and 2 days)

The Veteran trees had been explored and now were no longer part of the inquiry.

One of the things that came up in SoCG, was the use of the Airfield, which had been called recreational use of the airfield and is now being referred to as illegal use or trespassing. The Barrister had asked for the history of the security around the Airfield, this had been provided by finding the local knowledge, handing it to the Solicitor and Experts who then take this to the Barrister.

Day one of the Inquiry, can have any member of the public speaking as an interested party. The HPRG are trying to manage the interested parties. She asked for RUP to be open to live stream.

Business have been contacted by the HPRG group for fundraising purposes.

Cllr Underdown added that the most important thing was that an Interested Party can raise anything they wish, but the Rule 6 party can only raise the items that have been evidenced. He added that the interested parties must understand that it is the afternoon.

The HPRG member stated there are a lot of individuals but also business want be making statements as interested parties.

She then mentioned the map for site visit and that had to be agreed with County the Appellant and the Rule 6 party.

The Chair/Clerk thanked her along with the members of the HPRG group and the Rule 6 party members for their hard work and contributions.

6 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Chair mentioned that due to the Planning Inquiry for Cemex starting 1st April, this now clashed and needed to be moved.

It was agreed that the Community Awards would remain as part of the Annual Parish Meeting/Assembly as this was the right place for them to be presented at that meeting as originally planned.

The Clerk will check availability of dates for a venue but also against other Council dates and confirm by email the new date, which must be before 1st June, Smart would create the Comms to cancel the 1st April meeting and re-advertise the new meeting.

The deadline for nominations is 7th April, these will be judged at either the April or May full Council meeting depending on the new date.

Claire from Smart will put reminders out on socials and in the newsletter.

7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Cllr Hand stated there had been various meetings with the Borough and he outlined that there had been one working group meeting to focus on the transfer of Assets. He stated this was officer to officer.

He reiterated the importance of understanding the liabilities and benefits of taking each asset, he then stated that the local MP was keen to talk to the Parish about the devolution process.

The Clerk gave some more background. Cllr Venables then reiterated concerns about risks. Cllr Hand said the working group would investigate this and report back to Council

Resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the Asset Transfer/ Local Government Reorganisation Cllr Underdown Proposed and Cllr Hand seconded and all in favour

8 COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

8.1 CHAIR UPDATE

Cllr Hand left the meeting at 20.11pm and returned at 20.13pm

He read the statement from the Committee meeting about designation for the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Underdown stated that he is representative of the Henville Trust and the financial info is on the charity commissioners website there is a paper copy of the financial accounts in the office.

He was asked to give a brief outline to Council what the Trust was.

Cllr Underdown explained that the Henville Educational Foundation was established in the 1840s by the Vicar of Hamble. He set up a school, created the foundation, and built Henville House on the High Street, renting it out to fund the initiative. The house was later sold, with the proceeds invested. Grants are available for individuals under 25, provided they aren't funded by the local authority. The process is confidential, and the foundation is currently working with two individuals. Contact details are in the village newsletter.

8.2 ASSETS UPDATE

The Chair of Assets stated there was a plan in place, with the Zero hours operative coming in to assist with demolishing the lean too. She said we were still waiting for CCTV quotes

She was keen to arrange a meeting with the Foreshore toilets working group and mentioned that we had received a grant for £5600 from Hampshire County Council and need to have a plan by next Assets meeting.

Tree planting on Mount Pleasant had started.

8.3 PLANNING UPDATE

Cllr Underdown stated that he gave a comprehensive report on the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan at the last Planning Committee He raised concerns about the state of Lower High Street with patches and also the latest City Fibre/Up Connect cable installs.

The Police Training College had an application for fencing due to threat.

Andy Thompson observed the meeting and had stated he would like to join the Planning Committee and Cllr Underdown proposed that Andy Thompson join this Committee and also the Assets Committee, this was seconded by Cllr Alexander on the basis if he does not wish to join both he can stand down

8.4 FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr Nicholson mentioned the month end process in the absence of the Finance Officer and thanked the Clerk and the team in particular the Interim Officer for the work that had been picked up by the team along with outside Accountant Support. She said other matters to be discussed were under Exempt Business.

Claire from Smart Marketing said it had been quiet on the Comms front but business as usual. Mount Pleasant was being discussed later.

Cllr O'Donnell complimented the content of the latest newsletter.

8.5 BHH & LAC

Cllr Cross was absent, there was no update.

8.6 MOUNT PLEASANT PLAY PARK COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP

Update on Mount Pleasant site and the Play Park project

Update on Comms

Cllr Nicholson said the Play park was progressing on schedule. Weekly site meetings were taking place.

Feedback had been received from members of the public regarding surfacing and lack of toddler equipment. Some additional hard surfacing had been added to the scheme and the team were looking into costs for some additional toddler equipment, there was currently no budget for this.

The proposed date for the Grand Opening was Monday 31st March and it the Lord Leutenants office had been asked to attend along with Iwan Thomas a parent at the school and a GB athlete.

There was engagement with the school for the opening activities, Claire at Smart was hosting two workshops and working on a play area pledge and welcome sign. The children were also making a paper chain and looking at a time capsule.

9 STANDING ITEMS

9.1 HEALTH & SAFETY

Nothing to report

9.2 OPERATIONAL FINANCE

The Clerk highlighted the spreadsheet that had been provided and mentioned that this was not fully up to date.

10 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Chair advised that these Regs from part of the Governance that HPC include in broader discussions in April.

The Clerk went through the document and Council accepted the new Financial Model Regulations but asked Under 9.2 to put a credit card maximum limit onto the Barclaycard.

Resolved to approve the new financial regulations proposed by Cllr Underdown and seconded by Cllr Hand and all in favour.

This will be reviewed again at the Annual Council meeting

11 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk explained that the Accountant had said that the reports that had been provided to Council were unnecessary and she had included the entire income and expenditure in place of the Purchase and Sales Ledgers and payments list.

Resolved to approve the monthly cash book and reconciliations and other reports by Cllr Nicholson proposed and Cllr Venables 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.

Proposed Cllr Underdown and Cllr Alexander seconded and all in favour to move to exempt business. Partners and Staff left the meeting

13 COUNCIL LEASES

To update on several Council leases

There were several Council leases update on and due to their confidential nature are recorded seperately

14 H R

To update on other staffing matters

The Clerk had prepared a report for Full Council to consider in relation, the minutes and resolution are recorded separately under Exempt Minutes due to the confidential nature

15 ENCROACHMENT ON PARISH LAND

Update and Decision

The Clerk gave an update and it was agreed to proceed with the recommendation made by the Clerk, the details of this are minuted seperately due to the confidential nature

16 APPENDICES

Meeting ended at **21:22**

CHAIR _____