

Council Meeting

Minutes

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

Minutes of the **Cemex Defence Committee Meeting** of **HAMBLE PARISH COUNCIL**
Meeting held on **Monday, 7 July 2025** at **18:00 - 19:00** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion**

Present: Clerk Chris Jones, Michelle Nicholson

Apologies: Simon Hand

Staff In Attendance: Clerk

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

MINUTES

1 WELCOME

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed.

Dispensation for Cemex for Cllr Nicholson

Apologies from Cllr Hand

Cllr Underdown was present as an observer

2 MINUTES

Resolved to sign the minutes of the Cemex Defence Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2025

Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Nicholson

3 FINANCIAL/CONTRACTUAL MATTERS IN RELATION TO THE CEMEX INQUIRY AND THE RULE 6 PARTY

The Chair said the Inquiry was now complete and that payments now need to be made, the Parish were not expecting any more invoices other than those received to date. The contribution from Eastleigh Borough Council would be arriving this week.

The Chair stated he is in the process of finalising the Memorandum of Understanding and grant money to Hamble Peninsular Residents Group as resolved at full the Annual Council meeting on 12 May 2025 (Item 16) in order for them to pay the remainder of the bills.

The Chair went through the invoices and the spreadsheet that had been prepared by the Clerk with the invoices and payments still to be made, these totalled just over £73,000 (excl. VAT)

The Chair said he would be preparing a report for Full Council next week and then this committee would be dissolved as their role had been done. Any further decisions would be made by Full Council.

He went on to talk about the two scenarios of 'What happens if we win the appeal' and 'what happens if we don't'. He said that the level of commitment from residents is not sustainable, and they would not be able to support a process like this. To create a sustainable way to plan for Hamble Airfield development applications, the Chair recommended that the Parish Council should be considering raising a 'fighting fund' and this needs to go into the budget. He suggested £75k per year for two years raised from Parish Council precept into a fund to defend the Airfield. Full Council now need to decide how they want to approach the 'fighting fund', in particular with residents.

He also stated that if the application goes ahead, given the Unilateral Undertaking, it will likely fall to the Parish to implement conditions. For example: a fund would be needed to put CCTV in place to ensure that if Cemex break the conditions they can be held to account.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ian Underdown stated that it was the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan that has a governing body to oversee this.

5 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.

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There were no exempt matters for discussion

Meeting ended at **18:33**

CHAIR _____