

## 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, July 14, 2025** at **19:00 - 21:30** in the **Roy Underdown Pavilion;**  
**Meeting Room**

Present: Chair Chris Jones, Trevor Dann, Ian Underdown, Michelle Nicholson, Malcolm Cross, Mark Venables, Nick O'Donnell, Andy Thompson,

Apologies: Simon Hand, Serena Alexander, Tony Moody, Sue Kendall

Staff In Attendance: Clerk and Deputy Clerk

Partners In Attendance: Claire Price SmartMarketing, Steve Tilbury Planning Consultant

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#### **MINUTES**

#### **1 WELCOME**

The Chair opened the last meeting before the recess and welcomed all.

Apologies from Cllr Alexander, Cllr Moody, Cllr Hand and Cllr Kendall

One member of the public was present

Dispensations from Cllr Underdown, Cllr Dann, Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Venables.

#### **2 APPROVE MINUTES**

**Resolved** to approve Full Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> of June and Extraordinary Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, proposed by Cllr Underdown and Cllr Cross Seconded and all present in favour

**Resolved** to approve the Cemex Defence Committee Minutes by Cllr Nicholson Proposed and Cllr Jones seconded

### **3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one member of the public present to discuss ideas about how to support local businesses in Hamble particularly food and drink establishments.

She advised that she had recently won an award with Southampton City for their Future Towns Innovations Hub.

She wanted to gauge support from Hamble Parish Council on whether a collaboration food establishments/pubs and restaurants can work together to do a small market in the village on properties that are already owned where there would be no issues with public liability etc. However, she did ask about possible closure of the High Street.

Council were supportive of these ideas and said they would help wherever they could.

### **4 SATURDAY MARKET**

Item was deferred as there was no proposal presented.

### **5 HAMBLE AIRFIELD/CEMEX DEFENCE COMMITTEE**

The Chair stated that the Village now faced two possibilities of whether we win or lose the appeal and if we win, what does the village want us to do?

The Chair then outlined the S106 which is a legal document between the developer and the planning authority with conditions to mitigate the development, however, this is unlikely to go ahead and there is instead a Unilateral Undertaking which puts emphasis on how the Parish help ensure that Cemex adhere to the commitments for example paying for CCTV to track lorry movements.

The Chair stated it would be unrealistic for the Residents Group to commit to another appeal as this is far too onerous on them. Therefore, as a village if we want to fight another appeal the Parish would have to raise around £50k from the precept. However, even if we lose there would still be a requirement for around £50k to purchase cameras and put in protocols.

Steve Tilbury then summarised, saying the Inquiry finished with Closing Statements being read. The Inspectors Decision and report would not come until the Autumn.

A Unilateral Undertaking (UU) has the same legal effect as a Section 106 agreement once signed as a deed. In both cases, only HCC can enforce the terms. HPC or residents have no legal enforcement rights, which is standard. HCC has full discretion on if/when to enforce compliance.

Persimmon want a clause to automatically release them from obligations if future planning permission (e.g. for housing) is granted. HCC won't accept this, arguing it's wrong to pre-judge future applications. The Inspector will decide if the clause stays. Even if accepted, it doesn't make future housing more or less likely.

The Inspector conducted the Inquiry very fairly and gave members of the public the forum to voice their views and it is likely to be a Highways issue that the Inspector refuses on. If the appeal is allowed, there is an option to challenge but only if there is a valid reason.

Cemex looking at end of 2027 to commence including setting up the liaison group.

Cllr Underdown then mentioned the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan review and asked Steve Tilbury when the examination of the plan review would likely come and Steve said that due to another site, this would likely be next year. Cllr Venables then asked about the difference in the HMWP and the proposal from Cemex and if this made any difference.

The Chair said he was very proud of the efforts that have been made by the Hamble Peninsular Defence Group which including the Parish Council and the Residents Group as a Rule 6 Party but also the efforts of the community and the Chair said he would like to do something to recognise this, he suggested a village picnic on RUP at a Friday afternoon with a marquee and a presentation to publicly congratulate and celebrate these efforts.

**Resolved** that the Parish would be willing to spend up to £1000 subject to a plan that everyone agrees to, to support this Cllr Nicholson proposed and Cllr Venables seconded. Cllr Dann voted against all others in favour.

Cllr Jones then went on to say that he was working closely with the Residents Group to help them secure additional funding but as the inquiry was complete and the financial elements were resolved that the Cemex Defence Committee should be dissolved.

**Resolved** to approve the dissolution of the Cemex Defence Committee, Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Nicholson seconded and all in favour.

Any further decisions would be brought to Full Council for approval.

Cllr O'Donnell left the room at 19:46 and reentered

## **6 LGR/DEVOLUTION AND ASSET TRANSFER**

The Deputy Clerk advised that the Heads of Terms were now resolved and the outcome was that the Borough had removed the clauses.

Next stage was to inform the solicitor that we are happy for the transfers to go ahead.

Cllr Underdown said he would update on Devolution under Planning

## **7 PROCEDURES FOR UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS**

**Resolved** to approve the procedures for Unauthorised Encampments, proposed Cllr Underdown and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour

## **8 COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

### **8.1 CHAIR UPDATE**

The Chair advised that the Clerk had pursued the complaint with Barclays Bank and that compensation had been offered (resolution in Item 10).

He mentioned the upcoming Hamble Valley Regatta on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

He stated that the Parish Plan would be brought back onto the agenda and he would pull the threads together in the Autumn to recruit people to actively work on this. Cllr O'Donnell reiterated the importance of involving landowners and businesses.

The Foreshore Working Group should meet as soon as possible and both this and the Parish Plan were priorities for Autumn

He wanted to formally minute the condolences on behalf of the Parish Council for the passing of Ray Sedgewick who had given a tremendous service to the village on the Pink Ferry.

## **8.2 ASSETS UPDATE**

**Resolved** to ratify a delegated decision made by Chair of Council and Clerk in relation to a service on the Kobota Mower Proposed Cllr Underdown and Cllr Dann seconded

The Deputy Clerk had shared proposals for new pricing structure for the Donkey Derby Field. **Resolved** to approve a maximum of £500 per day for hire, leaving the Clerk to work up proposals and implement. Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Nicholson seconded

Following an idea from a resident for a Friendship Bench and a suggestion by the Senior Groundsman of a pink bench. It was agreed that a 'friendship bench' would be located under a tree on the green and that this would be pink in memory of Ray Sedgewick called the Ray Sedgewick Friendship Bench

## **8.3 PLANNING UPDATE**

Cllr Underdown updated on Devolution in particular where the County and the Borough were in the process

He then said that the Planning Committee would need to consider how they would protect trees in Hamble as another very mature oak had been given permission to fell in School Lane.

He then asked how the Parish should comment on both the County consultation and also the Borough Consultation in relation to Local Government Reorganisation.

## **8.4 FUNCTIONS WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

Claire Price from Smart Marketing said that Comms had been steady with the usual posts but they had been working on the website due to the recent accessibility guidance.

Cllr Nicholson congratulated Sasha Lines on her appointment as Deputy Clerk.

The Clerk updated on the Grounds & Maintenance operative role and stated she had made an offer.

## **8.5 BHH & LAC**

Cllr Cross said that the Borough were putting a proposal forward for increased parking charges in the Square car Park.

## **9 STANDING ITEMS**

### **9.1 HEALTH & SAFETY**

Nothing to report

## **10 ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Resolved** to approve the Cash Book Reconciliations and financial information. Proposed by Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Dann seconded and all in favour

**Resolved** Cllr Underdown proposed and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour to accept the compensation offer of £400 from Barclays Bank in relation to two complaints

## 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.

Cllr Underdown proposed to move to Exempt Business and Cllr Dann seconded and all in favour

## 12 COUNCIL LEASES

Cllr Underdown declared an interest and stated that he would not vote but would give advice if needed.

**Resolved** to agree that the draft lease (details of which can be found in the exempt Minutes) would be circulated to members, who would have 3-4 days to comment and this would be sent out to the Tenant. Cllr Jones proposed and Cllr Cross seconded and all in favour . Cllr Underdown did not vote.

The Clerk updated on another matter in relation to a lease (detail will be found in exempt Minutes due to its confidential nature)

## 13 ENCROACHMENT

Update from Clerk on a positive outcome.

## 14 HUMAN RESOURCES

The Clerk left the meeting at 20:33pm whilst a matter in relation to her was discussed. Details of this are help in Exempt Minutes due to the confidential nature

She rejoined at 20:41pm when the meeting was ended.

Meeting ended at **20:41**

CHAIR \_\_\_\_\_