

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE ROY UNDERDOWN PAVILION, COLLEGE PLAYING FIELDS, BARON ROAD, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AT 7.30 PM

Present

Cllr I Underdown – Chairman
Cllr S Hand - Vice Chairman
Cllr M Atkinson
Cllr S Cohen
Cllr M Davies
Cllr A Fish
Cllr C Fish
Cllr E Lear
Cllr W Pepper

In attendance

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council
Judy Hickman - Minutes Secretary
Roger Harding, Nick Rose and Janet Motherwell – Hamble Lifeboat Ltd
Special Inspector Warner Baker – Hampshire Constabulary
Acting Sergeant Grant - Hampshire Constabulary

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Hamel, Cllr Venables and Cllr Cross.

341/92/15

To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllr Cohen declared membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Lear declared an interest in planning. Cllr Hand declared dispensations relating to the Dinghy Park/Foreshore and the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in the Hamble Club Football Club.

342/92/15

To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 September 2015

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2015 as a true record.

343/92/15

Public Session

Roger Harding gave an update on the latest situation with the Lifeboat building. The Trustees had experienced problems with Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) and were still waiting for them to provide a 3-phase meter and fill in the hole where the power had been connected to the building. Tarmac had been laid, and the fencing up to the side of the building was due to be removed within the week. Mr Harding suggested that dinghies could be parked up to that side now as a walkway was no longer needed. The toilets were finished apart from installation of hand dryers and bars in the disabled toilet. The showers had been completed to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master, who was arranging for the remaining £10,000 of the Harbour Board funding to be paid. There had been some concern about the size of the disabled toilet door, but this had been tested with a wheelchair. Some photographs were available which he would send to the Clerk. A number of things were still incomplete. These and various other snagging problems including replacement of a dented roof panel would have to be addressed before the Council could have access to the site. Some direction from the Council and the site manager was needed. Cllr Underdown asked about the Trustees' working relationship with the construction manager Ben Moore. Mr Harding had spoken to him earlier in the day and he agreed there were a number of jobs outstanding.

Regarding the electrical supply, Nick Rose said the plan was to have one supply which would then be split. Cllr Underdown said there was a dispute regarding payment for the roof panels. The Clerk had copies of correspondence between Mr Walker of North-East Roof Lines and Ben Moore. Mr Walker had received no reply from Mr Moore and therefore thought his obligations had been discharged. Mr Harding said the Lifeboat had the material to replace the panels. However the roof would now be more difficult to access due to the shaping of the banking. There was some

discussion about who should do the roofing work. Cllr Underdown commented that North-East Roof Lines were considering taking legal advice regarding non-payment.

Cllr Hand asked the Trustees if they were aware of a Lifeboat Lottery. They confirmed that it was genuine and was fund raising on their behalf. Cllr Underdown thanked the Trustees and said he would like to take up Mr Harding's offer for the Leases Working Party and the Clerk to visit to assess the current situation. Mr Harding apologised on behalf of the Lifeboat Trustees that the project had drifted on.

344/92/15

A presentation by Special Inspector Warner Baker of Hampshire Constabulary

Inspector Warner was invited to speak to the Council following a meeting about PCSO funding where Cllr Underdown had met Tom Haye, the Special Constabulary Chief Officer. Cllr Underdown thought it would be useful for the Council and local residents to have a better understanding of the difference between Special Constables and PCSOs.

Inspector Warner gave an interesting insight into the history of the Special Constabulary which predates the regular force by hundreds of years. He provided information about the types and numbers of officers based locally. He explained that Special constables have the same powers as the regular constables, whereas PCSOs have more limited powers, but provide a useful bridge between citizens and the constabulary. Special constables are volunteers, with uniforms and transport provided by the taxpayer. In Hamble, Specials help with policing the night-time economy, crime prevention, motor offences, marine and cyber-crime among other duties. He was asked about recruitment, and said this was not a problem, particularly because new recruits in Hampshire have to serve as Special constables before they can join the regular constabulary. However the number of recruits was likely to drop due to funding cuts. Cllr Underdown thanked Inspector Warner and said he would welcome an article for the Village Magazine.

345/92/15

Planning and Development Control

a) To consider any planning applications

S/15/77163 – Consultation on application for a Marine Licence at Port Hamble Marina, Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers subject to conditions put forward by the Environmental Manager at EBC.

346/92/15

F/15/77126 - Remodelling of existing dwelling, including alterations to front and rear dormers at 8 Copse Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4QH

Cllr Angela Fish proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers.

347/92/15

F/15/76947 – Addition of orangery to side of 24 Avro Court, Hamble-le-Rice SO31 4FJ

Cllr Angela Fish proposed, Cllr Clive Fish seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers.

348/92/15

N/15/77173 - Notification of intent: Reduction to lower limb union by 1.65m to 1no. Cupressus Macrocarpa at Port Hamble Marina, Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice. SO31 4QD

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Clive Fish seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with the Arboriculturist, but request that minimum work be carried out.

349/92/15

Installation of a single long pontoon connecting existing RAF pile moorings F59 to F62
Correspondence from the River Hamble Harbour Office – noted.

350/92/15

b) To receive any Planning Decisions and Matters at Appeal

None received.

351/92/15

Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project

The Clerk expressed concern that from the tone of Nick Rose's report the Trustees were looking for support from the Council to resolve some of the problems, and yet the Council had not even been shown round the building. Cllr Hand suggested the Clerk contact the Trustees directly the following morning to say that the Council wished to visit. The Clerk expressed concern about the dispute regarding the roof. Fixing the snag was part of the pre-requisites for Council acceptance of a practical completion certificate that the Council needed in order to commence insuring the building. Local people who had paid for a brick were also starting to comment. It was agreed that a visit would be requested for Wednesday 30 September at 2 p.m.

Clerk
52/21/15

To receive a report from the Clerk on the following matters**Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council Secure Storage**

Correspondence had been received from David Huckfield, Planning Officer at EBC. The Clerk said the Council now needed to look at the smaller building which was likely to obtain planning permission, and whether the amount of storage there would meet the Council's needs. Cllr Underdown commented that most of the Council's storage buildings needed to be replaced. The Working Party would meet with the Head Groundsman.

239/81/12

Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive

The Clerk had arranged an appointment with the Area Co-ordinator, Diccon Bright, and legal officers at Eastleigh Borough Council in early November. He said councillors should note that the legal advice would cost around £280.

205/61/13

Westfield Common Improvements

A quotation of £1,550 had been received for installing a concrete sleeping policeman in one of the car parks. The Head Groundsman thought this would limit future options. In view of the expense, Cllr Davies proposed, Cllr Cohen seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to put down more hoggin as necessary.

53/21/15

Public Toilets Water Bill

Southern Water had identified the meter and would produce an interim bill, but currently 390 litres of water per day was being lost due to a leak. Southern Water thought this might have been caused by some of the Lifeboat works, but also that a tap had been left running at some stage. The Clerk suggested billing the Lifeboat Trustees for half the cost. Cllr Lear asked why Southern Water had not offered any credit since the bill was incurred before the Lifeboat works started. The Clerk commented that the leak was present now but no-one could prove that it was there in January. Councillors thought Southern Water offer some credit for the first bill; the second was partly the Lifeboat's responsibility. The Clerk would continue to negotiate.

Clerk
239/62/15

Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

The Clerk said the Council was obliged to maintain this piece of art and no contribution would be received from Eastleigh Borough Council. Councillors challenged this, saying it was an EBC project arising from developers' contributions and had never been handed over to Hamble Parish Council. The Clerk would contact Diccon Bright and invite the EBC public art officer to visit.

Clerk
273/71/15

Hamble Footpath 5

Cllr Hand had made some enquiries and been told by the Commodore of the Royal Southern Yacht Club that they were expecting a response from the Council. He suggested the Clerk contact the Commodore regarding who would pay for the ladder, which needed to be reinstated as part of the works. The Chairman said that the yacht clubs had removed the original ladder to facilitate their development and it was their responsibility to replace it at their cost.

Clerk
275/71/15

Barclays Bank in Hamble-le-Rice

The Clerk was awaiting a reply to his letter regarding the closure. He had already begun negotiations with Barclays Business Manager regarding alternative arrangements and was investigating a change of bank account to Unity Credit bank. The Post Office would not accept coinage in excess of £500.

327/91/15

Public Seating adjacent to the Royal Southern Yacht Club

The Head Groundsman had been asked to repair the broken seat. Cllr Underdown commented that

the Council needed to look at other seats of the same age. Money was put aside for the southern quay and a similar kind of plan was needed for the future.

331/91/15

Hamble-le-Rice public embarkation landing stages – to receive a report from Cllr Underdown

Cllr Underdown reported that on 12th September 2015, as part of the Parish Council's policy to annually embark and disembark at all the public landings on the river in the parish of Hamble (policy 4.10b), he undertook this task. This included the Parish Council's dinghy slipway, the public hard, the end of the footpath by the viewing point at Mercury Marshes and the quay/slipway at Mercury creek.

He could not land at the end of footpath 5 as there was not a ladder or mooring ring. In 2014 there was sufficient space for a 15ft dinghy to come alongside, but now it was difficult to do this at high tide in an eight foot dinghy due to the new structures of the Yacht Haven.

352/92/15

Hamble Point pathways – to receive a report from Cllr Underdown

The Chairman and the Clerk met with Mr Nic Parton, MDL Hamble Point General Manager, on 11th August regarding complaints from parishioners that the access to the public path around Hamble Point had been blocked by a fence. As a result of this, people were climbing over the rocks to access the path with the potential for an accident and a personal injury claim. Cllr Underdown explained as MDL managers change quite regularly that Mr Parton might not be aware of the background and the obligations regarding this public access. The Chairman supplied the following information:

In 1991 representatives of MDL met with the Parish Council for pre-planning consultation prior to submission of Planning Application 19237/22 for the formation of an earth bund and foreshore rip-rap revetment (foreshore protection) at Hamble Point Marina.

The Parish Council requested public access around Hamble Point. For health, safety and security reasons, to prevent members of the public proceeding through a working boatyard, it was agreed at that time that the footpath would go so far around the point and then members of the public would have to turn back.

Richard Reddyhoff (Director, MDL) wrote to Eastleigh Borough Council on 26 June 1991 and confirmed that in the event of the application being approved and on completion of the works, the pathway marked "track" (on drawing number 395/54 B) be opened up for Public Use on foot only for normal functions such as walking, fishing and as an observation point. The letter stated that the path would be fenced to clearly define the area and to stop the ingress of the public over the adjacent Hamble Point boatyard.

Planning Application 19237/22 was formally granted planning permission in 1993 and conditions were attached. Condition 07 was as follows:-

"Before the development commences details of the proposed footpath shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Reason: To secure a satisfactory footpath"

In 2001 a fence was erected which prevented access and notices put up that deterred members of the public using the path. Parish Council representatives had a meeting with MDL and they were most helpful and within two weeks a gate was installed in the fence to allow public access and the notices removed.

Mr Parton said he was not aware of this requirement and a site meeting followed where he observed the problem and agreed to reinstate the access. The fence has now been removed. Mr Parton raised his concern that trees overgrowing the access roads to Hamble Point were causing problems for boats being transported by road to their site. The Clerk contacted the Borough Council and the trees have now been cut back.

353/92/15

To consider closing the following minute references

260/62/15	Hamble Footpath 1
274/71/15	PCSO and Special Constable alternative funding.
276/71/15	Parish Council Out Of Hours (OOH) contacts

300/73/15 Correspondence between the Parish Council and the Mayor of Eastleigh
 329/91/15 Hamble Footpaths & Rights of Way
 330/91/15 The Well Lane Footpath Spur
 332/91/15 Farmers Markets in Hamble 2016

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Davies seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to close the above minutes with the exception of 276/71/15 and 330/91/15.

354/92/15

To authorise the Clerk to deal with correspondence relating to Council matters including:-

a. From Eastleigh Borough Council

Notice of BHH Team meeting Tuesday 22nd September.

Correspondence regarding proposed car park at Hamble Halt – noted.

355/92/15

b. From Hampshire County Council

Notice and agenda of the River Hamble Harbour Board meeting 25th September 2015.

356/92/15

c. Other correspondence

DEFRA consultation on air quality – noted.

TCV Conservation Volunteers – offer to carry out some work. The Clerk would speak to the Head Groundsman regarding suitable tasks.

Correspondence from parishioners regarding land owned by Persimmon Homes – they were pleased with the work which had been done to clear the area, but more was needed.

Correspondence from parishioners regarding the dinghy park - this had been received after the deadline for inclusion on the agenda. The Clerk was therefore asked to send an acknowledgement and explain that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

**Clerk/CLAg
357/92/15**

Exempt Business

The Chairman proposed, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded.

358/92/15

The matters to be discussed were as follows:-

The Local Government Pension Scheme Staff Pension Audit Review

The Hamble Club Football Club lease discussions

The provision of a trip boat at the Hamble foreshore

The Parish Council employee appraisal process

The Staff and Salaries Working Party

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.