

**Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2016 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 Cross  
Cllr M Davies  
Cllr A Fish  
Cllr C Fish  
Cllr S Hamel  
Cllr E Lear  
Cllr W Pepper

**In attendance**

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council  
Steve Emery – Project Manager, Hamble Lifeboat Ltd  
3 Parishioners  
Phil Beach – Beach Hut Café

**To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Venables and Judy Hickman.

1/11/16

**To receive Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Cohen declared membership of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Cllr Lear declared an interest in Planning. Cllr Angela Fish declared an interest in the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. Cllr Hamel declared an interest in Planning, and dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. Cllr Hand declared dispensations relating to the Dinghy Park, the Foreshore and Footpath 5. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and the Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in Hamble Club Football Club, including planning application F/15/77694. Cllr Clive Fish declared an interest in the Dinghy Park.

2/11/16

**To accept the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 December 2015**

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Cross seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2015 as a true record.

3/11/16

**Public Session**

**Steve Emery, Operations Manager, Hamble Lifeboat Ltd**

The Council had received a letter from the Trustees confirming Mr Emery's appointment as Project Manager for the completion of the Lifeboat Station. He referred to correspondence with Ben Moore of Ab Initio which was not very helpful. The suggestion was that more money would be needed to finish the work. Mr Moore did not mention completion of the toilets, but wanted to get all the trades together to complete everything. Under pressure from Mr Emery, he had provided an electrician before Christmas. Mr Emery said the equipment had been moved from Hamble Point Marina into the new building following the expiration of tenure, although technically he needed building control to be allowed to occupy the new building. Cllr Underdown asked how Mr Emery planned to move forward. Mr Emery said he was investigating the exact status of building control. Some discussion about insurance followed. Mr Emery had provided the Council with a report on the specification following the previous meeting. As it was marked confidential only the Chairman and Clerk had seen it, but it would be discussed by the Leases Working Party. A meeting would be arranged with Mr Emery as soon as possible.

A parishioner referred to the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan Issues and Options consultation, with particular reference to Hamble Airfield being an option for development to include 600 dwellings and

10,000 square metres of industrial units. She asked how the Parish Council was responding to this consultation and she thought the Parish Council should be leading and co-ordinating the parish's objections. The Chairman responded that the Council had not met since the consultation started and it would be discussed at this meeting. He had a strategy which he hoped the Council would support, similar to that used against gravel extraction from the former airfield. He had already met with Mark Denton who led the RAGE (Residents Against Gravel Extraction) campaign.

4/11/16

### **Planning and Development Control**

#### **a) To consider any planning applications**

*F/15/77713 – Replacement of existing single storey office at Hamble Point Marina, Huntsman Road, Hamble-le-Rice, Southampton SO31 4NB*

This was not discussed as no plans were available.

5/11/16

*F/15/77681 – Temporary permission for retention of portable office building and storage container for a 3-year period (renewal of planning permission F/12/71664) at Mercury Marina, Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4HG*

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers, but to express the Council's usual reservations about renewal of temporary permissions.

6/11/16

*F/15/77694 – Installation of 6no. 15m high floodlight columns at Hamble Parish Community Sports Facilities, Hamble Lane, Hamble-le-Rice, SO31 4HU*

Cllr Hand proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning officers.

7/11/16

#### **b) To receive any Planning Decisions and Matters at Appeal**

No list received, although the Clerk had information that a neon sign at the Blue Star Café had been refused due to its location in the conservation area.

8/11/16

#### **c) Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 Issues and Options Consultation**

Cllr Underdown explained that out of 38 questions in the consultation 8 related to areas for potential development. As many parishioners and other people as possible should be encouraged to respond in order to give weight of evidence. The immediate issue for the Council was to make a decision on two of the questions (Option G, Hamble Airfield, and Option A, extension of existing settlements) so that information could be passed to residents. He wanted a handout to be available at the exhibition on 19 January and the consultation would be publicised in the Village Magazine. He had already spoken to Mark Denton of RAGE. Cllr Davies suggested putting up a banner outside the Village Hall to let people know about the exhibition. This was agreed. Cllr Hamel thought it would be helpful for residents to have an idea of the Council's objections. There was some discussion about flyers and whether they could be distributed before the exhibition. A parishioner asked whether the Council used Facebook or Twitter. After further discussion, Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Angela Fish seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to ask the parishioner to produce a flyer advertising the exhibition, to be distributed by D & D to all households in Hamble. Cllr Underdown also asked the parishioner to speak to Mark Denton of RAGE.

9/11/16

Regarding the Council's objections to the proposals for Hamble Airfield, Cllr Hand recommended looking again at the Parish Plan. Cllr Underdown commented that in the Parish Plan survey there was very clear feedback that the majority of parishioners were strongly against residential and commercial development there and wished the land to be used for leisure and environmental purposes. The Clerk commented that the Borough Council was not looking at alternative ideas. Either the site would be included in the Plan for potential development or revert to its current status under the Waste and Minerals Plan. Cllr Hamel said that EBC had undertaken a huge strategic re-working of the Plan and all development proposals had to be considered and put out to consultation, otherwise the Plan might be judged unsound at a later stage. This was a preliminary consultation and the key point to consider was whether the area was suitable for development. Having been approached about this by many parishioners she thought it might be time for the Council to consider

a Neighbourhood Plan. The current Parish Plan was now quite old and the Neighbourhood Plans offered under the Localism Act gave communities the chance to establish their own planning policies for the development and use of land in their neighbourhood. Once a Neighbourhood Plan is in force it carries real legal weight and decision-makers are obliged to take it into account. Cllr Hamel said people also needed to consider where development might take place. Cllr Cross stressed the importance of getting as many people as possible to respond as the volume of opposition would be taken into account. Both Cllr Lear and the Clerk had contacts that would be willing to come and explain the Neighbourhood Plan process to the Council.

Discussion then turned to the main points of the Council's response to the Consultation. These would be summarised and publicised and would be available at the meeting on 19 January. The following were the Parish Council's main points of objection: Traffic issues on Hamble Lane, access problems may lead to businesses relocating out of Hamble. Airfield is part of countryside gap. Impact on schools and health services. Increased pressure on existing services. Environmental impact. Access issues for emergency services, particularly as Hamble has a major hazard site. Less attractive as a leisure destination and impact on associated economy. Does not conform to Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan and due to this plan may not be deliverable within the time period of the Local Plan. The Parish Plan showed a large majority of parishioners strongly against residential and commercial development on the airfield.

10/11/16

### **Finance**

#### **a) To receive Orders for Payment for January 2016**

Cllr Atkinson proposed, Cllr Davies seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to accept the orders for payment for January 2016.

11/11/16

#### **b) Budget and Charges 2016-17**

The Clerk recommended leaving these discussions to the next meeting.

12/11/16

#### **c) Precept 2016-17**

The Clerk recommended no change to the precept for 2016-17, but warned councillors that they might have to consider increasing it in the future to cover potential expenses of provision of a community library and completion of the Lifeboat project. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to request a precept of £212,452.71, with a contribution from Eastleigh Borough Council of £15,039.42, making a total precept of £227,492.13.

13/11/16

#### **Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project – to receive a report from Cllr Davies**

Cllr Davies expressed his lack of confidence in the Hamble Lifeboat organisation and its new project manager. Parishioners had been complaining. He said the situation should not be allowed to continue and the Council needed to take some action. He proposed giving the Trustees another two weeks' grace but would then bring a resolution to the next meeting. Cllr Underdown asked him to check the legal agreement so he was aware of the Council's commitments, although Cllr Davies thought the agreement had lapsed. A meeting of the Leases Working Party would be arranged as soon as possible.

52/21/15

#### **Electoral review of Hampshire County Council**

Cllr Underdown referred to concerns of Bursledon Parish Council about boundary changes. These would mean including the rural part of Bursledon by the river within Hedge End. Cllr Underdown proposed from the chair, Cllr Hand seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to support Bursledon Parish Council to retain the land at the water's edge within its area.

14/11/16

#### **Macrocarpa Tree at the Hamble Foreshore**

Previously the Lifeboat Trustees had carried out crown lifting work. Since the tree had started losing branches the Clerk commissioned a tree survey report which said the tree could not be saved and recommended felling. Cllr Pepper proposed, Cllr Davies seconded, all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to fell the macrocarpa tree at the Hamble Foreshore and invoice the Lifeboat Trustees for the cost.

15/11/16

#### **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration**

Cllr Hamel reported on a “Clean for the Queen” initiative involving community clean-ups. A Solent environmental organisation had proposed a beach clean for Hamble and Netley on 5 March at 10 a.m. and was asking for community groups to get involved. Cllr Hamel asked whether the Council would support this and also have the grounds staff available on the day. Councillors agreed.

16/11/16

**To receive a report from the Clerk on the following matters**

Hamble-le-Rice Parish Council secure storage

The Head Groundsman was seeking a third quotation.

239/81/12

Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive

No further information. The Chairman asked that the public access and art advice received with this item be listed as a separate item on future agendas.

205/61/13

EBC Developer Contributions

Cllr House had sent e-mail suggesting a meeting between himself, Diccon Bright, Cllr Underdown and the Clerk to discuss library provision in Hamble.

111/32/15

Public Art at the Hamble Foreshore

There was some discussion about whether to involve others in repairing the seat, but councillors agreed to wait until Tim Norris came up with his recommendations.

273/71/15

Hamble Footpath 5

Cllr Hand reported that the County Council Rights of Way officer had advised publishing a map showing the line of the path, and for the Royal Southern Yacht Club to consider outlining the footpath. Chris Mansfield was organising quotations.

275/71/15

Parish Council Out of Hours (OOH) contacts

Awaiting meeting between the Head Groundsman and Cllr Hand.

276/71/15

Barclays Bank in Hamble-le-Rice

The Council was managing its financial transactions between Barclays at Hedge End and the local Post Office. Cllr Underdown proposed, Cllr Atkinson seconded, all agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** to close this minute, and in addition to close minute numbers 422/112/15 (Hamble River Raid) and 469/121/15 (HCC Draft Walking Strategy).

327/91/15

The Well Lane Footpath Spur

Nothing to discuss. Cllr Cohen suggested that for the time being, it might help just to have a list of deferred items at the end of the agenda.

330/91/15

The Local Authority Property Fund

Nothing further to report.

463/121/15

Westfield Common Information Boards

Cllr Underdown was still working on this.

464/121/15

Mobile Library Service Consultation

The Clerk had written to the parishioner who had raised the matter and also to Cllr House.

470/121/15

**To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors**

The Borough Councillors' report would be deferred to the next meeting.

17/11/16

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

**a. From Eastleigh Borough Council**

Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 Issues and Options Consultation – noted.  
Notification that McCarthy & Stone development is to be named Folland Court - noted.

18/11/16

**b. From Hampshire County Council**

Notification of roadworks at the High Street and the Quay – work had started. The Clerk said work had also started at the Coffee House and he had made sure that both parties understood they were not to damage work carried out by the other.

Despatch of deed of grant at the Hamble Lane allotments by the Hamble Railway Station – this was in connection with work to be carried out by SSE.

**19/11/16**

**c. Other correspondence**

Correspondence from Bursledon Parish Council regarding the electoral review of Hampshire County Council - noted.

**20/11/16**

**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.

**21/11/16**

The matters to be discussed were as follows:-

The Hamble Club Football Club lease discussions.  
 The provision of a Trip Boat at the Hamble Foreshore.  
 Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project.  
 The Parish Council staff appraisal process.

***The meeting closed at 9.42pm.***