

HAMBLE LE RICE PARISH COUNCIL

9 July 2018

GENERAL UPDATE

REPORT OF THE BURSLEDON, HAMBLE-LE-RICE AND HOUND LOCAL AREA MANAGER

The Mercury Hub

1. Work on the Mercury Hub continues. The following are key points:
 - The building will be known as the Mercury – Library and Community Hub.
 - Due for completion w/c 16th July plus 2 weeks fit out. Looking to have a soft opening middle to end August and grand opening in line with the TS Mercury Old Boys' parade on September 15th.
 - It will contain:
 - Approximately 2 - 2,500 books for borrowing. These will be old stock from the County but will be good quality.
 - 2 small meeting rooms.
 - 5 Computer Stations (4 public, 1 for volunteers)
 - 2 toilets (1 with disabled facilities)
 - A small kitchen with a coffee point to the front
 - A small patio area
 - Audio visual equipment
 - The library will be overseen by a Community Management Committee through a Management Agreement. This is to avoid transferring ownership of the building. A draft has been reviewed by Eastleigh's legal team and will be shared with the Parish for their legal team to review. It needs to specify Borough/Parish responsibilities in reference to day to use. There may need to be an interim agreement depending on Parish Council meeting dates.
 - Parish have requested native species of trees are replanted to replace those lost but only 3 can fit in the existing space. The 4th tree to go in Parish Orchard.
 - Discussions with the Parish regarding colour schemes, materials, layout and furniture have been productive.
 - EBC's Communications Team have designed window stickers, door stickers and front signage which have been shared with the Parish. Word collage to front windows and sea theme to front door and internal door.
 - Flats are likely to be managed and let by Vivid.

Coronation Parade

2. Work has now started on the Coronation Parade project, with the Coach Road parking spaces now complete. A draft TRO to extend the parking restrictions is due to be advertised imminently. Unfortunately the contractor that delivered the spaces was not successful in bidding for the work on the Parade which meant a smooth transition was not possible and so there has been a time delay for the new contractor to mobilise. A contractor (Colas) has now been retained and they are due to start on site at the beginning of August.
3. The works are due to take 2 to 3 months. It has been made absolutely clear to the contractor that the Parade must remain open throughout the construction period. Despite this there is likely to be some disruption but this will be kept to an absolute minimum.
4. Colas are due to be drilling some exploratory boreholes in the next week to 10 days so there will be some activity in July. Officers and contractors will be having a site meeting in the next 2 weeks to discuss details of how the project will be delivered.
5. Letters will be hand delivered this week to local business and residents so that they are aware of the works coming and initial contact details and given the opportunity to raise any concerns. A follow up letter will go out once the site meeting has taken place with more detail.
6. Now the contract has been let the Parish have been invoiced for the £40,000 grant as previously agreed.

Hamble Point Gun Emplacement

7. Eastleigh Engineers arranged for a structural engineer to produce some initial proposals for repairs on behalf of BHH. Initial estimates were that the preferred option would cost £17,000 (but these are very rough) but would also require stone filled mattresses on the beach to avoid further erosion.
8. A site meeting was held in June between Eastleigh and the Environment Agency. Historic England (HE) were meant to be attending but were unable to make it.
9. A follow-up phone call with HE requested that our proposals be forwarded to them so that their engineers can assess them. We are currently awaiting their feedback.
10. There was some discussion as to whether as to whether an application to change the designation of the monument could assist with obtaining funding. However further consideration of this option led to the opinion that the restrictions it would impose would be constrictive and there was a lot of competition for funding anyway.
11. Tesco Bags of Help have been approached but until there is definite project it is difficult to apply.

Speed Limit Reminders

12. Responsibility for the Speed Limit Reminder equipment passed from Engineers to our new Local Engagement Team earlier this year. This meant that there was

a hiatus in getting this equipment out as equipment was located, checked and training given.

13. The LE team will be putting the equipment out from the beginning of July. Each location identified will have the equipment for 2 weeks at a time and the LE team will feedback on a regular basis.

Community Governance Review

14. Following the administrative committee meeting on 25 June 2018, it was recommended that Council approve the parish boundary change between Hound and Hamble-le-Rice, with new boundary along tributary to River Hamble.

Local Plan Consultation Events

15. The Eastleigh Borough Local Plan consultation runs from **midday** on Monday 25 June until Monday 6 August.
16. The first local plan public consultation event was held at Hamble Primary School on 25 June 2018. Further events will be held in the BHH area as follows:
 - Pilands Wood Community Centre, Bursledon on 24 July, 4-7pm.
 - Abbey Hall, Netley, 25 July, 3-7pm.
17. Members of the public from any area can attend to ask questions about the plan. Specialist planning officers will be available at all events for this purpose.
18. For the majority of people the way to respond to the consultation is via the Eastleigh website. See - <https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy-and-implementation/local-plan/emerging-local-plan-2016-2036>

MATT BLYTHE
LOCAL AREA MANAGER

Agenda item 6
Information Report from Borough Representatives

1. LAC Meeting update from 21.06.18
 - a. Osborn Quarters – LAC Members granted this application planning permission. There were no planning grounds that would have stood up at Appeal to use to refuse the application. Following the Parish Planning meeting I forwarded the Case Officer a number of suggestions regarding the “hammerhead” asking him to discuss them with the applicant. On the Tuesday evening Tonia Craig, Malcolm Cross and I had a face to face meeting with officers and expressed very strongly the need to mitigate the conflict between cars and pedestrians in the “hammerhead “ area. This led to officers contacting the applicant and HCC with the outcome that some form of speed reducing measure plus additional appropriate signing and lining will be agreed and installed. The main theme of the objections to the application centred on highways/traffic issues however with no highway objection from HCC plus the already agreed requirements to increase a two way flow within the approach to the “hammerhead” in the Park plus the measures outlined above, any refusal based on highway issues would be considered unreasonable and supported a case for costs against the Council at Appeal.
 - b. Outside Bodies – Members elected to represent the Council on Outside Bodies as follows
Bursledon Community Assn Board – Tonia Craig
Hamble School Community Management Cttee. – David Airey
Pilands Wood Community Assn. – Tonia Craig
Hamble River Management Cttee – Jane Rich
SCOPAC (coastal issues) – Malcolm Cross.
 - c. Capital & Revenue projects
£91,143 of DCs agreed for improvements at the Coronation Parade.
£1,000 from revenue budget to support YMCA autism group.
Reallocation of £20, 165 DCs to help fund Hound PC’s proposal for WW1 themed benches, bins and lectern as part of the improvements to Netley village centre.
A TRO to be introduced opposite the Mercury Hub/new library/former Barclay’s Bank in Hamble.
2. Administration Committee
The Parish Council Boundary issue was the main item on the agenda and as expected was subject to some lively debate following input from the public gallery by representatives from Hound, Hamble & Bursledon Parish Councils. The outcome of decisions made was that there should be a new consultation regarding the proposed boundary between Hound and Bursledon at Old Netley: this was approved by a vote of 4 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention. The other recommendations, which included the change in boundary between Hamble and Hound were approved.
3. Other items
 - a. Dragons’ teeth outside 49. Wykeham Road are to be re-located as their spacing is not achieving the required outcome; possibly an additional dragon’s tooth is required.
 - b. I am in the process of trying to get a better grass cutting regime away from the WW1 & WW2 graves in the Military cemetery.
 - c. Please have a look at HCC’s transport budget consultation which also includes suggested reduction in hours for street lighting to be switched on. I am about to put together a response for HPC.....any input would be helpful.
4. Taylor Wimpey sites (Kingfisher Grange & Kestral Park)
The new “haul road” has been constructed and opened meaning that all the developers own trucks and vehicles delivering to both sites can now avoid access vis Hamble Lane. This is first stage of Moving all traffic to/from these developments away from Hamble Lane. At the Barratt’s Monarch’s Keep development a similar situation now exists meaning that heavy traffic is directed to use the traffic light controlled junction at Cunningham Gardens.

REPORT FROM CLLR D AIREY

HAMPSHIRE CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CHANGE STREET LIGHTING, SUPPORTED PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES AND THE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME IN HAMPSHIRE – BRIEFING PAPER.

- The consultation is open until midnight on the 5th August 2018.
- The findings from the consultation will be published and presented to the Executive Member for Environment (Cllr. Rob. Humby) later in the year when decisions will be made.

STREET LIGHTING – PROPOSED CHANGES

- HCC is proposing to save £230,000 p/a by switching off street lights for part of the night (2 or more hours) every night from April 2019.
- Street lighting has been dimmed by small percentages over the last couple of years as part of the budget process.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SUPPORTED TRANSPORT SERVICES AND THE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME

- In February 2018 HCC agreed not to remove the financial support for public transport across the county including buses, ferries publicity and support services. This followed to feedback on last year's consultation. Over 3000 responses were made including from M.Ps.
- As a result of public views last year the proposed funding reduction of £4.1million was reduced to £1.1 million by April 2019.
- HCC has decided to protect the core funding for frontline Community Transport services.
- This consultation looks to take a further £1 million from the Transport budgets.
- HCC is proposing to make operational changes to bus services supported /funded/under contract to HCC: that can include reduced frequency and/or reduced number of days of operation. The ONLY bus service funded by HCC in the Hamble/Netley area is the X15 and that is in partnership with EBC with EBC funding the Thursday operation and HCC funding the other 4 days. The First 6 is a fully commercial service except for the last 3 journeys each way on Weekdays and the last journey each way on a Sunday. These journeys are funded by EBC).
- It proposes to replace some supported bus services by Community Transport. HCC has said that if an area has a public transport service it will continue to have some form of public transport.
- It proposes to reduce printed material that it publishes and reduce the amount of support to other organisations including the Community Rail Partnerships.
- It aims to remove the use of the Concessionary Bus Pass from Community Transport: this is a discretionary enhancement to the national scheme.
- It wants to seek opinion about charging 50p/trip when using the Concessionary Bus Pass. At present this would require Government permission as it is not allowed under the Act that set up the National Concessionary Bus Pass scheme. To date Government has not looked on this idea favourably. HCC have said that Disabled Person's and Companion Bus Pass travel would not be affected.

A FEW FURTHER POINTS

- Most bus services are operated commercially (receiving no financial support from Local Authorities or Central Government).

- In Hampshire 80% are commercially operated. 83 out of 245 routes across the county receive HCC support: this may be for the full service, part of the service or just one journey.
- 31.5 million passenger journeys are taken in Hampshire by bus of which 3.3 million are made on HCC supported services. (Southampton and Portsmouth figures are excluded as they are Unitary Authorities and not part of Hampshire.C.C.)
- EBC, unusually for a District Council, funds public transport. There are no proposals to reduce EBC's level of funding at the present time however the Council has voted not to take on additional funding support where HCC cuts their funding.
- HCC spends £70,000 on printed guides/timetables. All the big bus companies produce their own publicity material. Bus stops are the property of HCC. As a small independent, Xelabus produces high quality publicity material.
- If HCC was allowed by HMG to charge 50p for Concessionary travel it would raise around £4 million so broadly covering the cost of paying for supported transport services.
- Overall financial aim is to save £1.1 million from supported passenger transport, £1 million from the Concessionary Travel Scheme (of which £650,000 has already been saved) and £230,000 from reduced spending on street lighting.
- HCC no longer provide any funding support for Sunday or Bank Holiday services. In addition HCC provides no funding for evening journeys after approx. 19.00.