

**HAMBLE-LE-RICE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 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 Cohen  
Cllr M Cross  
Cllr A Fish  
Cllr C Fish  
Cllr S Hamel  
Cllr E Lear  
Cllr W Pepper  
Cllr M Venables

**In Attendance**

Brendan Gibbs – Clerk to the Council  
Jeanette Symes – Deputy Clerk to the Council  
Jacqueline Panakis – Minutes Secretary  
Cllr Mark McCormick – Chairman Bursledon Parish Council  
Mr Grenville Houser – Member of the Public  
Mr Philip Beach – Member of the Public

**To Receive Apologies for Absence**

46/21/16 Apologies had been received from Cllr M Atkinson, Cllr M Davies and Cllr S Hand.

**Declaration of Interest**

47/21/16 Cllr Hamel declared an interest in Planning, and dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. 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. Cllr Underdown declared dispensations relating to the Foreshore and Dinghy Park. Cllr Pepper declared an interest in the Hamble Club Football Club. Cllr Clive Fish declared an interest in the Foreshore and Dinghy Park.

**To accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

48/21/16 Cllr Angela Fish proposed, Cllr Venables seconded and all agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 was a correct record and was then signed by the Chairman.

**Public Session**

49/21/16 **Hamble Young People's Experience (HYPE):** Cllr Mark McCormick, Chairman of Bursledon Parish Council explained that his Parish Council was reviewing this service, and as part of this he wanted the views of both Hamble-le-Rice and Hound Parish Councils as the work of HYPE covered Bursledon, Hound and Hamble. Generally Bursledon Parish Council regarded service HYPE provided was regarded as worthwhile, but felt it worth reviewing the following aspects of the service:

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Hampshire County Council has confirmed continued funding for the first half of the financial year only.

Bursledon, Hound and Hamble Parish Councils plus Eastleigh Borough Council also contribute grants to fund HYPE; however, the majority of the financial support comes from Hampshire County Council.

It is thought that Hampshire County Council may be reducing their contribution to HYPE from a figure of 50% to 100% from the second half of the financial year. If this should occur, provision of the current level of service would probably be unsustainable.

Is the current service model still appropriate?

Would it be worth investigating a service along the lines of “The Box” where services are more locally determined? This is supported by the Parish Councils in that area, and run by Hedge End Town Council acting as the employer. However, this involves a lot more work from the Clerk and therefore involves more cost.

Would a mobile service offer better outreach in the area?

Do the funding partners have sufficient control over provision and delivery of services?

Should there be a more robust and clearer system in place for reporting issues with the service?

Cllr Lear commented that she had attended several HYPE sessions and felt that they were working to address the problems experienced by young people, particularly in relation to mental health and those who were on the Autistic spectrum. As young people from the Southampton City Council catchment area benefit from HYPE, the City Council had been approached for financial support by Diccon Bright; however, this had not met with success.

HYPE has a Steering Group which meets quarterly – this is arranged by Diccon Bright: the next one is scheduled for March 2016. Hamble Parish Council’s representative on this is Cllr S Hand. HYPE also produces an Annual Report of its work, which is required of them as a consequence of the grant funds they receive from Hampshire County Council and Eastleigh Borough Council.

Mr Gibbs enquired about the problems at Hamble School mentioned by Cllr McCormick, as he had received no official notification of any. Cllr McCormick said that there had been some issues with HYPE children misbehaving and consequently the funding for the lunch time activities had been cut temporarily. The closing date for the consultation is June/July, so there was sufficient time to gather relevant information and respond.

The Council thanked Cllr McCormick for his presentation and seeking Hamble Parish Council’s views and confirmed they wished to comment on the final report before it was submitted to the Steering Group. The Clerk was asked to confirm this in writing to Cllr McCormick.

*Cllr McCormick left the meeting at 7.58 pm.*

**50/21/16 Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project** A member of the public – Mr Grenville Houser – said that he was a parishioner and also a coxswain for the Lifeboat. He explained that the Trustees were responsible for the fundraising for the project and were quite separate from those who volunteered to crew the Lifeboat. At present the Lifeboat was running out of the RAFYC’s club house, and this situation was difficult for the crew. He felt it was time that all stakeholders stopped blaming each other for the current situation and started working towards a solution before Hamble Lifeboat Station was lost.

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In addition, the Mayor of Eastleigh Borough Council, with 23 dignitaries, were due to make an official visit to Hamble Lifeboat on 11<sup>th</sup> March and asked if the area in front of the new building could be tidied up for this.

Mr Philip Beach had attended the meeting and the Chairman asked him if he would like to inform the Parish Council about the Beach Hut Café's planning application.

### **Planning and Development Control**

#### **To Consider any Planning Applications**

**51/21/16** *A/16/77892 Display of 2no. Non-illuminated fascia signs & 1no flag sign Blue Star Café, Hamble Foreshore, Green Lane, Hamble Le Rice, SO31 4JB*

Cllr Pepper proposed, and Cllr Cohen seconded, a majority agreed and IT WAS RESOLVED to leave the decision with planning Officers. **CLERK**

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

**52/21/16** The Clerk explained that, due to constraints on his time created by changes in staff, he had not had time to collate this information.

### **Eastleigh Borough Local Plan 2011-2036 Consultation**

**53/21/16** The Chair thanked all those who had joined the working party, and in particular the efforts of Cllr Cohen. A copy of the draft response was considered by the meeting. The majority of comments were approved by the Council: the following items were clarified and discussed as follows:

- No 10: Last sentence, delete the word "All". Sentence to read "Local primary schools and other services cannot cope with existing demands."
- No 21: The Council discussed the need to protect the Hamble River, particularly in relation to dredging. Cllr Cohen agreed to check the situation locally and whether dredging was covered by Eastleigh Borough Council before adding comments in this regard.
- No 25: This was a question about travelling communities which, initially, the Council were not going to comment on. There were 4 options which were read out to the Council. It was agreed that Options A or B would be preferred.
- No 27: It was agreed that the response be that previous plan should be followed.
- No 28: It was agreed to add the statement: "It is important to retain employment opportunities wherever possible, including community/leisure facilities."
- No 29: It was agreed to add the comment that "Hamble Parish Council supports the option to require commitment from developers to regenerate local centres affected by large scale development in areas they are promoting."
- No 30: It was agreed to add the comment: "Support increased parking standards on new development, including parking for visitors."
- No 31: It was agreed to add that "There should be safe walking and cycle routes and that the Parish Councils should be consulted in the planning of these, as they have closer ties with the community."
- No 33: It was agreed to comment on, and support paragraph 7.64
- No 35: Typing error noted, second line should read "may not be appropriate."

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Cllr Cohen agreed to update and circulate the second draft of the consultation response. More work was required to complete the response to the Sustainability Issues: the Council hoped that all the responses could be completed and returned together by the deadline.

*The Council agreed to move to Item 7 on the Agenda to the next item of business.*

### **Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project**

**52/21/15** An e-mail had been received from Mr Steve Emery, Operations Manager at Hamble Life Boat giving an update on the current situation with the construction project. Mr Emery had wanted to attend the Parish Council meeting, but unfortunately he had to attend a meeting of the Trustees of Hamble Lifeboat station. The Council felt that the update merely comprised of a list of outstanding problems which needed to be resolved and did not respond to the Council's overall concerns about the project. The Council felt that there should be regular meetings between representatives of the Harbour Board, Eastleigh Borough Council, Hamble Parish Council (as funding bodies) and the Trustees of the Lifeboat Station to review the current situation and determine how the project can be taken forward and completed. It was agreed that this should commence with a site visit, followed by a meeting of the 3 funding bodies and then a meeting of Hamble Parish Council's Leases Working Party. In response to Mr Grenville Houser's earlier comments, the Council stated that Hamble Parish Council had already made a generous donation to the project and their remit was to ensure that the public got value for the grant money the Parish gave on their behalf. **CLERK**

The other issues created by the Lifeboat Station Project were the Macrocarpa Tree and the provision public toilets. The Parish Clerk had obtained 2 quotes for the felling of the tree which was adjacent to the new lifeboat station, both of which exceeded £1,000. Discussion ensued as to who should pay the bill for this, since the problem with the tree had been caused by contractors on the Lifeboat Station project, who had badly pruned the tree initially and created the problem. The report on the state of the tree commissioned by the Parish Council stated that it should be felled 'within 6 months' and the Council had planning permission from Eastleigh Borough Council to do so (with 15 months left to run on this).

**54/21/16** Cllr Clive Fish proposed, and Cllr Pepper seconded, a majority agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** to defer this work whilst there were still roadworks along the front. In addition the Trustees of the Lifeboat Station were to be approached via Mr Emery to organise and fund this work, as they could recover the VAT. The Clerk was asked to ascertain the costs of replacing this with a 'semi-mature' tree. **CLERK**

**55/21/16** The provision of toilets was now becoming an important issue, with school half term looming and the need for public conveniences. The Clerk had obtained quotes for the provision of rented, temporary toilets which could be connected to the mains. Cllr Angela Fish proposed, and Cllr Cohen seconded, a majority agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Council should go ahead and organise the installation of the toilets as soon as possible. **CLERK**

The Council expressed concern that they were unaware of the visit scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> March and endorsed Mr Grenville Houser's concerns about the rubbish in front of the Lifeboat Station. The Clerk was asked to arrange for this to be tidied up. **CLERK**

### **Finance**

**56/21/16** Orders for Payment February 2016. Cllr Fish proposed, and Cllr Hamel seconded, all agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the orders for payment for February 201 be accepted. The Clerk said that

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the cheques would be drafted and ready for signature the next day. The Council enquired whether there were any issues now that banking had to be done at Hedge End.

The Clerk said that they were mainly using the local Post Office; however, a letter had been received from the bank today highlighting a discrepancy in deposits, in favour of the Parish Council to the sum of £113 which he had to investigate. Visits to the Hedge End branch was only required for paying salaries, HMRC and the pension fund.

**57/21/16** To receive the Bank and Petty Cash reconciliations for November and December 2015 Cllr Venables proposed, and Cllr Pepper seconded, all agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the reconciliation reports were accepted.

**58/21/16** Budget and Charges 2016-17. The Clerk said that he would be bringing the proposed budget to the meeting of the Parish council on 14th March. **CLERK**

### **Hamble Valley River Forum**

**59/21/16** A report from Cllr Underdown had been submitted to the meeting. Cllr Angela Fish proposed, and Cllr C Fish seconded, all agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the report was accepted by the Council.

### **Reports from the Clerk**

**239/81/12** Hamble Parish Council Secure Storage. Cllr Cross has requested a meeting to discuss options we have received. The Council requested that a date be arranged by the Clerk for this. **CLERK**

**205/61/13** Path from Well Lane to Marina Drive. Deferred.

**111/32/15** EBC Developers Contributions. Deferred.

**273/71/15** Public Art at Hamble Foreshore. Deferred.

**275/71/15** Hamble Footpath 5. Deferred.

**330/91/15** The Well Lane Footpath Spur. Deferred.

**463/121/15** The Local Authority Property Fund. Deferred.

**464/121/15** Westfield Common Information Boards. The proposed location for these boards had been circulated to Councillors. There was a possibility that funding could be obtained from developers contributions to help meet the costs. After viewing a quotation from a local supplier Cllr C Fish proposed, and Cllr A Fish seconded, all agreed and **IT WAS RESOLVED** to implement the project. Cllr Hamel asked about progress on the Boards for the Airfield as this had not been progressed.

**15/11/16** Macrocarpa Tree at Hamble Foreshore. This was discussed under item 52/12/15.

**35/12/16** Public Access and Art at Oyster Quay

### **Eastleigh Borough Council Electoral Review**

**60/21/16** The Clerk had written to the Borough Council, on behalf of the Parish Council, informing them that the Parish Council would comment after the Local Government Boundary Commission draft proposals had been made.

### **Report from Borough and County Councillors**

**61/21/16** The reports submitted were noted.

### **To authorise the Clerk to Deal with Correspondence relating to Council Matters, including:**

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**From Eastleigh Borough Council.**

**62/21/16** Eastleigh Borough Council's response to their Electoral Review. This was noted.

**From Hampshire County Council.**

**63/21/16** Hampshire and IOW Parish and Town Council Devolution Workshop 1 March 2016. This was noted.

**Other Correspondence:**

**64/21/16** From Hamble River Sailing Club requesting use of Southern Quay during the annual "Warming Pan" Regatta on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Council agreed that this would be permitted, however, no vehicles be allowed to use this area and that this was to be made very clear to the Club. The Clerk would discuss suitable parking with Richard Clarke. **CLERK**

**65/21/16** E-mail from Parishioner regarding the Council's prohibition on the flying of Model Aircraft and drones at College Playing Fields. The Council discussed the points raised in the parishioner's e-mail. In order to consider this more fully, it was agreed to invite the parishioner to a meeting of the Parish Council to speak further on this. **CLERK**

**66/21/16** Correspondence for the Royal Southern Yacht Club Trust. This was noted.

**67/21/16** Correspondence from Rialtas Business Systems regarding the Finance Year End 2015-16. The Clerk explained that he had engaged them to do the bank reconciliations over the forthcoming few months and the year- end work, as he would be engaged in training the new Assistant Clerk for the next few months.

**Exempt Business**

**68/21/16** 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.

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
- The Hamble Lifeboat Station Construction Project.

*The meeting closed at 9.10 pm and Mrs Symes left the meeting.*