



HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 12 February 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J Lay (Chairman), T Attlee, P Beck, S Freeman, K Jenkins, D Prosser, A Redding, R Smith, R Sowden

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer, Sarah Guy, Office Manager (Minute Taker), Simon Ritson, Responsible Finance Officer

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: PC Rees & PCSO Darryl Hook, Hampshire Police - Presentation on behalf of Portsmouth, Havant & East Hampshire Fire Service
County Cllr Mrs Marge Harvey
District Cllr D Evans
24 x members of the public

HPC 244/23/24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were in attendance.

District Cllr James Hogan gave his apologies of absence for the meeting.

HPC 245/23/24 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

HPC 246/23/24 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN UPDATE FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS M HARVEY REGARDING COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

A report by County Cllr Mrs Marge Harvey was circulated (as attached) and noted by members. The Chairman pointed out the information regarding the HCC consultations open to residents. A short discussion took place, following a member of the public querying the westbound road surfacing and shortening of the bus lane.

HPC 247/23/24 TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN UPDATE FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REGARDING DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

A report by District Councillor D Evans and a joint report by District Councillor E Woodard & J Hogan were received and noted (see attached)

HPC 248/23/24 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SOUTH OF BUTSER POLICING TEAM IN RESPECT OF MATTERS ARISING WITHIN THE PARISH

A presentation was given by PS Rees and PCSO Darryl Hook of Hampshire Police. The following points were noted

- Speeding issues
- Work to address anti-social driving at Morrisons
- Priorities – Anti Social behaviour in Horndean (Jubilee, Merchistoun and First Avenue) and Clanfield.
- All incidents to be reported to 101/online, as all reports are reviewed and logged. It is easier to report an incident online that it is to ring 101, but both methods are available for the public to use.
- Cycling footage has been used in prosecuting drivers.
- Hampshire Police have visited the BT Telephone Exchange site, although there have been no known or reported issues made to them. They encouraged incidents to be reported, as detailed above.
- Unmarked plain clothed Police Officers have recently undertaken a patrol in the area, and this can be done again, if the same incidents/areas get reported by the public.
- South of Butser is currently 1 Police Officer short.
- PC Rees is due to leave in November to work in Custody.
- Beat Surgeries had been setup, but have seen very little interest and attendance from the public.

Councillors and members of the public were invited to ask questions. Questions raised, included vandalism and ASB, speeding issues, theft from shops, parking issues, Hants Alert and driving offences. All questions were answered by PS Rees and PCSO Darryl Hook.

HPC 249/23/24 TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was duly opened to members of the public. No questions were raised.

HPC 250/23/24 TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF JOHN HODGSON TO REPRESENT KINGS AND BLENDWORTH WARD

A CV by John Hodgson was circulated, and It was **RESOLVED** that

- John Hodgson be Co-Opted as a member of Horndean Parish Council, to represent Kings and Blendworth. All agreed.
- Cllr John Hodgson joined members at the Council table and signed his declaration of office.

HPC 251/23/24 TO ELECT CLLR HODGSON TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES – AS AGREED

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr John Hodgson be elected as a member of the Grounds Committee and LEOH working party. All agreed.

HPC 252/23/24 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08 JANUARY 2024

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 08 January 2024 be signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.

HPC 253/23/24 TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD IN RESPECT OF THE SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

It was **RESOLVED** that this agenda item (21) be brought forward. All agreed.

A report by Cllr Prosser was circulated and an update was provided. Cllr Prosser said that the current SID was too heavy for approval and was not licenced to be in use. He did say that Rowlands Castle had challenged the devices being too heavy and had been granted approval to use them.

Cllr Prosser explained that EHDC were running an initiative, where Parish Councils can apply for their static Speed Watch cameras, which work in groups of 3 and are average speed check devices.

A discussion took place, with input from the volunteers, previously involved in the deployment of the SID.

The following was **RESOLVED**

- Apply to EHDC to participate in their Speed Watch camera initiative.
- Purchase new SID (to be in the ownership of HPC)
- Cllr Redding, Freeman and Prosser be involved in the installation, deployment and repositioning of the SID and Speed Watch cameras.
- Apply to HCC for the SID Licence.
- Organise appropriate training for the Installation/Deployment team.
- Locations were agreed for the EHDC Speed Watch cameras.

A vote was counted, with 9 members in favour and 1 member abstaining.

HPC 254/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT (DECEMBER ATTACHED)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Orders for Payment (December attached) be approved and duly signed. All agreed.

HPC 255/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

A report by the RFO was circulated and noted by members.

HPC 256/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION – CO-OPERATIVE, LLOYDS, AND CAMBRIDGE AND COUNTIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation – Co-Operative, Lloyds, and Cambridge and Counties as at 31 December 2023

HPC 257/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

It was noted that the agenda item should read “General Risk Assessment” and not Financial. A short discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the document be accepted with the risk level for Councillors and Staff being updated as follows

Likelihood = 2
Severity = 2
Risk = 4

All agreed.

HPC 258/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

It was **RESOLVED** that the Health and Safety Policy Statement be accepted. All agreed.

HPC 259/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS FOR REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AT THE PARISH OFFICE

A report by the Chief Officer was circulated and a discussion took place.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- Alternative options to glass be investigated, such as cladding or panelling.
- Further quotations be obtained.
- Contact be made with the insurance company to see if they have an approved glazier, who could quote/undertake the work.

HPC 260/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF A CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO S15 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

A short discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the provision of a chairman's allowance of £500.00 be agreed, pursuant to S15 Local Government Act 1972.

HPC 261/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A FINANCIAL DONATION OF £65.00 TO THE HORNDEAN AND CLANFIELD FOOD BANK

It was **RESOLVED** that A donation of £65.00 was agreed, payable to the Horndean and Clanfield Food Bank. All agreed.

HPC 262/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GRANT APPLICATION

- **FRIENDS OF HORNDEAN PARISH FOOTPATHS - £1,000**

It was **RESOLVED** that Friends of Horndean Footpaths be awarded £1,000.00 as per their grant application, for the purchase of power tools and insurance, pursuant to S137 Local Government Act 1972.

This was proposed by Cllr Freeman and agreed by all.

HPC 263/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

It was **RESOLVED**

- That the response to the Draft Local Plan be delegated to the Planning Committee, given the timescale.
- That the response to be submitted to EHDC and presented at the next Council meeting for noting.

HPC 264/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2024/2025

It was **RESOLVED** that the meetings schedule for 2024/2025 be agreed.

HPC 265/23/24

TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FLYING OF THE ST GEORGE'S FLAG

A short discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that the St George's and Union flags will continue to be flown, as per the Flag Days Schedule.

TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE PARISH COUNCIL WITHIN EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WORKING PARTIES

LEOH: An update was provided by Cllr Attlee, as per the attached report.

Havant Thicket Reservoir: Cllr Attlee updated members, informing them that she had attended a meeting on 17 January, where she met with a variety of Stakeholders. She said she is keeping a watching brief through attendance at meetings (with notes circulated), visitor centre involvement in due course and keeping an eye on the connectivity issues (led by Ron Hammerton's sub group) between LEOH and Havant Thicket Reservoir.

Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network: The Chairman said that Urban Place Labs had been commissioned and the trail has been walked. He said that Urban Place Labs will be bringing a presentation to the Annual Parish meeting in April.

EH Association Town and Parish Council: Cllr Redding said he had attended a meeting, where a new Chairman was elected. He said resilience procedures and Martyns Law were discussed, which will require input from Council.

TO NOTE THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BEING THE 11 MARCH 2024

The next scheduled meeting of the Council was noted as 11 March 2024. This meeting will be held in Jubilee Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9:22 pm

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Signed - The Chairman

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Date

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County Cllr Report

Item 3

I would first like to let you know that I am hoping to be able to hold a surgery in Horndean in the very near future.

I used to hold one before, but with the host moving the opening days it was becoming very difficult, so I am very hopeful that this venue will be better. I will let you know as soon as this is set up.

HCC are holding consultations on how you, as residents can let us know how we can help save money in the future and still ensure that services are continued as usual. Please go online and take a look and give us your views.

In many areas, flooding has been a problem and if you have this problem, please contact me and I will do my very best to help.

It has been a very difficult year already weatherwise. What with gale force winds that have taken trees down and the torrential rain that has caused flooding, so I am hoping that now, as we go towards Spring, things will settle down.

As usual, I have asked HCC to remark the lines around Horndean and I have also asked again that they shorten to bus lane on Portsmouth Road, because I have been trying to get this done for quite a few years and I know what a problem this is especially during work times.

If you have any particular problems that I can help with, you can always email me at marge.harvey@hants.gov.uk or phone me on 07712695477 or 02392413858 and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Marge

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DC Report for HPC Council Meeting 12th February 2024

Cllr David Evans 9th February 2024

Draft Local Plan 2021-2040 Consultation is now open for comment

You can find it here:

[Draft Local Plan 2021-2040 | East Hampshire District Council \(easthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.easthants.gov.uk/draft-local-plan-2021-2040)

Please do take part. We want to hear from everyone. Especially if you or your family members are struggling to find an affordable home locally.

Will the plan provide for homes for you, your children and grandchildren that they can afford?

We like the countryside but we also desperately need more homes. Have we got the balance right between protecting the countryside and doing all that is possible to avoid adding costs to new homes that first-time buyers, for instance, can do without?

Would you maybe like to see more apartments for young people who have no wish for a garden? England has a very much smaller percentage of people living in flats than other European countries, with the exception of Ireland – is this sensible?

Could we build higher in places like Horndean if that could provide more and cheaper homes?

Has the Plan got the balance right between enabling the provision of good quality, affordable homes in the right places and attempts to deal with the causes of Climate Change?

There is a drop-in session at Merchistoun Hall on Tuesday 20th February from 3:30pm to 7:30pm so please come along and ask EHDC Planning officers and Councillors any questions you may have.

Some answers to questions I have been asked:

Question	Answer
Why do we need more homes? We thought Land East of Horndean would provide all we need.	LEOH was identified in the current 2011-2028 Plan to provide what was needed. We now need to find more sites to provide up to 2040
Who sets the housing targets?	The Government applies a standard method across England to calculate what each Authority's housing needs are. The council then has to find sufficient sites to meet this need.
Why is site "CFD2 – Land at Drift Road" for 80 dwellings listed as a Clanfield site when it is actually within the Horndean Parish Council boundary?	This is because of the way Planners describe "Settlements". As this site is close to the shops in Clanfield along Drift road and the Doctor's surgery it is deemed to relate to the "settlement" of Clanfield.
Which Parish Council will charge Council Tax on these 80 homes (should they be built)	Horndean Parish Council

I see that the map of Clanfield on page 415 includes a large amount of the Horndean Wards of Down and Catherington does this imply that these areas are to become part of Clanfield.	No, not at all. See answer above about Settlements.
Are the Site Allocations in the Plan for housing automatically going to be built?	Basically – No. Applications will still have to be made for every site and they will have to meet a wide ranges of constraints.

Councillor Community Grants.

These presently total £4,500 made up of £1,000 for environmental projects and £3,500 for general projects. The EHDC 2024-25 Budget proposal is that the £1,000 for environmental projects will move under a different EHDC grant funding scheme and the General grant will be reduced by £500. The Councillor Community Grants will then be £3,000 with no restrictions about the type of project.

Hampshire County Council (HCC) is currently consulting residents on its plans for possible cuts to services to meet their predicted £132million budget shortfall by April 2025.

"Cllr Richard Millard and Cllr Andy Tree, as Leader and Deputy Leader of East Hampshire District Council, have issued a joint statement expressing their concern over potential HCC service cuts, particularly the threat to the household waste and recycling centres in Petersfield and Bordon. The tip in Alton does not appear to be at risk for now.

The statement reads:

"We are dismayed about how potential Hampshire County Council cuts could affect our residents and are committed to trying to find solutions to mitigate them.

"In particular, we do not want to see the closures of Petersfield and Bordon household waste and recycling centres, especially as we want to see recycling increased. We encourage all East Hampshire residents to respond to the Hampshire County Council consultation to ensure our voice is heard."

For Horndean residents who, like me, use the Waterlooville site, that one is graded Tier 1 and is not at risk of closure but if to use the Petersfield or Bordon ones, you may wish to comment.

The consultation asks which services you would like to see cut. Interestingly, although HCC claims to have been making savings over the years, I have not seen a mention of the kind of organisation re-design like the one that EHDC is carrying out.

You might, for instance, ask what the Corporate Services budget of £87.6m is spent on and can any of that be cut away.

You will find the consultation documents at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation>

Report from Cllrs Woodard & Hogan

Some planning applications are being delayed due to the recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and the more recent update in planning policy guidance. It specifically affects EHDC in relation to the 5 year housing land supply requirement when a local plan is out of date. It could mean that applications that might have been approved due to the 'tilted balance' will now be refused. Officers are reviewing this latest guidance carefully to ensure the correct decisions are made.

And a reminder that the in-person Local Plan Consultation for our area will be held at Merchistoun Hall on Tues 20th Feb from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

Please accept my apologies for the meeting tonight.

Best regards
Elaine

Cllr Elaine Woodard
Horndean Murray ward
East Hampshire District Council
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Land East of Horndean Update (LEOH) for Full Council 12 February 2024

Cllr Attlee gave a brief update on the work going on as follows.

1. The site is to be known as Hazleton Meadow
Meeting with EHDC Southern Parishes 22 January
2. Cllr Lay and Cllr Attlee attended a meeting on 22 Jan with several District Cllrs from the Southern Parishes.
3. The meeting focused on the provisions of the s106 agreement that offer the transfer of a bundle of assets to HPC and Cllr Rob Mocatta wished to know if HPC would take on those assets.
4. By way of reminder the assets are;
 - Informal Open Space including three SUDs areas.
 - Formal Open Space including Skate Park, Sports Pitch (specified to be 3G) and Local Equipment Areas for Play (LEAPs)
 - Community Facility
5. We felt that before we could take a view on that question, we would need to ascertain the viability of operating and managing them.
6. A complexity arises in that the way the s106 is drafted it appears HPC must take all those assets or none of them (they all appear to be aggregated).
7. It was agreed that discussions are needed with Bloor Homes (the Developer) to disaggregate those assets in particular the Sports Pitch and Community Building
8. The principal problem that we were all agreed on is that if the Sports Pitch is sited next to the Community Building it will cause a variety of problems such as
 - The community building would need to be largely given over to the use of footballers for changing rooms and other facilities such as storage as well as taking refreshments.
 - A 3G pitch would be expensive to maintain.
 - Floodlights would be intrusive to residents.
 - Car parking would be taken up with footballers/spectators.
9. All these aspects are not compatible with a desire to have a community building for multi-use operations including music, dance, yoga, cinema, and theatre.
10. HPC would write to EHDC planning team with proposals to disaggregate the assets and relocate the Sports Pitch (either to a remote location on the LEOH site or off site). The letter was sent 27 January.
Other Issues -
11. We have also identified that two out of the three SUDs fall within the RCPC boundary as well as the Sports Pitch (that we now know relates to the school) and the associated dwellings.
12. Initial discussions with RCPC suggest they wouldn't wish to manage the SUDs. However, any knock-on effects of the CIL calculation need to be considered relating to the properties that would be built in those areas.

13. We have set up a meeting on 28 Feb with Clanfield Parish Council and Rowlands Castle Parish Council to discuss this in more detail. We will also discuss CPC's experience with setting the Clanfield Community Centre under a s106.

Viability of the Community Building

14. Coincidentally both Cllr Lay and Cllr Attlee were at a Meet the Funders (run by EHDC) event on 31 January at the Millenium Centre Liphook when the opportunity came up to talk to the Bramshott and Liphook Parish Clerk about their experience in setting up the Millenium Centre which has been built as part of s106 with Sainsbury.
15. It seats about 150 and holds a variety of cultural and arts events. It has raked seating that is now outdated, and they subsequently sent me links to their new potential suppliers.
16. They hire out the building rather than run events themselves and take their fees that way. Last year turnover was £50,000, expenditure including salaries £160,000 and the "loss" £60,000. Although they hire it, they said there is still a lot of work and the Clerk said she wouldn't want to take on such a commitment again if she had the choice.
17. VAT is an issue for them. They are registered for VAT and rather than charge the final customer plus VAT (and be uncompetitive with other venues in the village who don't charge VAT) they charge the hiring fee plus VAT to the organisers. Effectively it would seem the VAT is avoided on the profit margin.

HPC Next Steps

18. To look at a range of potential losses that could result from running the community building and the effect of that on the consequential increase needed on the precept.
19. To await the response from EHDC about relocating the Sports Pitch and then arrange further meetings with EHDC and Bloor.
20. If the Sports Pitch can be disaggregated, start to look at different structures for running the Community Building.
21. Consider how best to seek feedback from residents.
22. Establish RCPC's view of the boundary issue and set in train any consequential action with EHDC as necessary.