



HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL, ON MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2019 AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs L Evans (Chairman), D Alexander, Mrs D Denston, D Evans, A Forbes (Vice Chairman), Mrs E Tickell, R Veitch, Mrs I Weeks, P Beck

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer; Cheree Garvey, Office Manager (Minute Taker).

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: District Councillor Mrs S Shillemore, 6 members of the public, one member of the press and 4 representatives from Aquind were present.

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Burridge, M Hyltoft, J Lay and Dr C Jacobs. No apologies were received for Cllr T Denton.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 09 APRIL 2018

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 9th April 2018 were circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** that following a minor amendment, the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 9th April 2018 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The reports listed below (as attached) were circulated prior to the meeting and were each taken as read.

- Chairman's Report - Cllr Mrs L Evans
- Finance & General Purposes Committee - Cllr D Alexander
- Grounds Committee - Cllr Mrs E Tickell
- Planning & Public Services Committee – Cllr P Beck
- Staff Committee - Cllr R Veitch

The Chairman thanked all Committee Chairmen for their reports and invited members of the public to ask questions.

No questions were asked.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS M HARVEY

No report was received from County Councillor Mrs M Harvey at this time.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report was received from District Councillors. Four District Councillors were present and the public were invited to ask questions.

7. TO RECEIVE VERBAL UPDATES ON MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE PARISH

Cllr Mrs L Evans gave an update of the planned building linked to Jubilee Hall with a planned occupancy for September 2020. She added that members of the public might refer to the minutes of HPC Council for more detail.

Mrs Jean Reynolds raised the issue of parking in Horndean in general but also specifically questioned about the status of the Blendworth Lane Car Park. She stated that parking in Horndean is a real problem daily. With the addition of the Fish & Chips shop in the village square, this is causing further concern.

District Councillor Mrs E Tickell informed the public that a 12-month lease had been agreed on the building adjacent to the car park in Blendworth Lane. Cllr Mrs L Evans stated that every Councillor within HPC is keen to keep retain the car park and that we shall fight hard for it. She added that the 12 months gives the Council an opportunity to have a professional survey conducted to have accurate numbers to

8. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM THE HPC COUNTRYSIDE TEAM IN RESPECT OF COMPLETED, CURRENT AND PLANNED PROJECTS

A presentation was given by Matthew Madill, Grounds Manager. He explained that HPC manages a large amount of land and the team looks after the areas very well. He pointed out the various projects on the display board and invited those present to take time following the meeting to peruse in more detail the completed projects.

For the planned projects, he detailed the following:

- additional boardwalk and footpath maintenance at Hazleton Common
- shrub clearance at Catherington Downs and in the replacement of the kissing gates
- to continue the woodland management plan at Catherington Lith
- clear additional areas of Holly at Yeolls Copse. He added that the bluebells are particularly lovely at this time of year and encouraged those present to view them.
- continue maintenance of flowerbeds, hedges and street furniture in the village and other amenity sites.

9. TO MEET WITH AQUIND REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING THE RECENT PUBLIC EXHIBITION EVENTS

A representative of Aquind confirmed that they have been conducting weeks of formal consultation in various locations and that all the documentation is available to view at Horndean Library. They further explained the planned route of the interconnector, the site of the conversion as well as the legislation required.

There were many questions from both the Councillors as well as the public present. All the questions were answered.

The representative informed those present that the consultation process will close on the 29th April 2019 and invited comments either via the website, email, by phone or by completing the feedback forms provided.

Cllr L Evans requested the member of the press to urge the public to submit their comments prior to the closing date. Further the Chief Officer was requested to provide formal feedback from HPC.

Cllr L Evans suggested that Aquind is invited back to Council once the consultation process has been completed.

10. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MATTERS CONCERNING THE PARISH OF HORNDEAN RAISED BY THOSE PRESENT

Mrs Jean Reynolds raised the issue of the notice boards in the village and commented on the untidiness and maintenance of the notice boards.

A resident raised the issue of the traffic lights at Padnell Road and the congestion this causes. He suggested that a request is made to Hampshire County Council to remove these lights.

Cllr L Evans informed members and the public that a Government funding has been set aside for cleaning and smartening up the village to the value of £1600. She opened the meeting for suggestions on how this money is to be used.

The meeting closed at 8:27pm.

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