



# **TO ALL ELECTORS OF HORNDEAN**

**You are invited to take part in the  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

which will be held at:  
**JUBILEE HALL, CATHERINGTON LANE  
on Monday 11 April 2022 at 6.30 p.m.**

Under the Chairmanship of Councillor Mrs Lynn Evans  
(Chairman of the Parish Council)

The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all Parish affairs and pass resolutions about them.

The following matters have so far been placed on the agenda:

1. **Welcome**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 26 April 2021**
4. **Annual report of the Parish Council**
5. **To receive a report from County Cllr Mrs M Harvey**
6. **To receive a report from East Hampshire District Councillors**
7. **To receive verbal updates on matters of interest to the Parish**
8. **General discussion of matters concerning the Parish of Horndean raised by those present.**

Cllr Mrs L Evans, Chairman of the  
Parish Council



# HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

## THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY WITH MICROSOFT TEAMS, ON MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors Mrs L Evans (Chairman), D Evans, R Veitch, Mrs E Tickell, P Beck, A Forbes, D Alexander, P Little, B Raymond, D Prosser, J Lay

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cheree Garvey, Office Manager (Minute Taker); Matthew Madill (Grounds Manager)

### **PUBLIC**

**ATTENDANCE:** There were no members of the public present

Meeting commenced at 6:32pm

### **1. WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked members for attending.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received. Cllr Mrs I Weeks did not attend.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 08<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019**

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr A Forbes and seconded by Cllr Mrs E Tickell. All agreed.

### **4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Chairman's Report - Cllr Mrs L Evans

Grounds Committee - Cllr Mrs E Tickell

Staff Committee - Cllr R Veitch

Finance & General Purposes Committee - Cllr D Alexander



The Chairman thanked all Committee Chairmen for their reports and invited.

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

A report by County Councillor Mrs M Harvey was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions for Cllr Harvey.

6. **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

No written report was received. Members did not have any questions for District Councillors.

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

The Grounds manager reported that following the vandalism to the newly planted trees on Catherington Lith, the Countryside team immediately replanted and protected the trees that were pulled up. To date no other incidents of vandalism has occurred.

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

The Chairman reminded members that under this agenda item the attending public will usually bring matter to Council. As there were no members of the public present, The Chairman closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.

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Chairman

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Dated

## Chairman's Report April 2022

Another year of change and the unexpected. There have been some staff changes, changes to ways of working and a storm which uprooted some of our trees, to name but a few.

Mrs Baverstock-Jones and our staff continue to address a wide variety of issues on a daily basis as well as ensuring that all essential functions of the Council are carried out. The facilities are open for use and bookings are exceeding the conservatively budgeted use. I am sure all Councillors will join me in a big "Thank you" to all our staff for their continuing commitment.

Horndean Parish Council has returned fully to face to face meetings. We have kept in place the scheme of Delegation in case of emergency. For clarity this is: **Decisions have been delegated to the Chief Officer, Chairman and Vice-Chairman together (not singly) after comment upon the issues has been gathered from Councillors.**

Recently we were pleased to welcome two new Councillors, Cllr Simon Freeman and Cllr Teresa Attlee who are already participating in the work of the Council.

LEOH - The S106 has been signed for the largest development area west of the B2149 and we await the Reserved Matters applications. The Care Home development is underway.

Thank you to Carla Baverstock-Jones and the whole team for all their hard and thank you to the Councillor team for their work this year.

I think it is time to talk about the behaviour of some of our Young People. Sadly, the whole Parish is experiencing a lot of antisocial behaviour and a not inconsiderable amount of damage to property. The perpetrators are disrespectful to anyone querying their behaviour and, of course, any damage ultimately is paid for by residents.

Directly relating to Parish facilities: a bench burnt beyond repair using lighter fuel, broken windows at Jubilee Hall, the work compound entered and outside taps turned on, graffiti on play equipment, and recently, moped riders without helmets riding around Jubilee Field both in daylight and in the dark, dangerous to other users and themselves.

Young people gather on the toddler playground which discourages parents from using the area with their children. When they congregate on Jubilee Field and the recreation ground some leave large amounts of rubbish, including a lot of broken glass, which the Countryside team spend a lot of time clearing up each day.

Obviously, this is reported to all the proper authorities and young people are challenged sometimes but their demeanour can be both offensive and menacing. These are not isolated incidents but an ongoing series of happenings which spoil the facilities for others and are wasteful of resource.

Grounds Committee Report.  
April 2022.

The last year has seen many highlights on HPC's open spaces and recreation grounds despite the team having to work under covid conditions at times and the associated difficulties of that.

Residents will have noted the following successes:-

1. The completion of the boardwalk upgrades at Hazleton Common.
2. The management of Catherington Down is going very well. Perhaps one of the highlights of last summer was the first recorded sighting of a Duke of Burgundy butterfly.
3. The tree carvings at Catherington Lith were completed. A walk around the Lith is highly recommended and any walk should include looking at these carvings. We shall shortly be coming into the Bluebell season up there.
4. A tree has been planted at Jubilee Hall to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
5. Real progress has been made at Hazleton Common with Heathland management and scrub/ pioneer tree species removal.

I would like to record councillors appreciation of the competent and professional way that Matt Madill has managed and led the Countryside Team over the last year. The new member of the team, Andy Smith has settled in well.

I would also like to mention and thank the volunteers who join the team every Thursday and help on all types of tasks ranging from the boardwalk upgrades and scrub clearance to dead hedging.

The Parish Council was pleased to organise a successful and enjoyable Remembrance Service and Christmas Carol Service. The Countryside Team assisted with those services on the night and the day respectively.

There are a couple of matters on which I am sad to report.

Firstly, some elm trees had to be felled at Jubilee Hall due to Dutch Elm Disease.

The second matter is more serious and I hope that it can be stopped before it gets out of control and certain youngsters in the area end up with criminal records. There has been a serious increase in the anti-social behaviour taking place on Parish Council sites over the last couple of years;-

1. A bench at Jubilee Hall was burnt beyond repair.
2. Kissing gates have been vandalised.
3. Bottles have been smashed in childrens play areas and around the parks.
4. Graffiti has been sprayed on play areas and facilities have been trashed.

The vandalism is pointless, renders facilities unusable until repaired and such repair is a waste of residents money. The countryside team wastes its time carrying out the repairs, cleaning etc.

Lately, some teenagers have started riding their motorbikes around Jubilee Field which is not lit at night. They are not wearing helmets and they are ruining the grass surface.

Teenagers should not congregate in childrens play areas as they are intimidating to little ones.

Elaine Tickell  
Chairman – Grounds Committee

## ***Finance and General Purposes Committee Report to Horndean Parish Council for the Financial Year 2021-22***

I am happy to report continued stability in the Council's finances and its financial management, despite some challenges getting back to normal after the government's lockdowns last year.

### **Budget Report 2021/22**

This was expected to be another challenging year for the Parish finances, but thanks mainly to a stronger than expected return of the halls income after lockdown restrictions were lifted and some staff vacancies that were not anticipated, the Parish has spent less than was budgeted. The final figure will be available in May, but despite some extra expense to cover the recent storm damage, a favourable variance of around £70k is forecast.

### **Budget for 2022/23**

Next year's budget was developed and delivered on time to EHDC. Having not increased the precept for a couple of years, the committee recommended a small increase of 2% for 2022/23, with confidence that the Parish can maintain sufficient reserves through the coming financial year.

### **Halls**

The new linked building project for Jubilee Hall was completed within budget just before the start of the financial year and the new Jubilee offices and workshop have now brought together all Council staff on one site. A study has been commissioned to evaluate the savings made from moving out of the previously rented spaces.

Hall rental income, usually the major source of Parish revenue outside the precept, has recovered to approximately 70% of pre-Covid levels, and some further growth is expected this year.

### **Grants**

A total of £2,845 in grants was made for community projects in the 2021/22 financial year. The committee carefully considers each request in relation to how many residents will benefit and what other funding sources are available. The Parish grant budget for 2022/23 will remain at £5,000.

### **And finally...**

I would like to express appreciation on behalf of myself and the Committee to our RFO, Simon Ritson, for the continuing excellent work he does and the high quality of advice he provides to the Council.

Thanks also to the Chief Officer, Carla Baverstock-Jones, and all her staff, for the hard work that goes into preparing reports for the committee and implementing the decisions made.

Lastly, my thanks go to the members of this committee for your contributions.

Cllr David Alexander, Chairman, Finance and General Purposes Committee, 4 April 2022.