



**Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held on Monday 17 December 2018 at 7.00 pm
at 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak**

Present: Cllrs Barrett, Bird, Couldrey, Mrs Douglas (Chairman), Goss, McGuinness, Mignot, Noel, Scott, Mrs Shepherd & Spearey

Officers in attendance: Ms M Stephens, Clerk, Mrs L Greenslade & Mrs J Cahill, Responsible Finance Officer.

Apologies: Cllr Rushton.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present who had attended to thank Councillors and Staff for their commitment to the villages.

54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs Douglas declared a non-pecuniary interest in minutes number 58, as she lived adjacent the location of the proposed development. She concluded that under common law there were no issues to prevent her from speaking. However, she did not vote.

55 MINUTES OF MEETINGS (PAPER A)

RESOLVED:

That the following minutes be approved as a correct record and any recommendations be adopted: -

- a) Full Council meeting held on 15 October 2018;
- b) Policy & Resources Committee held on 19 November 2018;
- c) Finance & Staffing Committee held on 12 November & 3 December 2018; and
- d) Leisure & Properties Committee held on 10 December 2018

56 COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

The Chairman reported that Cllr John Sorley had resigned, with immediate effect, from the Council, due to personal reasons. She thanked Mr Sorley for his many years as a Parish Councillor.

She advised the Parish Council would run with another vacancy until the May 2019 elections.

RESOLVED

That John Sorley's resignation be noted.

57 REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER (REPORT B)

Members considered the report of the Responsible Finance Officer, attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes.

RESOLVED

- a) That the report be approved; and
- b) That cheque signing, and BACS payments be authorised.

58 TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT PEMBERS HILL FARM

Cllr Spearey proposed, Cllr Mrs Douglas remain in the Chairman, Cllr Goss seconded and all agreed. She did not take part in the voting.

Members considered the transfer of public open space at Pembers Hill Farm as set out in briefing paper C.

RESOLVED

That the Pembers Hill Farm public open space be transferred to the Parish Council on completion of the development under the Section 106 agreement.

59 BUDGET 2019-20 – PARISH PRECEPT

Members considered the budget and Parish precept for 2019/20, as previously circulated in Report D.

Cllr Spearey proposed to approve the Budget for 2019/20, and set the Precept at £420,258 (an increase of £16,224). This would increase the current band D cost per year from £102.47 to £105.54, giving an increase of £3.06 for the year, or 5p per week. Cllrs McGuinness seconded.

Cllr Barrett moved the following amendment:- That half the Precept increase (£8,112) be taken out of general reserves, thereby halving increase in Precept level for the tax payer.

Cllr Barrett proposed increasing the precept by 1 1/2% rather than the proposed 3% and using reserves for the remaining 1 1/2%. Cllr Couldrey seconded. No Members supported this proposal. Members discussed the amendments and it was put to a vote. The motion was lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote. The motion was carried.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Budget for 2019/20 be approved; and
- b) That the Parish Precept for 2019/20 be set at £420,258.

Clerk's note - Subsequent to the Meeting, Eastleigh Borough Council confirmed the final tax base for 2019/20. This showed that the Parish base budget of £420,258 was an increase of 0.6% instead of the 3% as previously advised.

60 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Members considered the Neighbourhood Policing Team quarterly report, previously circulated in Report E.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

61 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Members discussed whether the Parish Council should instigate a Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Report F. Cllr McGuinness proposed that a decision be deferred until the new Council was in place in May. He also asked if the Clerk could investigate courses on the subject and that course availability direct when this matter be discussed again. Members supported this approach.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Parish Council defer a decision on producing a Neighbourhood plan; and
- b) That the Clerk investigate courses on Neighbourhood Planning.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (CGR)

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk. The CGR order had now been made and would take effect from 1 April 2019. The Parish would work in partnership with Eastleigh Borough Council in communicating the implications of the Review to residents.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

63 POPPY APPEAL

The Clerk outlined the current responsibilities of the Parish Council in undertaking this role. She said it had a serious impact on her workload and that of other staff, and felt that with the limited resources on staffing, and the length of time taken to complete the task, that alternative arrangements be sought for this important role. She suggested advertising in the Parish Council's newsletter, facebook and on the One Community volunteering newsletter for either a local group or individual to take on the work. Members supported this proposal.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Parish Council relinquish the responsibilities of the Poppy Appeal; and
- b) That support be given to the Royal British Legion in filling this role.

64 REPORTS BY COUNTY AND BOROUGH MEMBERS

None received.

65 OUTSIDE BODIES

None received.

66 CHANGE TO MEETING DATE

RESOLVED

That the meeting schedule to take place on Monday 13 May 2019 be rearranged to Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7.00 pm.

67 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Members considered changes to membership of Committee.

Cllr Noel offered to fill the vacancy, arisen by the resignation of John Sorley, on the Planning & Highways Committee.

RESOLVED

That Cllr Noel fill the vacancy on the Planning & Highways committee.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed Chairman