



## Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Full Council meeting  
held on Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.00 pm  
at 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak**

P – present, Ab – absent, Ap – apologies.

Ap	Cllr Anderson	P	Cllr Jermy	P	Cllr Tennent
Ap	Cllr Barrett	P	Cllr McGuinness	P	Cllr Warrilow
Ap	Cllr Bird	Ap	Cllr Mignot		Vacancy
P	Cllr Couldrey	Ab	Cllr Scott		Vacancy
P	Cllr Douglas	P	Cllr Spearey		Vacancy

**Officers in attendance:** Ms M Stephens, Clerk, Mrs L Greenslade Deputy Clerk, Mrs C Giles, Administrative Assistant, Mr M Johnson, Operations Manager & Mrs J Cahill, Responsible Finance Officer.

### PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present but did not wish to speak.

### 18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

### 19 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

#### RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the Full Council meetings of 14 & 22 May 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record; and
- b) That the minutes and recommendations therein of the Planning Committee held on 3 June 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 20 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Council considered four applications for the three vacancies. The candidates each addressed the Council on why they thought they would make a good Parish Councillor.

The Chairman moved that Standing Orders 8(a), which stated that voting appointments be made via "a show of hands" be suspended, and proposed a secret ballot instead, Cllr Spearey seconded and all agreed.

At the time of the secret ballot, one of the candidates withdrew their application.

#### RESOLVED

- a) That Standing Orders be suspended to allow a secret ballot; and
- b) That Daniel Linter-Abbott\* (tbc), Kristina Forfar and Trudie Higby and be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

Cllr Linter-Abbott, Forfar & Higby joined the meeting.

## **21 NEW WEBSITE – LIVE DEMO**

The Council received a demonstration of the Council's revamped website prior to its formal launch. The new website, whilst retaining much of the content of the current site, provided more modern look and feel. As well as the facility to book halls for hire and make online payments. The new site, with customer feedback surveys and e-newsletters, aimed to increase community engagement.

Members praised the website development work.

Clarie Price, from Smart Marketing, indicated the website, subject to minor adjustments, was ready to "go live". The Clerk requested that the new website be launched 1 July, to allow staff to be trained on how to populate the new website platform. Members agreed.

Members would be kept updated on the progress of the new website and its formal launch date.

## **22 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE**

Sergeant Zoe Wakefield answered questions on the Fair Oak & Horton Heath Neighbourhood Policing update, previously circulated to Members.

Members were pleased to hear that Fair Oak was a low crime area with crime levels declining.

### **RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

## **23 FINANCE REPORT**

Members considered the report of the Responsible Financial Officer as set out in Report D.

### **RESOLVED**

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

## **24 NEW CENTURY PARK**

The Clerk gave a verbal update on the progress of the play area installation indicating that the project would be finished on time and ready for the summer holidays.

## **25 ST THOMAS' CHURCH – COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Members considered the request from St Thomas' Church for the siting of a community café in the Parish.

### **RESOLVED**

That a Task & Finish Group consisting of Cllrs Linter-Abbott, Higby & Forfar be appointed.

**26 HORTON HEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Clerk reported that to meet current regulations it was necessary to replace the fuse box and update the electrics at the Centre. A quote had been sought from BHM Electrical who worked closely with the installers of the new kitchen.

**RESOLVED**

That the supplementary bid relating to the electrics at the Centre by BHM Electrical Services Ltd for an additional £2922 be approved and taken out of the earmarked reserves.

**27 FORWARD PLAN**

**RESOLVED**

That the Forward Plan as set out in Report F be approved.

**28 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Couldrey said he had attended his first LAC since the elections and that the subject of a pavement leading from the new development at the rear of Mortimers Lane had been raised.

**29 COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Tennent reported on recent activities relating to HCC, as set out in Appendix 1.

**30 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES**

Cllrs Linter-Abbott and Forfar both expressed an interest in the Planning Committee and it was suggested that they attend the next meeting, before formal appointment was made.

**RESOLVED**

That the following changes to membership of committees be approved.

- a) That Cllrs Forfar & Linter be appointed on the Asset Committee;
- b) That Cllr Higby be appointed on the Finance Committee;
- c) That Cllr Warrillow be appointed on the Horton Heath Sub Committee; &
- d) That Cllr Higby be appointed on the Local Plan Task & Finish Group.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed ..... Chairman

Attachments:  
Appendix 1

## Appendix 1

County Councillors verbal report

### Balancing the Budget Consultation

From **5 June – 17 July 2019** Hampshire County Council is consulting residents and stakeholders across Hampshire on options to help it deliver a balanced budget.

The County Council **is facing an anticipated budget 'gap' of £80million by April 2021, due to growing demand for services, rising costs and inflation and reduced Government funding.**

As Council Tax payers and service users, the views of local residents and stakeholders need to be taken into account when decisions about the budget are made.

#### Lobbying for legislative change

HCC could lobby central government to change statute to allow them to charge towards;

- visits to household waste recycling centres;
- issuing 'Older Persons Bus Passes';
- concessionary travel;
- library membership and services
- Home to School Transport.

#### Using reserves

The County Council has around £669.5 million in Reserves with £20m in General Reserves. CIPFA stipulate that there should be enough to run council business for 25 days in General Reserves

HCC could use more reserves to plug the budget gap;

However:

- **82% are already committed to other purposes?**
- reserves can only be spent once;
- there are only enough uncommitted reserves to run services for 27 days.

HCC needs to save £80m this year and will be increasing council tax by 4.99%, the maximum allowed, but suggested that by raising council tax by 17% the cuts would be paid for. However, to do that HCC needs to hold a referendum which will cost £1m

**Over £480 million has been removed from the County Council's budget in the last 10 years.**

#### Schools

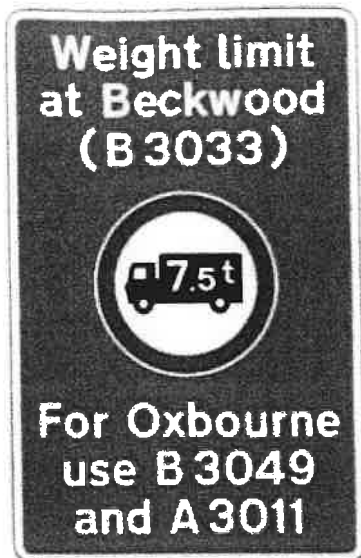
There are an increasing number of schools in, or at risk of falling into deficit, and nationally it has been reported that 30% of all local authority maintained secondary schools are in deficit. In Hampshire this figure is about the same but is expected to continue to grow over the next few years unless there is a change in the national funding position. Reasons for schools falling into deficit vary, and tailored support is being provided to individual schools facing financial difficulties along with appropriate challenge and intervention where required.

However, local good news;-

Fair Oak Infant & Junior, Eastleigh

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- Construction Works £1,545,000



Example Signage

### **Stubbington Way Traffic Lights**

Communications with HCC ongoing, but the address of the Hampshire Police accident history website is <https://www.tvphampshiretraffweb.co.uk/index.html>

### **Motion on Adopted Roads**

Motion on Adopted Roads where I seconded the motion was given cross-party support. I raised the frustrations experienced by residents in not being given a timetable for when the roads on new developments are to be handed over to Hampshire Highways. In many cases the roads are not being constructed to adoptable standards with the result that residents are forced to pay management fees that are in effect, double taxation. As well as the very important issues of TROs being permitted and in some instances, ensure that streetlights are put in place.

### **Hampshire 2050 Commission - Next Steps**

- Special Full Council meeting in 23 September, 11.30am onwards (Single item agenda)
- All member briefing planned before Full Council 10.00am to 11.00am