



## FAIR OAK & HORTON HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Office, 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak**

P – present, Pt – part of the meeting, Ab – absent, Ap – apologies.

Ap	Cllr Anderson	P	Cllr Scott	P	Cllr Meech
P	Cllr Forfar	P	Cllr Bird	P	Cllr Stupple
Ab	Cllr Mignot	Ap	Cllr Marsh	P	Cllr Douglas (Chairman)
P	Cllr Barrett	P	Cllr Smith	Ab	Cllr McGuinness
P	Cllr Higby	Ap	Cllr Couldrey (Vice Chair)	Ap	Cllr Tennent

**Officers in attendance:** Ms M Stephens, Clerk, Mrs L Greenslade/Mrs M Leadbitter-Allen, Deputy Clerk, & Mrs J Cahill, Responsible Finance Officer.

The Chairman read out a statement on behalf of the Parish Council condemning the Russian attack on Ukraine. Support was offered by Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council to all Ukrainians, here and in Ukraine.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Harry Lee, Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC) Corporate Project Manager – Item 110.

#### **107. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Meech – Item 110.

#### **108. MINUTES (PAPER A)**

##### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21 February 2022, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record; and
- b) That the delegated planning decisions of w/e 4 & 18 February 2021 be noted.

#### **109. FINANCE REPORT (REPORT B)**

- a) Members considered the report of the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

##### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That the contents of the report be noted; and
- b) That the BACS payments be approved.

## **110. LAPSTONE PLAYING FIELDS DEVELOPMENT (REPORT C)**

Cllr Meech declared a non-pecuniary interest as a resident of Pavilion Close. He concluded that there were no issues under common law that prevented him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

- a) Members considered the proposal to redevelop Lapstone Playing Fields to enable the provision of a second cricket wicket.
- b) Cllr Meech, whilst expressing his support for the project, raised some concerns, namely, the repositioning of the cricket nets, drainage issues adjacent the tennis courts and the impact on residents while the works are taking place, and the service level agreement to cover two wickets.
- c) Cllr Bird asked if there was a business case for the project.
- d) Cllr Higby was pleased the ecology issues had been considered.
- e) Cllr Stuppel expressed the view that the project was positive news for the Parish.
- f) Mr Lee confirmed that an alternative siting for the cricket nets would be explored, the drainage would be addressed and that he acknowledged there would be a period of disruption during the works, but these could be managed and would likely be restricted through planning. He said EBC were keen to support Fair Oak Cricket Club, being the best in the Borough.
- g) The Chairman advised that the service level agreement had been discussed with the cricket club and once exact costings were to hand, a new agreement would be put forward.
- h) After discussion it was;

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That, subject to a satisfactory service level agreement with Fair Oak Cricket Club, the development of Lapstone Playing Fields into a second wicket facility be approved.

## **111. CHANGE IN COUNCIL MEETING TIMES**

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) That for a trial six-month period, future Council meetings take place at 6.00 pm effective from 21 April 2022.

## **112. WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT D)**

### **RESOLVED**

- b) That the work programme and amendments be noted.

## **113. EXCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

### **RESOLVED**

- a) That under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public and the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information which would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature

(commercial & staffing matters).

**114. SPLASHPAD TENDERS (REPORT E)**

- a) Members considered the results of the tender evaluation for the installation of the splashpad at New Century Park.
- b) The Clerk advised four tenders had been received, three of which met the requirements. Following a robust scoring exercise, the contractor with the highest scores, based on design and value for money was Ustigate Waterplay.
- c) The Clerk said that once planning permission had been received it was hoped that works would start with a competition date of 11 July 2022.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the splashpad installation, provision of fencing, artificial grass and greywater tank at a cost of £209,870.10 be awarded to Ustigate.

**115. STAFFING MATTERS**

- a) The Clerk gave a verbal report of the staff appraisal process and circulated an updated organisational structure (attached at appendix 1 to these minutes) which included the new caretaker and grounds operative post which were currently going through the recruitment process.
- b) Councillors asked that the Clerk pass on their thanks to all staff for their hard work and efforts during the year.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the Clerk's verbal update be noted.

This was all the business and ended at 8.30 pm.

Signed .....Chairman