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Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

held on Monday 23 June 2025 at 6.00 pm

at the Parish Office, 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Bird, Douglas (Chair), Forfar, Meech, Stupple, Tennent, Barrett, Couldrey, Higby, Marsh

Apologies: Cllrs Anderson, Broomfield, Smith

Absent: Cllrs Chivuchi, Scott

Officers in attendance: Michelle Leadbitter-Allen, Acting Executive Officer

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest raised.

36. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None Present

37. HCC FAIR OAK VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (REPORT A)

The Council considered the request from Hampshire County Council (HCC) to use Parish Council land on Mortimers Lane for the purpose of footway widening, the installation of benches as part of the Walking and Cycling Scheme, and the proposed repositioning of the War Memorial bench.

After discussion it was:

RESOLVED:

a) That Council note the contents of the report; and

b) That the Council had no objection to the to the proposal from Hampshire County Council (HCC) to widen the boundary of pathway on parish council land; and

c) Agreed that the Letter Licence be signed subject to review by the Acting Executive Officer in consultation with the Chair and, if necessary, the Council's solicitor, and;

d) Had no objection to the proposal from HCC to gift the Council two additional benches to be placed at the top of Mortimers Lane, and:

e) Agreed the following response to the proposed repositioning of war memorial bench in Village Square.

'The Council does not support the proposed relocation site between the two trees. Instead, it would prefer the bench to be positioned to the right of the memorial, in the space between the memorial and the shops. However, as the final plans have not yet been provided, the Council is unable to issue a formal response at this stage. The Council therefore requests sight of the final plans before submitting its formal comment. The Council would also like clarity as to whether this Fair Oak and Village Improvements Project includes the widening of the junction at Stubbington Way, Winchester Road, Botley Road and Eastleigh Road as previously proposed?'

38. PLANNING APPLICATION O/25/99534

Address: Land at Denhams Corner, Snakemoor Lane, Eastleigh, SO32 2BW
Description: Outline application for up to 150 dwellings including 40% affordable housing, with vehicle and cycle accesses from Snakemoor Lane, pedestrian/cycle access from Botley Road, sustainable transport hub, public open space and play area, and associated infrastructure and landscaping.

RESOLVED:

That the following comment be submitted to Eastleigh Borough Council as the planning authority:

'The proposed site is not allocated for development in the adopted Local Plan, nor is it identified as a preferred site in the emerging Local Plan review. Approving this application would undermine the plan-led system and set a dangerous precedent for speculative development. The proposal is therefore contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which requires decisions to be plan-led.

The applicant's transport assessment (ref. section 2.6) inaccurately portrays the site as well-connected. In reality, the only bus service (No. 3) is infrequent and takes approximately 90 minutes to reach Southampton. Other services cited are either non-existent or extremely limited. The site is not within walking distance of essential services, and the development includes no provision for shops, schools, or healthcare facilities, making it car-dependent and unsustainable.

The development of 150 homes is expected to generate 300 additional vehicles accessing the site via Snakemoor Lane which is a narrow rural road with poor visibility, bordered by hedgerows and has no pavements. This raises serious safety concerns for both motorists and cyclists. The proximity of both site exits to the nearby roundabout further exacerbates safety risks for vehicular traffic, cyclists and pedestrians. The anticipated traffic volume would significantly increase the risk of accidents and endanger both drivers and pedestrians. The plan does not address these fundamental safety and accessibility issues.

The development would urbanise a rural landscape, causing irreversible harm to the character and appearance of the countryside. This is contrary to policies aimed at protecting rural settings and would set a precedent for further encroachment into greenfield land.

The application fails to provide adequate detail on biodiversity mitigation. The loss of greenfield land and associated habitats is not offset by any clear strategy for ecological enhancement or net biodiversity gain, contrary to the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 and national planning policy'.

PLANNING APPLICATION HCC/2025/0346 & HCC/2025/0368

Address: East Horton Golf Centre, Mortimers Lane, Fair Oak, Hampshire So50 7EA

Proposal: ''Hybrid" planning application comprising: Full planning permission comprising - Closure of 14th, 15th and 18th holes and construction of new driving range building, reprofiling of land to form new driving range target greens and swale with associated landscaping, drainage infrastructure and other.

After discussion it was;

RESOLVED

That a comment of **No Objection** be submitted to Hampshire County Council as the planning authority:

Signed ..... Chair.

Dated: …….

This was all the business, and the meeting closed at 6.29 pm.

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