HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 27 October 2014 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs L Evans (Chairman), Councillors D Alexander, P Beck, M Burridge, D Evans, Dr C Jacobs, B Mowatt, H Pickett, S Schillemore, R Veitch and I Weeks

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IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Cotton, Executive Officer and Clerk to the Council, Sarah Guy, Senior Administrator and Cynthia Haveron, EHDC Democratic Services Officer

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public and a representative of the local press were in attendance.

hpc 137/14 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Forbes, J Mach, J Murray, E Tickell.

Apologies were also received from District Councillor D Denston.

hpc 138/14 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

hpc 139/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

A report from County Councillor M Harvey was circulated.

hpc 140/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

There were no matters the Chairman wished to report.

hpc 141/14 **PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Evershed asked the Council to pay careful attention to item seven on the agenda about the Speed Indicator Device (SID) unit. He reminded the Council of the problems with speeding in the Parish, particularly Catherington Lane and Lovedean Lane. There had been three fatalities in Catherington Lane. For over 14 years his team had been submitting data on speeding to the Police but they believed that this information was falling on deaf ears. He was pleased to note in the report from County Councillor Harvey that the County Council were looking at putting in traffic calming in dangerous areas. Consideration had to be given on how to go forward.

The Chairman said that she had held various meetings with County Councillor Harvey and Mr Ian Janes, Traffic Management (East Hampshire) Economy, Transport & Environment Department at the County Council and would continue to press for traffic calming and other options in the area.

County Councillor Harvey also confirmed that she would be attending a meeting on 10 November, where she would be submitting projects for consideration for her division.

Cllr Beck was concerned that he had not heard about the consultation on White Dirt Lane and asked why he had not been informed.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had been informed of the consultation and that it had been put on the Council website and she understood that the residents of Clanfield had even been informed of the consultation.

Mrs Burridge, a member of staff presented Cllr L Evans with a bouquet of flowers and present on behalf of the staff for all the help that she had given them.

Cllr Evans thanked staff for the gifts and said that all that had been achieved had been through a team effort. It was good to see a happy and efficient team of Councillors and staff.

hpc 142/14 **TO ELECT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEES**

There were no nominations and it was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting.

hpc 143/14 **TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR THE USE OF THE PARISH OWNED SID UNIT**

The Chairman addressed the Council on the SID Unit and the volunteers who ran it. She reminded the Council that the unit had been in place since 2010 and was run by volunteers, who put the unit up and maintained it. They also sent the collated data to the Police Unit in Waterlooville for processing. She had received an email from the team who had informed her that they would no longer be deploying the unit from 21 October 2014. She had been unable to persuade the team to continue their excellent work.

Councillors expressed their regret and concerns on the loss of the team and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to each individual member of the team for all their work over the last few years.

County Councillor Harvey informed the Council that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been put in place for Downhouse Road, with a speed limit of 40 mph.

Councillor D Evans asked that the Police be invited to a meeting of the Parish Council to explain why they had not used the data supplied to them by the team.

Councillor Burridge suggested that an article should be put in the local press asking for volunteers and contact the Council offices if they were interested. The representative of the press was present and agreed that he would write an article.

It was agreed that the following actions be taken:

- A letter be sent to the SID Team expressing the thanks of the Council;
- A letter be sent to the Chief Constable or Inspector inviting them to the Parish Council about the SID Unit and speeding; and
- An article in the local press about the SID Unit and asking for volunteers.

hpc 144/14 **TO ELECT A COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY FORUM**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr D Alexander be nominated as the Councillor representative on the Community Forum (Clanfield, Horndean & Rowlands Castle).

hpc 145/14 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 October 2014 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting

hpc 146/14 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Orders for Payment (List 8) be approved, and were duly signed.

hpc 147/14 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATIONS – CLYDESDALE AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2014 AND CO-OPERATIVE AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2014.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Bank Reconciliations for the Clydesdale and Co-operative banks as 30 September 2014 be approved, and were duly signed.

hpc 148/14 **TO RECEIVE SEPTEMBER 2014 ACCOUNTS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the September 2014 accounts be approved.

hpc 149/14 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUOTATIONS FOR THE RESURFACING OF LITH AVENUE, HORNDEAN**

The Council considered the quotes for the resurfacing of Lith Avenue, Horndean.

It was **RESOLVED** that quotation 2 be agreed.

hpc 150/14 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE OPTIONS IN RESPECT OF THE DELIVERY OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (PLAYGROUNDS)**

The Council considered the report and recommendation

It was **RESOLVED** that quotation 3 be accepted subject to a decision as to the most appropriate venues for the consultation.

hpc 151/14 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REGISTERING FOR INTERNET BANKING**

The Chairman explained that the Council had done internet banking in the past. The Council would be able to work much more efficiently if they were registered and it would not cost them any more.

It was **RESOLVED** that Council should register for internet banking.

hpc 152/14 **TO CONSIDER ACCESS TO LITH CRESCENT**

The Chairman explained the background to the report. She asked members to note that Lith Crescent was a designated footpath and not a road and as such was not intended for vehicular access. It had been designated as a footpath, No 506 in 2005. The Council's decision to lock the gate, thereby restricting vehicular access had been necessary in order to protect the area and nature reserve.

She asked members to note that the residents had not provided any documentary evidence to confirm their right of access other than by the letters attached to the report. It was for the residents to prove their claim. The Parish Council were seeking further clarification from East Hampshire District Council,

but at this time there was no evidence that there was an established right of way. The council have only been provided a copy of a Permissory Letter.

Councillor Burridge raised concerns about the access being closed with padlocks on both sides and believed that the access should be open to the public.

Councillors were concerned about damage to the track further down where it narrowed by vehicles as well as damage to the nature reserve.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED** that the gate to Lith Crescent would remain locked.

hpc 153/14 **TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

The Chairman explained the background to the report. The arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade and Service had been changed from normal arrangements. Usually the Council applied to EHDC for permission to close certain roads. However, the application to close the A3 had been refused partly because of complaints at its closure for the rededication ceremony. She had spoken to the Parade Marshall about the Parade and service and the following arrangements had been agreed.

The parade would start at the Council Offices and march down Blendworth Lane to the memorial. The Blendworth Lane and Havant Road would be closed to vehicular traffic but the A3 would remain open. The Scouts would not be in this parade, they had organised their own parade along Queens Crescent and the Police had agreed to cover the Scouts Parade.

Councillors expressed their disappointment that the Scouts would not be taking part in the main event.

Following a vote it was **RESOLVED** that the arrangements for the Remembrance Day Service and Parade be noted.

hpc 154/14 **TO AGREE TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC AND PRESS, IN THE VIEW THAT PUBLICITY WOULD PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS OR ARISING OUT OF THE BUSINESS ABOUT TO BE TRANSACTED**

It was **RESOLVED** that the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting.

hpc 155/14 **TO APPROVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6 OCTOBER 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** that the confidential Minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 October 2014 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting

hpc 156/14 **CONSIDER THE FACILITATION OF CILCA TRAINING IN RESPECT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

It was RESOLVED that the Executive Officer be allowed to take one day a month in order to study for her CilCA qualification.

hpc 157/14 **TO REPORT TO COUNCIL THE ALLEGATION CONCERNING A COUNCILLOR REGARDING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

(This item was taken in camera as set out in the confidential minute).

The meeting closed to the public at 8.37pm

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Chairman

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