HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 07th JULY 2014 AT 7.00P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs L Evans (Chairman), Councillors Mrs S Schillemore, I Weeks and E Tickell and Councillors H Pickett, D Evans, B Mowatt, and A Forbes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Cotton, Executive Officer and Clerk to the Council.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Members of public were in attendance.

hpc 54/14 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss J Murray, Dr C Jacobs and Councillors M Burridge, J Mach, R Veitch

hpc 55/14 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

hpc 56/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

A report had not been received from the County Councillor

hpc 57/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Mrs Lynn Evans reported that there are numerous Planning Applications being presented and a development of 40 homes (Lovedean Lane) despite opposition had been agreed by the Planning Committee.

hpc 58/14 **PUBLIC SESSION**

The meeting opened to the public at 7.10pm. A member of the Press (Horndean Post) - Paul Ferguson was in attendance.

hpc 59/14 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09TH JUNE AND 23RD JUNE 2014 (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 09th June 2014 were duly signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed and was duly **RESOLVED**.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 23rd June 2014 were duly signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed and was duly **RESOLVED**.

hpc 60/14 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT**

It was queried as to the cost of the waste disposal - due to the expense it was proposed and agreed that the Executive Officer would investigate another provider.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Orders for Payment (List 3) be approved, and were duly signed.

hpc 61/14 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATIONS – CLYDESDALE AS OF 30 MAY 2014 AND CO-OPERATIVE AS OF 31 MAY 2014 .**

Council agreed to defer to obtain further information – All agreed.

hpc 62/14 **ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014 AND AUTHORISATION OF THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

hpc 63/14 **TO RECEIVE MAY 2014 ACCOUNTS**

Further information to be obtained – detailed Accounts to be seen at the Policy & Resources Meeting.

hpc 64/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDED TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO HIGHER RATE ACCOUNTS**

No report was available therefore Council agreed for this item being deferred.

hpc 65/14 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON PLAYGROUND ISSUES AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR EACH ISSUE**

- Wet Pour – it was discussed as to the reasoning behind contractors being used and the repairs not being undertaken by our own staff. Cllr Mrs Evans responded that due to a member of the Countryside Team having resigned there was not now the resource for the work to be completed in house.

- Roundabout – due to the cost of the repair and the risk of harm posed it was proposed that the roundabout be removed.

- Multi Access Net being in poor condition and the risk posed it was proposed that the Net be replaced.

Cllr Mrs Evans stated that in future 3 quotes would be required for this sum of money to be spent (Wet Pour).
All agreed and Resolved – Playsafe Playgrounds to undertake the work.

hpc 66/14 **TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR BURRIDGE TO THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**

All agreed that Councillor Burridge is appointed to the Grounds & Property and Policy & Resources Committees.

hpc 67/14 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL WP AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS ARISING**

Radian Housing Association are investigating ownership of the piece of land being considered for placement of the War Memorial as the Land Registry was not clear.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the Children of the 1940's group to speak as they were able to confirm that Hampshire County Council owns the land and is managed by EHDC. Cllr Mrs Evans referred the group to Cllr Mrs Harvey. Standing Orders were reinstated.

hpc 68/14 **TO CONSIDER HPC INVOLVEMENT IN THE VISIT OF MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH TOWN - AUBERGENVILLE**

Cllr Forbes replied to the Twinning Association to consider plans involving the visitors – the planning of a BBQ etc,. Cllr Forbes to provide update at next Council Meeting.

hpc 69/14 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE CEREMONY OF REDEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS ARISING FROM IT**

Cllr Mrs Schillemore provided a written update in respect of the arrangements for the event. A copy of the Order of Service was also provided. Cllr Mrs Schillemore was thanked and the itinerary was commended.

hpc 70/14 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SOUND AND VISION SYSTEM WP AND AGREE ACTIONS ARISING FROM IT**

Cllr D Evans expressed the view that certain pieces of equipment may be under specified whilst other items could be less expensive but remain suitable for our purpose. In terms of installation the projector and screen should be the first to be undertaken. Cllr Ports' contribution in relation to the project was acknowledged. Cllr Evans will draft a letter to the companies who have provided the quotes requesting further information regarding the equipment to be supplied. The letter to be provided to the Clerk to be sent out. Cllr Mrs Evans clarified that the equipment would be locked away and therefore the playing of music would not be an option. Cllr D Evans was of the view that this should be discussed within the working party.

hpc 71/14 **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING HELD ON THE 16 JUNE 2014 AND THE PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICES MEETING HELD ON THE 23 JUNE 2014**

The Minutes of the Staff Meeting held on the 16 June 2014 and the Planning & Public Services Meeting held on the 23 June 2014 were received. With one amendment noted in the Planning Minutes – deletion of the 'S' from the word 'decisions'.

hpc 72/4 **TO CONSIDER FUNDING A BBQ FOR THE VOLUNTEERS**

Cllr Evans stated that funding could be provided to the sum of £200 – it was reiterated by Cllr Mrs S Schillemore and Cllr Evans the importance of the useful work undertaken by volunteers – all invited on the 19 July 2014 and to say farewell to the Countryside Teams Ground Manager.

hpc 73/14 **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 next part of the meeting.

hpc 74/14 The Confidential Minutes were agreed and signed.

hpc 75/14 A new contract for new employees was discussed and agreed.

hpc 76/14

Council discussed how best to consider and decide planning applications received in the Parish. No individual applications were discussed and no decisions were made.

The following points were made:

a) An unprecedented number of applications are coming forward
b) Further training would be welcomed by all Councillors
c) All Cllrs (not just those on the Parish Planning Committee) should, if possible, study the larger applications and give comments to the appropriate committee member, or attend the meeting.
d) The NPPF is clear that sustainable development is to be supported.
e) The definition of "Sustainable" is vague. See section 7 of NPPF
f) Landscape and sustainability are areas to consider carefully when studying an application.
g) Sustainability is made up of three elements:
Social
Economic
Environmental

h) The views of the Parish Council are taken into account by EHDC but must focus on material planning considerations

The meeting closed to the public at 8.15pm

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Chairman

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Dated