



HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 22ND APRIL 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J Lay (Chairman), T Attlee, S Freeman, K Jenkins, R Smith, R Sowden

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer, Sarah Guy, Office Manager (Minute Taker), Eve Maple, Administrator

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There were 33 members of the public present & District Councillors S Schillemore, E Woodard & J Hogan

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Beck, J Hodgson, D Prosser, A Redding.

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THE 03 APRIL 2023

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 03 April 2023 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

All agreed.

4. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR MRS M HARVEY

No report received.

5. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No report received.

6. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION COVERING THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WORK IN 2023/24

A presentation was given by the Chairman, as follows

Why a Horndean Parish Plan

- To ensure a shared vision of the priorities for the Parish.
- To identify and address issues of concern.
- To identify "projects" to meet the needs of Horndean.

- To establish working relationships with local stakeholder groups, other Councils and potential Councillors.

Key Priorities for 2023/24

- To continue the provision and enhancement of recreation facilities, other amenities and our natural environment, to support and enhance the health, welfare and wellbeing of residents and visitors to Horndean.
- To maintain and improve the environment within Horndean including the reduction of vehicle pollution, speeding and anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, littering and graffiti.
- To engage with relevant stakeholders to explain our role, to listen to their concerns and to represent their interests as appropriate.
- As a statutory consultee, to respond to planning applications in a constructive, timely and professional manner.
- To support eligible organisations through grants and advice.
- To be well managed; providing sound governance and financial management.
- To contain the cost of services to Horndean Council Taxpayers (assessed by 5-year indexation).
- To co-opt more Councillors to fill vacancies to reach our full 15-member complement.

Achievements – 2023/24

- **Solar Panel Project – Parish Offices and Jubilee Hall**
 - Total outlay £25k. Delivering annual energy cost savings of approx. £2700
 - Annual CO2 emissions savings of 1.4 tonnes
- **Five Heads Recreation Play Area Rebuild**
 - Delivered using “eco-friendly” material by Parish Countryside Team and Eibeplay using Parish and EHDC grant funding.
- **Planning phase of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network**
 - Completed and initiation phase well under way, following successful EHDC grant application.
- **Financially well managed**
 - Significant amount of grant money brought into the Parish, with more anticipated in 2024/25 and beyond.
 - Our own small grant giving programme continued.
 - Expected small budget surplus at end of current financial year.
 - Broad range of local groups regularly making use of Jubilee and Napier Halls, providing a steady revenue stream to cover operating costs.
 - Sadly, vandalism and thefts at Parish buildings continue to place additional burden on budget and insurance requirements.
- **EHDC Grant Funding Received**

CIL = Community Infrastructure Levy
DC = Developer Contribution
CC = Councillor contribution

 - £67.3k Neighbourhood Grant CIL
 - £34k Contribution to Five Heads Recreation Play Park Work CIL
 - £8.3k Green Trail & Heritage Network Initiation Work DC
 - 2.8k Napier Hall repair work DC
 - 2.5k Picnic Benches Jubilee & Five Heads Play Area CC
 - £237 Jubilee Play Area CC

Further EHDC funding pledges in process

 - 6.4k Green Trail & Heritage Network Initiation Work DC
 - 1.7k Motoring Speed Watch Cameras
 - 14.7k Jubilee Play Area Work (2024/25) DC
- **Grant Funding Provided**
 - 1k Friends of Horndean Footpaths Volunteers
 - 1k Citizens Advice East Hants
 - 1k All Saints Church Catherington
 - 1k Holy Trinity Church Blendworth
 - £500 Home-Start Butser
 - £250 HTC Lunch Club
 - £200 Victim Support
- **Active Engagement with Stakeholders**

- Improved engagement with local EHDC Councillors, Cabinet Members & Council Officers has improved working, project support and funding.
- The Horndean Neighbourhood Improvement Project is beginning work.
- Footpath volunteer's organisation being actively grant aid supported.
- Increased engagement with Horndean Community Association.
- Attendance at Council meetings by local Police and Hants Fire & Rescue.
- Discussions with EHDC and Bloor Homes, as part of the LEOH development.
- Regular attendance at Havant Thicket Reservoir Stakeholders meetings.
- Increased interaction with the "Southern Parish" Councils of Clanfield & Rowlands Castle to explore areas of mutual interest
- Establishing links with local schools.
- **Work of the Planning Committee**
 - In its role as a Statutory Consultee, over 200 planning applications have been reviewed and reported back to EHDC.
 - Applications have ranged in scale from a single storey extension to larger developments in excess of 100 dwellings, with associated infrastructure.
 - Provided a detailed written response to the 2021-2040 Draft Local Plan produced by EHDC.
 - NB: Planning decisions are made by EHDC.
- **Countryside Team**
 - Responsible for the management of approx. 150 acres of land across the Parish including 5 Nature Reserves.
 - Maintaining 4 recreation play areas.
 - Responsible for managing approx. 30 small Parish-wide amenity facilities.
 - Some Projects undertaken by Countryside Team and Volunteers, include Hazel coppicing at Catherington Lith, repair and re-painting of parish benches, Five Heads Recreation play area project, Hazleton Common pathway improvements & cattle fencing replacement, Village Square refurbishment work, Parish-wide tree maintenance works and working with local environmental voluntary groups.
- **Parish Events**
 - Remembrance Parade & Carol Service – Excellent support once more for these important annual Parish Council sponsored events.
- **Work in progress**
 - Dealing with speeding motorists.
 - Dealing with anti-social behaviour, littering & vandalism.
 - Improving public engagement and communications.
 - Increasing Councillor Numbers to full capacity (15).

7. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION BY URBAN PLACE LABS COVERING THEIR WORK TO DATE ON THE HORNDEAN GREEN TRAIL AND HERITAGE NETWORK

A presentation was given by members of Urban Place Labs, covering their work to date on the Horndean and Green Trail Network. The following points were discussed.

- **Project Objectives:** To increase understanding and pride of our local assets and to connect and unify all of Horndean.
- **Health Benefits:** Physical and mental
- **Educational Benefits**
- **Inclusion**
- **Environmental**
- **Delivering the project:** The trail will highlight existing assets in Horndean, engagingly explain about local features, walking routes, nature, animals, pubs and community infrastructure etc.
- **Project process**
- **Background research**
- **Local place audit**
- **Strategy ideas**
- **Costing and report** (currently where we are at in the process)
- **Engagement**

- **Fundraising and promotion**
- **Implementation**

The initial map of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network was shown, alongside the current network map, which shows lots of different routes and walks, rather than the initial loop. The routes incorporate bridlepaths, footpaths and cycle paths, with a lot of diversity around the network.

8. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION COVERING THE PARISH COUNCIL’S DRAFT PLAN FOR 2024/25

A presentation was given by the Chairman as follows

Key Projects 2024/25

- **Horndean Neighbourhood Improvement Project:** To support and facilitate the Horndean Neighbourhood Improvement Project and assist in establishing this multi representational Forum.
- **Aquind Connector Project:** To engage with the Southern Parishes, District and County Councils concerning the Aquind Connector.
- **Havant Thicket Reservoir Stakeholder Advisory Group:** To continue the watching brief as a member of the wider Havant Thicket Reservoir Stakeholder Advisory Group, identifying any areas to make representations on behalf of Horndean residents.
- **Land East of Horndean (LEOH):**
 - To continue to review all relevant documents relating to various development phases of LEOH and make representations in a timely manner, through the Planning Committee.
 - To continue researching the desirability and viability of the assets being offered under the S106 agreements. This will include liaising and consulting with all relevant parties, including with Rowlands Castle Parish Council, EHDC Officers and local District Councillors.
 - Working with EHDC Officers, put forward to Bloor Homes (the developer) relevant proposals relating to the S106 assets.
- **Local Community Resilience Planning:** To review and update local incident advice, with improved preparation and response recommendations, signposting and contact information.
- **Speeding Initiative:** To deploy the speed indicator devices and cameras.
- **Early Developer Engagement:** To develop a list of essential and desired amenity outcomes from future developments, ranging from drainage to medical provision to open spaces.
 - To positively engage with developers and potential developers, to seek to influence their thinking, before developer agreements are entered into with EHDC, whilst continuing to review all relevant documents and making representations in a timely manner through the HPC Planning Committee.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MATTERS CONCERNING THE PARISH OF HORNDEAN RAISED BY THOSE PRESENT

The following concerns were raised by members of the parish, in attendance

- Victory Avenue flooding & raw sewage issues – Ongoing for years, complaints made to HCC, EHDC, MP, water companies etc.
- Suggestion for improved drainage and sewers.
- Flooding issues for property owner on the corner of Victory Avenue
- Funding was given by District Cllr Sara Schillemore 2 years ago for the installation of a new lamppost to be used for the SID, however, the money was returned to EHDC, due to the weight of the SID being too heavy for installation.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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Signed - The Chairman

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Date