HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 3RD AUGUST 2026 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors A Redding (Chairman), T Attlee, P Beck, D Prosser, B Sowden, N Smith and R Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Becky White, Clerk; Susan Blake, Admin Asst. (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 1 x member of the public

In opening the meeting, the Chair expressed the Council's disappointment at the vandalism/criminal damage inflicted at Jubilee Hall with several glass panels around the doors shattered by shooting and appealed for any information to be reported to either the Council or the police, noting that this could be done anonymously through Crimestoppers.

HPC 71/26/27 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Calderwood, A Dodsworth & J Lay.

HPC 72/26/27 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

HPC 73/26/27 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2026.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6th July 2026 be signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

HPC 74/26/27TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF LINCFEST 2026 INCLUDING:

A presentation was given by LincFest's organiser, Mr Sean Burridge, reporting the success of the event and the overwhelmingly positive community reaction. Although final figures were yet to be determined, it seemed likely that the event had raised over £20,000, to be split between the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service and the Memorial Youth Fund, the funds for which would be hosted by HPC with a funding panel made up of Lincoln's parents, the event organiser, Cllrs A Dodsworth and N Smith and a couple of Lincoln's friends determining the awarding of the fund. The Council congratulated Mr Burridge on the event, the achievement and noted that it was an outstanding day for Horndean.

The Clerk had prepared a report as follows:
LincFest 2026 Overview
Five HPC Cllrs attended the event and gave feedback indicating that the event was well organised, family focused and welcomed by the community. A selection of that feedback is shown below:
"I just wanted to say that public support for the success of LincFest has been overwhelmingly positive. All comments have been along the lines of "do it again next year". Everyone I've spoken to in the park has been positive and pleasantly surprised how smoothly it was run. Well done to our staff for their support of the event and a special well done to the organisers. A simply superb day for the community and a fitting tribute to Lincoln."
"Everyone seemed to really enjoy it, the traders did very well and someone I spoke to who teaches at HTC was saying how all her students were having a great day."
"I have only heard very position comments from all ages, (my mother-in-law is 96 and attended with grandchildren/greatgrandchildren, thought the whole event was fabulous). It's interesting to see the comments about "care about the neighbourhood" as I would say it's been one the best days for community relations and cohesion for such a large variation of the Horndean population. My wife and I had a great time,

we only planned to stay for an hour or so, which turned into nearly 5x hours. There was no trouble (that I saw) and everyone looked to have a great time in a very relaxing atmosphere, just sit back and enjoy the sunshine and excellent music."
Representatives from the Horndean Community Association and Horndean Baptist Church also attended the event and reported that it was very well marshalled, it was clear that the organisers had managed the whole event to a very high standard and that the community were in support.
In addition, there is clear evidence of support for the event and a desire to see it repeated available on social media. I have not replicated the comments here as although those platforms are nominally in the public domain, I don't feel that users would expect Council to replicate their comments without seeking permission to do so.
The HPC staff team reported good feedback and noted that the site had been totally cleared of litter.
We received two emails of complaint/concern. These raised issues of noise and lack of knowledge of the event taking place, however, the event was well advertised long in advance and notices appeared across a variety of different social media platforms, across community noticeboards in addition to advertisements appearing at key junctions with a large banner across the fence, clearly visible from the Catherington Lane roundabout.

HPC 75/26/27 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM LINCFEST 2027 FOR THE USE OF JUBILEE FIELD & JUBILEE HALL FROM THURSDAY 8TH JULY TO SUNDAY 11TH JULY 2027 INCLUSIVE.

The Clerk had included the following recommendation should the Council wish to support LincFest 2027:

Recommendations for LincFest 2027
Based on feedback from the team and my own observations, I would make the following recommendations should Council choose to support the event in 2027:

- Both Jubilee Hall and the park should be included from Thursday to Sunday, meaning that we will take no bookings over this period to avoid inconvenience or disappointment to hall hirers who might expect the park to be fully available to them during their hire.
- The license gained by the organisers should extend to cover the Friday afternoon sound check to cover them in the event of noise complaints.
- All fencing should be cleared to the car park area ready for collection on the Sunday morning.
- A letter detailing the event, the mitigations and giving a contact number for issues on the day should be sent to all surrounding residents at least four weeks in advance. Volunteers could be approached to distribute these and the Council could perhaps assist in production of the letter, thereby keeping costs low.

Mr Burridge requested use of Jubilee Hall and Field from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th July 2027. He confirmed that the recommendations made in the Clerks would be met and that a majority of the sponsors and organisations in attendance had already confirmed their support for the 2027 event. It was noted that Persimmon Homes South Coast, who will develop the land on the opposite side of Catherington Lane, had already confirmed that the area used for overflow parking would be available for LincFest to use. Mr Burridge advised that the Committee were evolving their approach to next year and would return to a future Council meeting to give an update.

It was **RESOLVED** that use of Jubilee Hall and Field from Thursday 8th to Sunday 11th July 2027 should be offered free of charge to LincFest 2027.

HPC 76/26/27 TO NOTE THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL AS MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2026.

This was noted.

The meeting concluded at 6.32pm

Signed - The Chairman

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