



**Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held on Monday 17 July 2017 at 7.30 pm
in the Fair Oak Village Hall, Shorts Road, Fair Oak**

Those Present: Mr P Barrett (Chair), Mr A Cossey, Mr J Goss, Mr P Harwood, Mrs D Lusmore, Mr H McGuinness, Mrs M Shephard.

Apologies: Mr C Bird, Mrs H Douglas, Mr J Noel, Mr T Mignot, Mr R Rushton, Mr D Scott, Mr J Sorley, Mr P Spearey

In attendance: Ms C Gosling, Mrs L Greenslade, Clerk and Deputy, Mrs J Cahill, RFO.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk asked for nominations to Chair the meeting. Mr Cossey proposed Mr Barrett, Mr McGuinness seconded, and all voted in favour.

Mr Barrett took the Chair and presented Mrs Greenslade with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in recognition of her 20 years' service to the Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION

None received.

75 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr McGuinness proposed to approve the Annual General minutes of 15 May 2017, as a true and accurate record, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour. There were no matters arising.

76 PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS

Members noted the minutes of the Planning and Highways meetings dated 22 May and 5 June 2017. Mrs Shephard proposed to approve the minutes of 10 July, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour.

77 LEISURE AND PROPERTIES

Mr Cossey proposed to approve the minutes of the Leisure and Properties committee meeting dated 12 June 2017, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour.

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported the sad news of Brian Marchant's passing, the Chairman of the Allotment Association.

78 POLICY

Mr Cossey proposed to approve the minutes of the Policy committee meeting of 19 June 2017, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour. There were no matters arising.

79 PARISH OFFICE

Mr McGuinness proposed to approve the minutes of the Parish Office meeting of 19 June, as a true and accurate record, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour. There were no matters arising.

80 FINANCE AND STAFFING

Members agreed to approve the minutes of the Finance and Staffing committee meeting dated 3 July, proposed by Mr Cossey and seconded by Mr Goss. There were no matters arising.

81 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mr McGuinness proposed to approve the minutes of the Community Events sub-committee meeting of 10 July, Mrs Shephard seconded and all voted in favour. There were no matters arising.

82 FINANCE REPORT

The RFO tabled a "new look" Finance Report. Members were impressed with the new layout.

Mr Cossey proposed to approve the Finance report dated 17 July 2017, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour. Members noted cheque signing and BACS payments.

83 CORRESPONDENCE

84 Request to use Knowle Park on 22/9/17 to host a MacMillan Coffee morning. Agreed.

85 Serving Hampshire – Balancing the Budget Consultation. Noted.

86 HALC – July e-Update. Noted.

87 Street Pastors Weekly Diaries – 7/7/17. Noted.

88 Kelly Stockwell – school parking. Noted.

89 YZone Management Agenda and meeting notes of 20/6/17. Noted.

90 The Knowle Park Allotment Association and several individual letters of thanks for supply a WC at the Knowle Park allotments. Noted.

91 Speedwatch report of 30/6/17. Noted.

92 One Community – Network and Volunteering matters. Noted.

93 **BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Written report received from Borough Councillor Nick Couldrey, as follows:-

The application for dwellings at Knowle Lane had been granted at the recent LAC meeting. Sadly, no social housing and little contribution to the community, however, the Committee decided that to get rid of the noise and pollution from Knowle Lane was a positive.

94 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor Mike Thornton reported that he would be sitting on the Adult Services Scrutiny committee and £51 million cuts were expected. He urged the Parish Council to respond to the County's "Balancing the Budget" consultation. Mr Thornton indicated that he had £8000 grant money available and the County Council had a separate budget for grants also.

95 **OUTSIDE BODIES**

Horton Heath Community Centre

Mr Goss gave a verbal report on the activities of the Horton Heath Community Centre saying the hall was fully booked, and new windows and doors had been fitted.

Passenger Transport Group

Mr Barrett said he had recently attended a meeting and updated Members on bus services and investment.

96 **FAIR OAK VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Following the resignation of Mr Noel, the Chairman asked for a volunteer to represent the Parish Council on the Fair Oak Village Hall management committee. No volunteers came forward.

97 **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

Due to the difficulty in filling vacancies and further members wishing to withdraw from the Committee, the future of the Planning and Highways committee was reviewed.

As it is a statutory obligation for the Parish Council to comment, it was suggested the planning list be emailed round fortnightly for any objections/comments. These sent to the Chairman, where a final decision would be made and the Parish's comments sent to EBC. However, any contentious, major or applications referred to LAC would be discussed at either Full Council or Policy meetings monthly.

Mr Goss proposed the above be implemented, Mr Hardwood seconded and all voted in favour.

98 **BRACKET STRESS TESTING**

Mr Cossey proposed to approve the recommendation from the Community Events sub-committee to spend £825.00 from general reserves on 'bracket stress testing', to secure Christmas lighting to private properties. Mr McGuinness seconded and all voted in favour.

The Clerk advised that the testing would be undertaken every five years, provided there were no material changes.

99 PLAY INSPECTION REPORT

Members discussed the second play inspection report, commissioned by the Leisure and Properties committee, in respect of the safety surfacing at Knowle Park play area.

The report had proved inconclusive, therefore, Mr Cossey proposed to make a recommendation to the Finance committee, to make provision and start saving in next year's budget for the £15,000, to replace the surfacing. Mr McGuinness seconded and all voted in favour.

100 VEHICULAR ACCESS AT OAK WALK

Mr Cossey reported on a recent query regarding vehicular access at Oak Walk. He had drafted a letter and asked the Clerk to send to the resident. He suggested contacting EBC solicitor to seek advice.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed Chairman