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**Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 7.00 pm
online via the ZOOM application**

Councillors Present: D Clarke (Chair), J Barrett, D Betts, M Freemantle, R Lee-Potter & N Palmer

Not Present: R Whittle

The Parish Council has another vacancy caused by the disqualification of Councillor R Whittle due to non-attendance at meetings. The Returning Officer at Eastleigh Borough Council will be notified on the next working day.

Apologies: Borough Councillors S Tyson-Payne & T Campbell

Officers in attendance: C Gosling (Clerk) & R Ormond (Allotment Officer)

PUBLIC SESSION

Martin Ward spoke on behalf of Eastleigh Rotary. They would like to offer their services in partnership working with the Parish Council on community projects. They are also able to facilitate funding where appropriate.

Several projects were discussed, it is still early days as the Council is still in the process of acquiring land. All agreed to further discussions with the Rotary Club next year.

90 WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that due to ongoing advice from the Government, the Parish Council will continue to hold meetings virtually unless otherwise specified by the Clerk.

91 NOTICE OF BY-ELECTION 6 MAY 2021

The Elections Officer has notified the Parish Council that the vacancy of Parish Councillor will be filled by an election. All elections have been deferred due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The by-election will take place on 6 May 2021. The Annual General Meeting will now be held on 18 May 2021.

92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

93 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2020

Councillor Freemantle proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020. Councillor Betts seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

94 ALLOTMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr Ormond reported on the allotment sites:

- Annual rent invoicing had been completed
- Lockdown measures in place
- Recent break in and breach of fence. Fence needs a professional repair
- Water – certification of compliance booked 2/12/20
- Broomhill – 4 plots have been offered, 12 on the waiting list
- Lincoln's Rise – 2 plots have been offered, 2 on the waiting list
- Mr Malcolm Prince has joined as the 3rd representative at Broomhill.

95 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the correspondence list dated 23 November 2020.

96 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Clarke gave a summary of the impact of the pandemic and the severe financial loss that both the County and Borough have faced. A grant of 2.5 million has been awarded to the County to cover loss incurred, but this is not sufficient to meet the actual debt.

Allbrook Hill bridge had a blocked gully. Highway operatives have been on site.

The County Council has started a feasibility study on walk/cycle options in the north of Eastleigh.

Residents were split on the resurfacing of Park Lane. Councillor Clarke felt that the option of resurfacing the lane is the most cost-effective solution in the long run.

The Borough Council has commenced the Community Governance Review on the Town Centre and Boyatt Wood being parished.

97 DRAFT BUDGET 2021/22

The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2021/22. Expenditure costs were due to increase the budget by 6% due to the ongoing costs of transfer of assets. This increase was able to be met through the Council's reserves.

The removal of the tax support grant from Eastleigh Borough Council will increase the Precept by 66 pence per household reflected as a 1% increase.

Members agreed for the Clerk to present the final budget at the next meeting reflecting the small increase due to the removal of the tax support grant.

It was suggested that an explanation for the increase is included in the next edition of the newsletter.

98 FINANCE REPORTS

The Responsible Finance Officer tabled a summary of the monthly finance report and list of 17 payments dated 24 November 2020 totalling £5661.17. Councillor Betts proposed to approve the financial report and approve payments, Councillor Lee-Potter seconded, and all voted in agreement.

RESOLVED: a) That the reports be approved; and b) That all the payments be authorised.

99 HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Clerk circulated the report on the list of possible low-cost measures that could be implemented in the Parish. The Engineer was now collating costs and will present these to the Council.

The suggested measures in Allbrook Hill were not agreed by the Highways Authority.

100 ASSET TRANSFER UPDATE

The Heads of Terms had now been posted to our Solicitor in order that a contract can be drawn up for the transfer of both parcels of land.

101 ALLBROOK MEADOW UPDATE

The Borough Council had received a quote to create a new agriculture access from Pitmore Road adjacent to the Lych Gate. The cost of the new access is £6,000 and will be taken from Developers Contributions. The Borough Council will notify residents regarding the existing access from Dragonfly Way. Members asked that this access be retained for pedestrian and emergency vehicle use.

101 PLANNING

Councillors considered the following planning application received and made the following comment:

Application No: [H/20/89042](#)

Site Address: 5 PITMORE ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4NE

Description: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions, following demolition of the existing garage, carport and extension

Comments: **No objection**

Application No: [T/20/88956](#)

Site Address: 1 PORTCHESTER RISE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4QS

Description: 1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce by up to 2.5 metres in width to mirror previously consented works.

Comments: **Subject to the agreement of the Borough's Tree Officer.**

Members noted the following decisions made:

Application Details: T/20/88706 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Consent to Tree Works

Proposal: 1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce canopy by 2-3m and balance shape. Cut back to give 2-3m clearance from neighbouring dwelling and garage. Crown lift to give 4m clearance from ground level over patio area.

Location: 47 BROOMHILL WAY, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4RL

Application Details: T/20/88593 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Consent to Tree Works

Proposal: 4 no. Ash – Fell.

Location: 8 THE PADDOCK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4SD

Application Details: T/20/88675 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Refuse Tree Consent

Proposal: 1 no. Ash (T1) - fell.

Location: 6 TREETOPS, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4DL

Application Details: T/20/88660 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Consent to Tree Works

Proposal: 1 no. Oak (T1) - cut back south west side of limbs by up to 3 metres away from 6 Oakfields.

Location: 7 OAKFIELDS, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4RP

Application Details: T/20/88731 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Part Consent Part Refuse Trees

Proposal: 2 no. Ash (T1 & T2) - Fell due to dieback. 1 no. Birch (T3) - Fell.

Location: HILLCROFT, 236 TWYFORD ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4LF

102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22 December 2020, commencing at 7pm. This meeting will be held virtually unless a relaxation of the lockdown rules commences prior to the agenda being published.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed Chairman