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**Minutes of the Full Council meeting
held on Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 7.00 pm
online via the ZOOM application**

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

Not Present: C Banks

Apologies: Borough Councillor S Tyson-Payne.

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

PUBLIC SESSION

None present. The meeting was recorded at the request of a member of the public.

14 INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Parish Council will continue to hold meetings virtually unless otherwise specified by the Clerk.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 28 APRIL 2020

Councillor Palmer proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2020. Councillor Freemantle seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2020 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

17 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

Mr Ormond outlined events during the Covid-19 pandemic at both allotment sites:

- Allotment sites remained open throughout the lockdown.
- Both sites have seen a dramatic rise in footfall. Tenants have taken the opportunity to use their plots for daily exercise within social distancing measures.
- Waiting list for plots has increased.
- Outbreak of rats on Broomhill. This has been treated by the Pest Control Company.

- Mower repair at Lincolns Rise and both mowers repaired at Broomhill.
- Newsletters issued to update tenants on issues such as travellers, security etc.
- Additional site representatives being sought.
- Weekly volunteer group have done a sterling job in keeping Broomhill maintained.
- Thanks to Councillor Betts for keeping an eye on things at Lincolns Rise.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ormond and Councillor Betts for their contribution.

Councillor Lee-Potter left the meeting due to connection issues.

18 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the correspondence list dated 26 May 2020.

It was agreed that the Council would be happy to provide litter pickers to residents who wish to voluntary litter pick areas of the Parish.

19 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Clarke reported that the Borough Council streetscene staff continued to work throughout the pandemic. He asked that Members let him know of any areas that may have been missed.

All meetings are now held virtually. The next ELAC meeting will be held on 9 June.

Councillor Clarke had received correspondence on the financial impact of the pandemic on the County Council.

All care staff had been provided with PPE.

The County is making provision for the online portal for Covid-19 testing kits.

Due to the financial cost of the pandemic. The Chairman felt that Local Government might face another reorganisation in the near future.

20 LOCAL PLAN

Members discussed the outcome of the Inspector's findings on reviewing the Borough Council's Local Plan.

Councillor Barrett proposed the following motion:

The Planning Inspector has written to Eastleigh Borough Council to suggest a way forward to approve the Local Plan. The Inspector raised concerns on the Council's evidence base to provide housing in the Strategic Growth Option on areas known as B & C (land between Fair Oak, Bishopstoke and Allbrook). Eastleigh Borough Council is currently preparing their response.

It is acknowledged that the Local plan is revised every 5 years adding additional development sites to meet housing demands. The Parish Council must stay alert to the possibility of further proposed housing developments in the vicinity.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Betts and all voted in favour.

21 FINANCE REPORTS

The Responsible Finance Officer tabled a summary of the monthly finance report and list of 20 payments dated 26 May 2020 totalling £3798.98. Councillor Betts proposed to approve the financial report and approve payments, Councillor Palmer seconded, and all voted in agreement.

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

22 MEETING DATES

The meeting dates for the municipal year 2019/20 were noted.

23 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20

The Annual Governance Statement was completed. Councillor Palmer proposed to approve the Annual Governance Statement, Councillor Betts seconded and all voted in favour. The Chairman will liaise with the Clerk to arrange to sign the Statement.

RESOLVED: the Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20 is approved.

24 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE RETURN 2019/20

The Annual Governance Return was completed with the end of year figures for 2019/20. Councillor Barrett proposed to approve the Annual Governance Return, Councillor Freemantle seconded and all voted in favour. The Chairman will liaise with the Clerk to arrange to sign the Return.

RESOLVED: the Annual Governance Return for 2019/20 is approved.

25 ALLBROOK IN BLOOM

Councillor Palmer briefed Members to relaunch the Allbrook in Bloom Competition in light of the recent easing of lockdown restrictions to allow Garden Centres to reopen. Councillor Palmer will arrange for an independent person to judge the gardens in the late summer.

26 PLANNING

Councillors considered the planning applications received and made the following comments:

Application No: [H/20/87779](#)

Site Address: 1 & 2 Lincolns Rise, Eastleigh, SO50 4LR

Description: New porch built over boundary between properties

Comments: No objection

27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 23 June 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 7.30pm

Signed Chairman