



**Minutes of the Council meeting  
held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 7.00 pm  
in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane, Eastleigh SO50 4LQ**

**Councillors Present:** L Crosher, R Daniels, P Handley-Garland, K O'Neill, N Palmer (Chair) & P Wilkinson

**Borough & County Councillor Present:** T Park

**Apologies:** D Betts & G Smith

**Officer in attendance:** C Gosling (Clerk)

**PUBLIC SESSION**

3 members of the public were in attendance.

The Scout leader advised that he had notification that the Highways strip at Allbrook Recreation Ground had now been transferred to the Borough Council. The windows on the former church building had been vandalised.

One resident listed a number of issues in Twyford Road:

- Trees in the pavement
- Works on the footpath (outside of parish) had not been cut back to the kerb
- Road drains blocked

**28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None received.

**29 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 27 JUNE 2023**

Councillor Handley-Garland proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023. Councillor Crosher seconded and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.**

**30 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members noted the correspondence list dated 24 July 2023.

**31 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Councillor Park reported on Borough Council matters:

- 5G mast application had been withdrawn

- Local plan is being reviewed.
- A new public art strategy is being launched by EBC.
- Eastleigh Pride takes place on 9 September at Leigh Road Recreation Ground.

County Council matters:

- New cycle Route improvements in Eastleigh Town Centre.
- Bus Station closure for 3 weeks – bus stops diverted to Southampton Road
- Food Waste Reduction Survey
- New HCC grants to help community pantries
- County Councillor Grants also available to assist with community projects.

### **32 ALLOTMENT FEES**

Councillor Crosher proposed to increase the allotment fees to Broomhill £57.00 and Lincoln's Rise £44.00 applicable from 1 October 2023. Councillor Wilkinson seconded and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED: That the fees as set out above are approved.**

### **33 ALLOTMENT RISK ASSESSMENT**

Councillor Handley-Garland proposed to approve the Allotment Risk Assessment, Councillor O'Neill seconded, and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED: that the Allotment Risk Assessment is approved.**

### **34 FINANCE REPORTS**

The Responsible Finance Officer tabled a summary of the monthly finance report and a list of 18 payments dated 25 July 2023 total sum of £5497.05. Councillor O'Neill proposed to approve the financial report and approve payments, Councillor Wilkinson seconded, and all voted in agreement.

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

### **35 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REPORT 2023/24**

The Clerk presented the performance to date against budget 2023/24. Total spend to date is £12,744.81. Available spend £48,995.19.

### **36 GRANT APPLICATION**

Application received from Victim Support requesting £50.00 towards their running costs.

Councillor Handley-Garland proposed to award £50.00, seconded by Councillor Daniels and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED: the grant request from Victim Support is awarded £50.00.**

### **37 ALLBROOK MEADOW UPDATE**

The information from Eastleigh Borough Council is still outstanding from May 2023, the Clerk chased the Local Area Manager on 3 July. He reported that there were a number of key members of staff off sick. The Biodiversity Study was completed on 4 July. The next meeting of the working group followed the meeting.

## **38 STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Palmer proposed to suspend standing order (7a) to revise the management plan and decision to install a boardwalk at the open space known as land behind the bungalows. Councillor Handley Garland seconded and all voted unanimously.

**RESOLVED: to suspend standing order (7a)**

## **39 LAND BEHIND THE BUNGALOWS, ALLBROOK HILL**

Members discussed the management plan and boardwalk. In view of recent feedback from residents it was agreed to ask Hampshire Isle of Wight Trust to carry out a Biodiversity Study on the site.

In view of the Council taking on Allbrook Recreation Ground as a formal play area, Allbrook Meadow as a site of biodiversity and conservation it was suggested that the site should be a place for peace and reflection with edible planting for the community to enjoy.

It was agreed to keep with the community garden project, but to cancel the boardwalk plan and install a path in a suitable water permeable material.

Maintenance plan to remain as grass/shrub cutting to keep the weeds etc from returning.

A site visit to be arranged in August to remove the fly tipping and discuss the shelter, planting and layout of the site.

## **40 PLANNING – BOARDWALK**

Councillor Palmer resolved to not proceed with the Boardwalk in light of recent information from Eastleigh Borough Council on the requirement for surveys and expert drawings which would take the project over budget. Councillor Crosher seconded and all voted in favour.

**RESOLVED: To withdraw the proposal for the installation of the Boardwalk at the open space known as land behind the bungalows, Allbrook Hill.**

## **41 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – CALL FOR SITES**

Members discussed the call for sites in respect of the Borough Council's Local Plan Review.

Two new housing sites west and east of Allbrook link road are already allocated in the current local plan. No further housing allocation is required due to the lack of infrastructure in the parish.

## **42 EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LICENSING POLICY REVIEW**

Members reviewed the statement of licensing policy 2024 to 2029 and had no further comments.

## **43 PLANNING**

No applications received.

Members noted the following decisions made:

**Application Details:** H/23/94849

**Decision:** Permit

**Proposal:** Retrospection application for garden room outbuilding.

**Location:** 3 OAKFIELDS, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4RP

**44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 26 September 2023.

This was all the business and the meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed ..... Chairman