



**Minutes of the Annual Council meeting
held on Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 7.00 pm
in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane, Eastleigh SO50 4LQ**

Councillors Present: L Crosher, R Daniels, P Handley-Garland & N Palmer (Chair), G Smith & P Wilkinson

Borough & County Councillor Present: T Park

Apologies: D Betts & K O'Neill & Borough Councillor R Reynolds

Officers in attendance: C Gosling (Clerk) & A Leitch (Allotment Officer)

PUBLIC SESSION – EXTENDED

9 residents in attendance.

A resident spoke at length regarding the issues of parking and traffic safety arisen from the relocation of Hampshire County Council office staff to the former Rookwood School site. County Councillor Park responded that she would speak to the officer concerned with the issues raised.

A resident of Twyford Road had recent communication with the Police Commissioner regarding the request to install a static speed camera in Twyford Road.

Residents living on Allbrook Hill highlighted their concerns on the behaviour of drivers and traffic problems:

- Unable to access driveways
- Speeding
- Abusive and aggressive behaviour
- Driving on pavement/danger to pedestrians
- Parking issues/requirement of safer places to park
- Heightened issues when there is a diversion or blockage on the motorway.

The Parish Council asked the group to consider forming a residents' association to work with the Council. County Councillor Park asked the residents' group to create a dossier of all the problems witnessed, including video footage to assist with highlighting the issues.

It was also suggested to ask Highways to place a second give way sign on the island to reiterate to drivers that they must give way to oncoming traffic.

A couple of residents spoke about their disappointment of the management of the land behind the bungalows. A resident spoke about her findings which was photographed and circulated to the Council. She felt that the ecology of the site was being ignored and wanted the Council to listen to the views of the residents who lived nearby.

As this was an agenda item, the Chair asked for the meeting to start. The residents concerned left the meeting at the end of the public participation.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

17 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 23 MAY 2023

Councillor Crosher proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023. Councillor Wilkinson seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2023 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

18 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Allotment Officer reported:

- Site inspections are held on a monthly basis from March to September.
- Correspondence had been sent to tenants with unkempt plots.
- Security issue with the main gate not being locked properly. An email had been sent to tenants to remind them. It was suggested to purchase new padlocks.
- Next site rep meeting is on 11 July.

19 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

County Councillor Park reported that the County Council were holding a budget consultation which is available online until 25 July. Further savings of 132m are being sought. Suggestions include increasing the Council tax, closing waste recycling centres, further reduction of subsidy of bus services.

There is a review of bus routes which may affect the bus service in Pitmore Road.

A report was circulated from Cllr Betts on the recent meeting of the Southampton Airport Consultative Committee.

20 CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the correspondence list dated 26 June 2023.

21 FINANCE REPORTS

The Responsible Finance Officer tabled a summary of the monthly finance report and a list of 19 payments dated 27 June 2023 total sum of £15,595.24. Councillor Handley-Garland 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.

22 FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR 2023/24

Councillor Daniels proposed to approve the Financial Risk Assessment for 2023/24, Councillor Smith seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Risk Assessment for 2023/24 is approved.

23 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Lightatouch had provided a quotation for the internal audit for 2023/24 for £380 for a standard internal audit. Councillor Palmer proposed to appoint Lightatouch for the internal audit, Councillor Crosher seconded and all voted in favour.

RESOLVED: that Lightatouch is appointed for the internal audit for 2023/24.

24 ALLBROOK MEADOW UPDATE

The information from Eastleigh Borough Council is still outstanding. The Biodiversity Study was now scheduled for 4 July. The next meeting of the working group will be following the Council meeting on 26 July.

25 LAND BEHIND THE BUNGALOWS, ALLBROOK HILL

The border works were completed with the new fencing installed. Several residents were unhappy with the timing of the works. This has been acknowledged and noted any future works.

As the boardwalk was still in the pre-planning stage, it was discussed whether an ecology assessment should be carried out at the site. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough's Biodiversity Officer for further advice.

The Community Payback team have completed the clearance. Another visit is planned for July to mow and strim any other growth.

The Clerk will liaise with the resident at no.60 to draw up a border agreement now the fencing has been installed.

26 PLANNING

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

Application No: [T/23/95417](#)

Address: 1 AVERY FIELDS, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4BY

Description: 1 no. Oak (T1) (within the boundary of 68 Pitmore Road) - Reduce selected branches back to previous points to give 2 meters clearance from number 1 Avery Fields.

1 no. Oak (T2) (within the boundary of 68 Pitmore Road) - Reduce selected branches back to previous points to give 2 meters clearance from number 1 Avery Fields.

1 no. Hazel (T3) - Re-coppice hazel stand to maintain clear access to side of property.

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

Members noted the following decisions made:

Application Details: T/23/95018 Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Decision: Refuse Tree Consent

Proposal: 1 no. oak (T1) - Crown thin by 10% by thinning of branch tips so as not to remove internal photosynthetic material from crown.

Location: 5 WINTER'S PLACE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4BZ

Application Details: H/23/94958 Householder planning

Decision: Permit Delegated Decision

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension and single storey link to garage. Alterations to fenestration. (Revision H/21/91468)

Location: 8 THE PADDOCK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4SD

27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 25 July 2022.

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

Signed Chairman