



**MINUTES OF THE ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY ROOM, THE BRIDEWELL, THE BURY, ODIHAM, RG29 1NB ON 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Verdon (Vice Chair and meeting Chair), K Ball, R Coleman, L Cornall, C Seabrook and H Tyler.

In attendance: Hampshire CC Cllr Glen, T Griffith and Andrea Mann (Parish Clerk).

**39/22 Apologies for absence**

Received and accepted from Cllrs McFarlane.

**40/22 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation**

None.

**41/22 Approval of minutes**

RESOLVED

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May (1-38/22) were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Vice Chair. (Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Ball, all in favour).

**42/22 Chair's Announcements**

- i) Councillors were invited to attend The Greening Campaign meeting in Winchester on 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii) All Councillors were encouraged to respond to Hart's consultation on hackney carriages' proposed increases [Taxis | Hart District Council](#).

**43/22 Public Session**

None.

**44/22 Two Councillor Co-options**

The Vice Chair welcomed Mr Griffith to the meeting who introduced himself as the RAF nominee for the RAF Station ward. Mr Bell had sent his apologies for the meeting.

RESOLVED

- i) Mr Tim Griffith was co-opted as a Councillor covering the RAF Station ward. (Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).
- ii) Mr Steve Bell was co-opted as a Councillor covering the North Warnborough ward. (Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

***Councillor Reports***

**45/22 Meeting reports from Councillors**

- i) The Vice Chair provided a written report on an informal meeting with neighbouring parishes (Appendix 1).



- ii) The Chair and Clerk provided a written report on a meeting at Hart DC on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Appendix 2).
- iii) The Vice Chair gave a verbal update on her meeting with the Hart DC on the Conservation Area Appraisal and other planning matters.
- iv) Cllr Ball reported from her role as Odiham Consolidated Charities Trustee and asked for reports of any local needs to be referred to the charity.

#### **46/22 Reports from other Councils**

HCC Cllr Glen referred to his written report circulated before the meeting (Appendix 3) and further reported:

- The third meeting of the Calf Lane Quarry Liaison Panel had taken place the previous day. The meeting was short, largely because longstanding issues had been resolved and there had been no new complaints from residents. As a result, the Panel concluded it was having a positive impact. The next meeting would be a site meeting in September.
- HCC Cllr Adams-King, Executive Member for Highways Operations, was due to visit the area to see a road in Hook with 5 different speed limits. Cllr Glen said this provided the opportunity to also visit Odiham & North Warnborough and urged OPC to put forward the highest priority road.
- Applications were now open for the County Councillors' devolved budgets.
- Cllr Glen thanked OPC for the invitation to the Jubilee Street Party.

It was suggested that the Clerk should email Cllr Glen with suggestions of which roads are causing most concern to residents.

#### **47/22 To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the agenda** No comments were made.

#### **48/22 Membership of Committees** RESOLVED

- i) Cllr Seabrook was appointed to the Community Committee and Staffing Committee
- ii) Cllr McFarlane was appointed to chair the next Traffic Partnership Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> July.
- iii) Cllr Ball stepped down from the Staffing Committee.  
(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Ball, all in favour)

#### **49/22 Odiham Consolidated Charities Trustee** RESOLVED

Councillors accepted the recommendation from the Odiham Consolidated Charities for Neil Osman to fill the remaining OPC nominated trustee position.  
(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Seabrook, all in favour).

#### **50/22 Neighbourhood Plan Review**

The Vice Chair explained the proposal from the Planning & Development Committee - to review the Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan, adopted in 2017. The proposal had arisen from guidance on the Government's



Planning Report which suggested Neighbourhood Plans would continue to be important local planning policy when considering applications but it was important for the plans to be up-to-date. However, Hart DC Planning had since advised they believed the Odiham & North Warnborough Plan was still current and would be able to advise the Council on the best way to update the Neighbourhood Plan.. Funding was available but the terms of the grant required spending by the end of the financial year.

Following debate it was RESOLVED

- i) OPC would review the Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan during the following financial year, 2023/24.  
(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Coleman, all in favour).
- ii) The fee proposal from O'Neill Homer was deferred.
- iii) The recommendation for the Clerk to apply for Locality funding was also deferred.

**51/22**

**Strategic Priorities**

RESOLVED

The following priorities, proposed by the Strategy Working Group, were agreed for the year ahead.

Committee/ Working Group	Project	Priority
The Bridewell WG	The Bridewell - Phase I works, utilise HCC grant. - Phase II vision, continue work.	High Medium
Amenities Areas	- Play Review of play areas and focus on highest priority site. - War memorial - phase 2 works. - Continue work identified in bench audit. - Review biodiversity surveys with main grounds contractor to identify what can be achieved within current contract.	High High Medium Medium
Planning & Development	- Negotiation on ownership of land at Montford Place.	Low
Community	- Supporting High St including Christmas. - The Greening Campaign – Phases I (launch end Sept) & 2. - Speedwatch – recruitment drive and funding for 2 <sup>nd</sup> SID. - Flags and flagpoles.	High High Medium Medium
Traffic Partnership	- Sustainable transport – progress report from HDC on EVCPs. - 30mph signs on Dunley's Hill	High Medium
Finance	- Continue research on potential disposal of asset. - Ensure robust budget provision for 2023/24 administration.	High High

(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

The Neighbourhood Plan Review would be moved to the following year.



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**S106 Projects**

RESOLVED

The list of OPC projects suitable for S106/CIL spending was agreed as follows:

Location	Project	Estimated Cost	S106 Category	Potential S106	Status
The Bridewell	Additional toilet provision	£40,000 (tbc)	Community Facilities	Crownfields (NP4vii)	£5,000 confirmed.
B3349	Village Gateway Scheme	£4,000	Highways	Crownfields (NP4vii)	£4,000 confirmed.
The Bridewell	Renovation of building to enable increased community usage	Awaiting quotes	Community facilities	All sites	
Hook Road	Village Gateway Scheme	£4,000	Highways	Land off Hook Rd (NP4vi)	Land off Hook Rd developer to consider
Farnham Road	Village Gateway Scheme	£4,000	Highways		
Priority sites tbc	Play area replacement	Up to £100k per site	Parish Leisure		
Car parks and High St	Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP)	Tbc	Environment	All sites	Poss contribution from Land off Hook Rd development (NP4vi)
Chilli Pad to Canal	Footpath improvements	Tbc (poss HCC/HDC/ developer to deliver)	Highways	Land off Hook Rd (NP4vi)	
Dunley's Hill	Use of public open space (details tbc)			Dunley's Hill developer (NP4v)	

(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Ball, all in favour).

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**Proposed diversion of a bridleway**

Members considered correspondence from a resident requesting OPC's view on the proposed diversion of Bridleway 72, currently running through the garden at Buttnidge Cottage, Hillside, Odiham, Hampshire RG29 1JA. No objections were raised,

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**Letter to the Basingstoke Canal Authority Joint Management Committee**

Members considered a draft letter to the Joint Management Committee on the deteriorating condition of the Basingstoke Canal which had been drafted in response to correspondence from the Basingstoke Canal Society. Since drafting, the Basingstoke Canal Society have also advised they have suspended services due to low water levels. The draft letter had been shared with other parishes which contribute towards the Canal maintenance, requesting their support.



RESOLVED

The draft letter was approved, subject to minor revision.  
(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

**55/22 Invitation to comment on Hampshire County Council's draft Catchment Management Plans [Consultation link](#)**

To receive comments from Councillors on the Loddon East Catchment Management Plan.

Councillors raised no comments.

**56/22 Hampshire's draft Local Transport Plan [Consultation link](#)**

RESOLVED

i) The Clerk was delegated authority to respond to the consultation, supporting the local campaign for 20mph zones and asking for these to be included within the Plan.

Councillors were urged to send comments to the Clerk by 24<sup>th</sup> June.

ii) Councillors ratified the decision made under delegated to grant permission to the local campaign group to use OPC's logo.

(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

**57/22 Hampshire's consultation on proposed changes to supported passenger services and the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire  
To agree a response to Hampshire's consultation [Consultation link](#)**

This decision was deferred to the following meeting.

**58/22 Odiham Common draft Management Plan**

**To consider a response to the draft Odiham Common Management Plan**

Cllr Coleman, as OPC's representative for Odiham Common, explained there were strong local concerns about the lack of representation from residents in the draft Management Plan and residents had requested representation on the Odiham Common Committee. No comments were raised on the ecological management of the common.

RESOLVED

The Clerk was granted delegated authority to respond to the consultation requesting representation from residents on the Odiham Common Committee.

**59/22 Planning Applications**

OPC reference: 11/22 Application reference: 22/01043/FUL

Address: Cricket Ground King Street Odiham Hook Hampshire

Description: Installation of solar panels on the south west facing roof slope.

OPC decision: OPC supports this application.



**Financial Matters**

- 60/22 To approve the June 2022 Payments Listing**  
The Payments Listing circulated to Councillors before the meeting was approved and Cllrs Coleman and Verdon were appointed to complete the payment approval process.  
(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Tyler, all in favour).
- 61/22 Date of next meeting**  
Scheduled 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**Confidential Matters**

- 62/22 To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press to consider confidential contractual and staffing matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1.**  
  
Not required.
- 63/22 Police Lease for offices at The Bridewell (pages *if returned in time*)**  
This item was deferred to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....



## APPENDIX 1

### **Notes of informal meeting to discuss planning issues since local elections Monday, 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2.00pm at Victoria Hall, Hartley Wintney**

Present:

3 Parish Councillors from Hartley Wintney  
Meyric Williams, Winchfield Parish Council  
Pam Verdon, Odiham Parish Council  
Ann Crampton, District Councillor for Hartley Wintney  
Chris Dorn, Distirct Councillor for Odiham Ward  
David, We Heart Hart

Ann reported on the results of the local elections where the vote share for the Conservatives stayed the same although there were slightly less people voting. One seat was lost.

She also reported on the recent planning reforms announced by Michael Gove where it appears that the quota for future housing will be devolved from central government down to county council level who will then devolve further. It seems that Hampshire is looking to increase housing down to the south of the county where it is needed most.

Hart is working on a review of their Local Plan which has to be finalised by 2025.

David reported that the methodology for working out the number of new homes needed may well change following the releases of the census figures. The numbers for Hart have already decreased which also negates the need for Shapley Heath.

He has prepared an executive summary of Michael Gove's announcement which is available on their website <http://wehearhart.co.uk/home/braveharts-blog/> in a post dated 14 May 2022. In that it shows that Neighbourhood Plans are going to continue to be a very important way of influencing future development. They should be robust and show that they are up to date and have been reviewed regularly.

Meyrick Williams from Winchfield told the meeting about the update to their Neighbourhood Plan which is about to go to public consultation. It still does not name sites as they do not need any houses but has a very thorough professional landscape assessment and environmental assessment.





## APPENDIX 2

### **Report from a Hart DC workshop on: UK Shared Prosperity Fund On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Attended by Cllr McFarlane and Clerk**

#### **What is the UK Shared Prosperity Fund?**

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government's ambitious Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK. The fund has allocated Hart District Council £1 million over three years to build pride in place and increase life chances across the district through three investment priorities: communities and place; supporting local business; and people and skills.

For more details, please see the Government's website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

#### **The Workshop Session**

Input from local area to help us to understand what levelling-up should look like in Hart. Data on Hart and a range of potential schemes were discussed.

Key points:

- £1m over 3 years for Hart.
- Spending will be focussed where deprivation can be evidenced. Hart scored 2<sup>nd</sup> least deprived in whole UK on several different assessments.
- Unlikely to come to Odiham as we are prosperous ward - however North Warnborough is an outlier in Hart with lower income and education levels and generally higher social deprivation index.
- We promoted the idea of local 'hubs' for service provision, to promote community and address transport challenges (which this fund is not big enough to tackle). Suggested the Bridewell as a pilot - and we could be ready with a costed bid in year one when not many projects will be ready to get going. We invited key Hart DC officers to come and see what we are hoping to achieve in The Bridewell.
- Odiham was well represented at the meeting. There may be an opportunity to work with RMS to support provision of support to those wishing to improve their digital skills. RMS is keen to work more in the community.





## APPENDIX 3

# Hampshire County Councillor report June 2022

## 1. New leadership team at Hampshire County Council

Following the retirement of Keith Mans, Councillor Rob Humby has been elected as the new leader of Hampshire County Council with Councillor Rob Chad as his deputy. Rob has been the Hampshire County Councillor for Bishops Waltham since 2013 and the County Council's Deputy Leader since May 2019.

This has led to a reshuffle of the HCC cabinet, which is now as follows:

Policy, Resources & Economic Development	Rob Humby
Children's Services	Roz Chadd
Highways Operations	Nick Adams-King
Climate Change & Sustainability	Jan Warwick
Transport & Environment (waste/recycling)	Edward Heron
Commercial Strategy, Estates & Property	Steve Forster
Performance, HR, Inclusion & Diversity	Kirsty North
Recreation, Heritage & Rural Affairs	Russell Oppenheimer
Adult Services & Public Health	Liz Fairhurst

The new leader says that he is passionate about doing the best for the people, businesses and places that make Hampshire a great county. Following his election, he said:

*"My vision for Hampshire is to maintain our county as a successful, prosperous, and attractive place to live, work, study, play and visit - balancing economic success with care for the environment for the benefit of generations to come. I believe that a strong economy is essential to support excellent public services, provide high quality and inclusive employment and business opportunities, and to bringing prosperity to all of Hampshire's communities."*

## 2. Homes for Ukraine update

The County Council continues to work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.



The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 30 May 2022, 60,977 visas have been issued for England. 2,314 have been issued for Hampshire (from the 2,492 applications received) and 1,431 guests have arrived.

One recent initiative is that free bus pass travel within the wider Hampshire area will be available for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the county. Arrangements are being finalised with the county's three major bus operators - Stagecoach, First Bus and Bluestar – with the scheme due to launch shortly.

A reminder that communities can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to help Ukrainian families arriving - details are at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>

### **3. Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

Celebrations have occurred across the county in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, from communities to care homes and including the lighting of beacons at the start of the four day holiday.

In related news, Hampshire's Record Office in Winchester is one of six landmark sites across the UK that have been awarded listed status by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to commemorate Her Majesty's 70-year reign. The award-winning building, designed by the County Council, was opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1993.

### **4. Grants available to help communities in need**

Local groups are being urged to apply for grants that will help them support those in most need in their communities. £300,000 is being made available for projects that will help those facing food and fuel poverty, particularly in rural areas, up to September 2022.

The latest community grants are funded by the £7.12million Household Support Fund, provided to Local Authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions to support vulnerable households, especially with the cost of food and energy bills.

The deadline for applying for a community grant is 29 July 2022. Organisations wishing to find out more should go to the [connect4communities website](#) for the full guidance and application form.

### **5. £0.25 million investment fund for community energy projects**

An investment fund, to support community run renewable energy projects in Hampshire, is to be established by Hampshire County Council. The 'Revolving Community Energy Fund' will invest up to £25,000 for any individual community project being launched in Hampshire as part of the Community Energy Pathways project.

The aim of the fund is to stimulate significant community investment in renewable energy across Hampshire. Investment in a share offer will enable a community to operate a renewable energy scheme and earn income. Once a scheme is operational, it should then attract additional shareholders and/or secure borrowing against the assets of the existing scheme, enabling it to be extended to a wider community base. For more information, email [climatechange@hants.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@hants.gov.uk)