

**MINUTES OF THE ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY
ROOM, THE BRIDEWELL, THE BURY, ODIHAM, RG29 1NB
ON 19th JULY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs McFarlane (Chair), S Bell, R Coleman, L Cornall, T Griffith, H Tyler, D Sanger, C Seabrook and P Verdon.

In attendance: Hart DC Cllr Hale, Hart CEO S Mabbott and Andrea Mann (Parish Clerk).

64/22 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Cllr Ball.

Apologies were also received from Hampshire CC Cllr Glen.

65/22 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation

None.

66/22 Approval of minutes

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st June (39-63/22) were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed by Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr Cornall, 5 in favour).

67/22 Chair's Announcements

- i) The Deputy Clerk had tendered her resignation. The Chair thanked the Deputy Clerk for her work and said she would be missed. The position would be advertised the following day under the Clerk's delegated authority and in consultation with the Staffing Committee. Cllr Griffith was asked to share the advert at RAF Odiham.
- ii) The final Crownfields S106 agreement had been received. The Chair explained the background to the agreement, the contributions to Odiham and explained that OPC had already agreed the contents. The Chair and Vice Chair would be signing the document on behalf of the Council at the end of the meeting.

68/22 Public Session

None.

69/22 Citizens Advice Hart

- i) S Mabbott, CEO of Citizens Advice Hart gave a presentation on current services in Hart, explaining that Citizens Advice Hart was a charity led support service covering the whole of Hart. Services were largely operated from their office in Fleet and there was also an outreach service which supported the Odiham parish. Volunteers had noticed their clients were reluctant to be seen to seeking advice in their home area and it was hoped that The Bridewell could support the outreach programme in the future.

There were a number of current projects including one for supporting energy costs and another for training community organisations to signpost people to support services. This project offered 3 hours of free training to community

organisations and Cllr McFarlane offered to refer the project to the Friends of Odiham Book Exchange.

S Mabbott explained how resources were stretched and recruiting sufficient volunteers was a key problem for the charity. OPC offered to help promote this need online and through flyers distributed from The Bridewell.

Since Covid there was a noticeable increase in clients as well as issues, with some clients presenting with a range of complex issues which was taking significant time to support.

Following questions from Councillors, the Chair thanked S Mabbott for presenting to the meeting.

- ii) Grant to Citizens Advice Hart
RESOLVED

To release £1,500 held in the 2022/23 budget to Citizens Advice Hart.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

Councillor Reports

70/22 Meeting reports from Councillors

None.

71/22 Reports from other Councils

- i) Hart DC Cllr Hale had provided a written report prior to the meeting (Appendix 1).
- ii) HCC Cllr Glen had also provided a written report prior to the meeting (Appendix 2). The Chair drew attention to the following:
 - a. Signposting to highways related matters – Cllr Glen's report had included a number of different contacts for specific highways related matters. The Clerk was asked to share these links on OPC's website.
 - b. Changes to waste collection services in 2024 – Cllr Glen's report suggested there would be a food waste collection service in Hampshire. The Clerk was asked to seek clarification from Cllr Glen.

72/22 Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

No comments were made.

73/22 Membership of Committees

RESOLVED

- i) Cllr Bell was appointed to the Community and Planning & Development Committee.
- ii) Cllr Griffith was appointed to the Amenities Areas and Community Committee.
- iii) No further changes were requested.

- 74/22 Response from letter to the Basingstoke Canal Authority Joint Management Committee on the condition and low water levels of the Basingstoke Canal**
The Chair presented the response from the Surrey County Council Cabinet Member for Environment.

OPC's letter, also supported by other parishes contributing towards the upkeep of the canal, had been discussed with the lead officers. There was an outline plan in regard to spot dredging which would be undertaken with the information OPC and others had provided. An update on the leak and further information around the dredging was promised within a few weeks.

- 75/22 Odiham Common draft Management Plan - response from Countryside Services, Hart District Council, in response to OPC's support for residents to have an input in the future management of the Common.**
The response from Hart DC regarding future management of Odiham Common was noted as presented with the agenda.

The Clerk was asked to report Hart's response on OPC's website and clarify OPC's consultee role in the Autumn newsletter.

- 76/22 Hampshire's consultation on proposed changes to supported passenger services and the Concessionary Travel Scheme in Hampshire**
The Chair summarised the key questions in Hampshire's consultation. Members questioned the logic behind some of the recommendations and said some of the proposals were likely to significantly impact on the most vulnerable and isolated residents. However, without sight of local data it would be difficult to submit a detailed response. Following debate it was

RESOLVED

To delegate to response to the Clerk who would respond stating that OPC did not support any cuts to subsidies or services.

- 77/22 Planning Applications**
The following planning application listed on the agenda was not considered as it had been withdrawn by the applicant.

OPC reference: 24/22 Application reference: 22/01180/HOU
Address: Porch Cottage, Odiham Road, Whitehall, Odiham, Hook, Hampshire RG29 1JP - Erection of an outbuilding following demolition of existing

- 78/22 Matters arising from the Traffic Partnership Group held on 13th July 2022**
The Chair reported from the recent Traffic Partnership Group which she had also chaired on behalf of OPC, first explaining the history of the meetings.

The Chair said that it was disappointing no officers from Hampshire CC were present. Apologies and updates had been provided prior to the meeting but the relevant officers had formally advised they were no longer able to support the meetings. Hart DC Cllr Dorn had offered to take up this matter with Hampshire CC to establish how local, strategic highways matters can be taken forward in the future.

Following debate, it was RESOLVED

To invest OPC's efforts into securing the following outcomes:

- i) Extending the 30mph zone on B3349 further towards Alton and including the RAF Station junction. The Clerk was asked to seek clarity on Hants CC's position relating to the new village gateway scheme which would be funded by the Crownfields development.
- ii) Extending the 30mph zone on Cemetery Hill to beyond the cricket club.

79/22 The Greening Campaign

The Chair updated Councillors on The Greening Campaign, a county wide campaign supported by over 200 parishes. The principle guiding the campaign was to raise awareness of carbon emissions and encourage people to start thinking about their own habits.

The campaign suggested 18 small changes people could make to reduce their own emissions. Community organisations had voted to agree the top 8 preferred priorities – with the top priority scoring nearly 700 votes. OPC would launch the priorities at a launch event on 8th October which would be supported by community organisations and include The Sustainability Centre bus. Councillors were asked to put the date in their diaries and support the event.

80/22 Date of next meeting

Scheduled 16th August 2022 at 7.30pm following the Sports Centre Trust AGM starting at 7.15pm.

Confidential Matters

81/22 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.
RESOLVED
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

82/22 Police Lease for offices at The Bridewell
This item was deferred to the next meeting.

83/22 Progress report from The Bridewell Working Group on the quotations received for repair works and a new toilet
Councillors received a progress report from the Clerk and Councillors on The Bridewell Working Group. It was hoped that further quotations would be available before the next meeting to enable a full recommendation on next steps.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

APPENDIX1 – REPORT FROM HART DC CLLR HALE

Lodge Farm warehouse PreApp

By far the biggest level of correspondence has been concerning the Lodge Farm ‘warehouse’ pre app. Various Parish Council meetings have been held / planned, including a large one hosted by OPC. At this meeting Cllr Kennet noted that this is currently a registered pre application, not a full planning application. He outlined that while residents should be encouraged to share their views via the Hart Planning portal, there is a concern that for such an important development there is a risk of ‘fatigue’, with residents fearing they have already submitted their comments should a full application come forward. Especially as comments cannot be transferred from the pre app. If a full application was submitted then a project of this size would have a decision time of three months, which is often extended, so there would be ample time for residents to comment again.

Cllr Kennet (our planning committee Cllr) and Cllr Dorn (as Cllrs Kennets planning Committee cover if needed) need to ensure they do not show any predetermination by commenting individually on the pre application. Cllr Hale has however provided his personal views to the planning officer.

Rushmore collaboration

Rushmoor Borough Council and Hart District Council Cabinets have backed plans for the councils to work together more closely.

Councillors at each Cabinet meeting this week, agreed a Joint Working Together Statement, outlining an ambition to share a Chief Executive and to build on and increase the number of services shared between the councils. The focus of the proposals is on shared services and shared working, not on merging the councils. Both councils would retain their legal and political arrangements as well as their individual civic identities.

By working together more closely, the councils hope to reduce costs, improve and join-up services and strengthen the resilience for each council to deal with both planned and unplanned events.

Hart Eco Active Team

Details were circulated regarding the Hart Eco Active Team - wildflower zones across Hart

https://www.facebook.com/groups/4868212576637744/?hoisted_section_header_type=recently_seen&multi_permalinks=5068561069936226

They are working across Hart on an informal basis to create real projects that make a real difference. While “unofficial” the group is supported across parties and has several Cllrs as members (including Cllr Dorn)

They’re latest project is [building a map of area to add wild flowers....](#)

Parish Councils are encouraged to consider their own involvement.

Odiham Common

Cllr Dorn continues to lobby Hart Council concerning Odiham Common, specifically the need for a clear and effective governance structure that balances the many concerns with practicality, cost and reasonable representation. This is an ongoing process that we hope to have clarity on in August at Harts Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with Paper going to Hart's Cabinet in Sept.

Ukrainian families

Hart District Council are aware that many of the hosts in the District are well into their six months sponsorship of their Ukrainian families and looking to their local authorities for help / planning for the next steps. With the wider housing need, this is going to be a challenge, however Hart have put resource behind this to work on solutions, including a dedicated email address for hosts with questions <mailto:Hdchomesforukraine@hart.gov.uk>

APPENDIX 2 (see following pages)

Hampshire County Councillor Update 14

Summer is well and truly upon us, and the return to ‘normality’ this year means we’re taking our first holiday in three years. I’m away in Spain from the 9th to the 24th July, do please though still drop me a line if you need me, but forgive me if responses are not as speedy as usual.

Enjoy the nice weather, which I am assured is almost upon us.

Highways Information

New Hampshire Highway Enquiry Tracking System

HCC Highways have introduced a new tracking system which allows County Councillors to track the progress of highway reports and repairs in their own area.

Allowing us to see updates in real time will be a huge help when dealing with the very many queries we get about traffic problems. It allows me to not only see whether something has already been reported, but also see what progress is being made in resolving a problem.

In time we hope to create a public facing version of the system.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you’ll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.