



Hockley Parish Council

Minutes of the Hockley Parish Council Meeting Held at The Old Fire Station 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19th December 2016.

ITEM	SUBJECT
16/242	<p>Members Attending.</p> <p>Chairman: Cllr R Martin</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Anderson, Boxall, M Carter, T Carter, Gleadall, Hazlewood, James, Maddocks, S Martin, Meacham, O’Shea, Randall, Vingoe</p> <p>Also present: The Clerk.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Chelmsford</p>
16/243	<p>Declaration of Interests.</p> <p>Cllrs Hazlewood and M Carter declared an interest in agenda item 16/255 being representatives of Rochford District Council.</p>
16/244	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of Council meeting held 21st November 2016 and note Resolutions.</p> <p>Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 21st November 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Meacham and carried unanimously.</p>
16/245	<p>Public participation.</p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p>
16/246	<p>Ward and County Councillors may address the members.</p> <p>County Councillor Cllr Hoy was unable to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood reported that the closure of the public toilets was only an option, not a certainty from the District Council’s point of view.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks reported that Essex County Council has introduced a new form through which Clerks and members of the public can report highways problems. The office would be provided with the forms in due course.</p>
16/247	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <p>Request for support with boundary problem.</p> <p><i>Cllr Hazlewood attended the site and noted the scope of the problem, but did not consider that the Parish Council could help. However, it was considered that adjacent land might be in the control of the District Council who would have greater powers to assist. The Clerk will pass the concern to the District Council with a request that they investigate.</i></p> <p>Complaint about littering around the bench at Broad Parade.</p> <p><i>The complaint was noted and the actions taken by the Police was reprised. The Council have been informed that youth nuisance was a widespread problem in the area. The Police have requested the support of residents in identifying the troublemakers.</i></p>

	<p>Hockley Chamber of Trade and Commerce has written to express their concern about the potential closure of the public toilets.</p> <p>EALC has advised that following representations from the Parish and Town Councils and other organisations the proposed Precept Capping has been deferred.</p> <p>Cllr Randall reported that attendance at the Massive has improved; there were now forty children attending some nights and opening has been extended to Friday evenings.</p>
16/248	<p>Clerk's report.</p> <p>Following a report of an injury sustained when a resident bumped into one of the wooden planters, the design has been modified and the sharp edges have been chamfered off.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the council was unsuccessful in its bid for Community Infrastructure Fund support with the proposed refurbishment of playing areas.</p>
16/249	<p>To agree the Budget for 2017 -18.</p> <p>The Council notes that the Local Council Support Grant is £6,732. There is a small increase in the tax base from 3753 to 3782.8 which will deliver an additional income of £1,826 while leaving the council tax per household unchanged at £61.01 band D equivalent. To complete the programme of actions in the coming year, the council will require £34,910 from reserves which will not be replaced.</p> <p>Resolved : Full Council approves the Budget for 2017/18 as presented and a potential withdrawal from reserves of £34,910 to make a budget income of £246,500 and expenditure of £281,510. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Anderson and carried with one against.</p>
16/250	<p>To agree the Precept for 2017-18</p> <p>Based on the budget agreed in 16/249 the council approves a precept demand of £230,826. Resolved. The Council will make a precept demand of £230,826. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr O'Shea and carried with one against.</p>
16/251	<p>To note training undertaken in the previous month and receive reports.</p> <p>Two Councillors have attended the EALC Chairman's Training Day 3. Cllrs R Martin, -and Meacham.</p>
16/252	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Resources and Procedures Committee meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 28th November were noted.</p> <p>To note minutes and resolutions of Personnel Subcommittee. – No meeting.</p>
16/253	<p>Financial Report November 2016</p> <p>a. To approve the balances and reconciliation for November. Resolved: The Council approved the Balances and Payments for November 2016. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Anderson and carried with one abstention.</p> <p>b. The payments made in November were noted.</p> <p>c. The income and expenditure reports for November were noted.</p> <p>d. The payroll for December 2016 was noted.</p>

16/254	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Environmental Committee on 5th December 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 5th December were noted. Cllr Vingoe reported that the initial meeting with Essex Wildlife Trust was productive and useful. A report is expected in early February.</p>
16/255	<p>To consider options for Grounds Maintenance Delivery</p> <p>The Council considered the options available and instructed the clerk to seek prices for the work to be let as three discrete contracts while reserving the option of letting all three to one contractor. The clerk was further instructed to prepare a price for the maintenance of play areas to be bought in-house. With an anticipated gross cost for the contracts of less than £20,000 it would not be necessary to republish on Contract Finder.</p> <p>It was noted that some work will be necessary before the start date of the new contract, and the clerk would get prices for this to be done as a stand-alone task.</p> <p>Resolved. The Council would amend and reissue the draft contract to potential suppliers with a view to awarding the work as three sites commencing 1st April 2017. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Vingoe. Carried with three abstentions of which two were Cllrs M Carter and Hazlewood who had previously declared an interest in the Agenda Item.</p>
16/256	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Planning and Local Development Committee.</p> <p>The minutes of meetings on 21st November and 19th December were noted.</p>
16/257	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Communities Committee. – No meeting.</p> <p>To receive the notes of the Hall Working Group – no meeting</p> <p>The minutes and resolutions from the Festive Lights Subcommittee were noted. Cllr Randall recorded the Council’s appreciation for the Library who displayed the artwork from the children’s colouring competition.</p>
16/258	<p>To note reports from Delegates to other organisations.</p> <p>The report from the Hockley Chamber of Trade and Commerce was noted.</p>
16/259	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>Antisocial behaviour in the parish.</p>
16/260	<p>Date of next meeting – 16th January 2017</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.40.</p>