



Hockley Parish Council

Minutes of Hockley Parish Council Meeting Held at The Old Fire Station 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 18th April 2017

| ITEM | SUBJECT |
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| | <p>Before the meeting commenced, the Council stood in remembrance of Councillor Vic Leach, Chairman of Hawkwell Parish Council who had recently passed away.</p> |
| <p>17/43</p> | <p>Members Attending. Chairman: Cllr R Martin Present: Cllrs Anderson, Boxall, M Carter, T Carter, Chelmsford, Hazlewood, Gleadall, James, S Martin, O'Shea, Randall, Vingoe. Also present: The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Two members of the public. Apologies: Cllr Maddocks. Not Present Cllr Meacham.</p> <p>Resolved: Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Maddocks. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr James and carried unanimously.</p> |
| <p>17/44</p> | <p>Declaration of Interests.</p> <p>Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Hazlewood and M Carter as District Councillors for Agenda Item 17/50</p> |
| <p>17/45</p> | <p>To Confirm the Minutes of Council meeting held 20th March 2017 and note Resolutions.</p> <p>Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 20th March 2017 are accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Chelmsford and carried unanimously</p> |
| <p>17/46</p> | <p>Public participation.</p> <p>The Meeting was suspended for up to 15 minutes to enable members of the public to address the council</p> <p>There were two members of the public present.</p> <p>One wished to raise concern about the locked kissing gate at Footpath 13 and the impending closure of the public toilets. Another resident reported that there was a fire at Crabtree Wood and the Fire Service was unable to access through the nature reserve as the kissing gate was locked.</p> <p>The meeting was reconvened</p> |

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| 17/47 | <p>Ward and County Councillors may address the members.</p> <p>District Cllr Hazlewood reported that he had advised the Manager of Costcutter that the restricted parking signs sited in the adjacent layby were unlawful. He further reported that representation to local shopkeepers about litter build-up had been successful, and the waste has been removed.</p> |
| 17/48 | <p>The candidates and timing of forthcoming Essex County Council elections on 4th May 2017 were noted.</p> <p>Details of candidates standing are published on the RDC Website and on the Parish Noticeboards. There is also a link on the Parish Council Website.</p> |
| 17/49 | <p>To consider correspondence received.</p> <p>It was noted that Rochford District Council's application for a High Court Injunction to prevent further travellers moving onto Michelin's Farm, Arterial Road, Rayleigh was successful.-</p> <p>Roslyn Close Fly Tipping. Concern has been expressed by neighbours about the antisocial behaviour and rubbish tipping that has been experienced since the site has been cleared.</p> <p>The Correspondence on Broad Parade Anti-Social Behaviour was noted.</p> <p>Following correspondence with the neighbours to the footway, work has been undertaken on the adopted footway between 8-10 High Road Hockley. The vegetation has been cut-back and holes in the path filled. Cllr Hazlewood reported that the repair was unsatisfactory and must be reworked.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that correspondence has been received from many residents protesting at the closing of the kissing gate from the nature reserve to footpath 13 and wishing to support the Council's claim that access has been established as of right following twenty years uninterrupted use.</p> |
| 17/50 | <p>Public Toilets – to consider any further information received from Rochford District Council.</p> <p>The Parish Council have informed the District Council that they require further information from Rochford District and Essex County Councils before making a decision.</p> |
| 17/51 | <p>Anti Social Behaviour in Hockley - To note actions taken since last meeting and consider any further reports received.</p> <p>Anti Social Behaviour incidents in Hockley continue to be reported and have been passed on to the police and to the Rochford & Castle Point Community Safety Team to enable the authorities to target the problems. The Police have recently had a presence at the Station and turned way groups of youths arriving by train so they are taking action.</p> <p>The Clerk was reminded that the Council wanted to inform the Crime Commissioner, Member of Parliament and British Transport Police of the Council's Concerns.</p> |

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| 17/52 | <p>Clerk's report. Following the closure of the access to footpath 13 via the nature reserve, the council has received many requests and demands to reinstate the junction. This can only be done if the Landowner reissues permission to cross the farmland, or if it can be proven that there is a right of access through common use. Advice is being sought from the National Association of Local Councils about how this can be done. As an interim measure, a sign will be posted at the entrance for of the nature reserve warning that there is no access to footpath 13.</p> <p>The site at Rosslyn Close has become an attraction for the local youth; the presence of a six foot fence and the absence of anything of interest in the site has not been a deterrent to those who wish to enter it and dump litter. An alternative use or an alternative method of securing the site will be required following consultation with local residents.</p> |
| 17/53 | <p>Consultations. No consultations this month.</p> |
| 17/54 | <p>To note training undertaken in the previous month and receive reports. Cllr Boxall attended the Essex Association of Local Councils Planning Course. The training will be cascaded to the Planning Committee at the next convenient Meeting.</p> |
| 17/55 | <p>The minutes and resolutions from Resources and Procedures Committee meeting 27th March were noted.</p> <p>The minutes of the Personnel Subcommittee Meeting held 10th April 2017 were distributed at the meeting and noted.</p> <p>Councillors were reminded that matters discussed within a closed meeting were confidential and should not be discussed outside the meeting.</p> |
| 17/56 | <p>The minutes and resolutions from Environmental Committee 3rd April were noted.</p> |
| 17/57 | <p>To consider approving the request to permanently vire £750 from reserves to purchase one Honda HRX476 mower. EOS17/125 refers.</p> <p>Resolved. The council approves the virement of £750 from reserves for purchase of one new mower. Proposed Cllr Vingoe seconded Cllr Boxall and carried unanimously.</p> |
| 17/58 | <p>The minutes and resolutions from Planning and Local Development Committee meetings on 3rd and 18th April were noted.</p> |
| 17/59 | <p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Communities Committee meeting. No Meeting this month. Next meeting 2nd May.</p> <p>The minutes and resolutions from the Festive Lights Subcommittee held on 12th April will be noted at a later meeting. As the Event Management Plan and bookings are progressing now the next meeting will be held on Monday 12th June 2017.</p> |

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| 17/60 | <p>The Council received advance Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Monday 15th May 2017 to be held prior to the May Full Council Annual Meeting at 8.00pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nomination Forms for the Office of Chairman must be completed and returned to the office by Monday 8th May. • Committee Membership requests or changes to be advised to the office by Monday 8th May. • Representatives to serve as delegates to other organisations returned to the office by Monday 8th May. |
| 17/61 | <p>To note reports from Delegates to other organisations. The following reports were noted: Hockley Chamber of Trade Cllr R Martin Hockley Community Centre Cllr T Gleadall</p> <p>Forthcoming Delegate Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockley & Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre AGM Weds 19th April 2017 Cllrs S Martin & S James • Rochford Hundred Assn of Local Councils Thurs 20th April 2017 Cllrs R Martin & B O'Shea • RCCE Neighbourhood Planning Coffee Morning 27th April 2017 • Police Partnership Conference 7th June 2017. |
| 17/62 | <p>Items for next agenda</p> |
| 17/63 | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 15th May 2017.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Closed 8.42 p.m.</p> |