



Hockley Parish Council

MINUTES of the Hockley Parish Council Meeting Held at the Old Fire Station, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 21st November 2016

ITEM	SUBJECT
16/222	<p>Members Attending.</p> <p>Chairman: Cllr R Martin</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Meacham, O'Shea, Gleadall, Hazlewood, Boxall, M Carter, T Carter, S Martin, James, Randall, Vingoe</p> <p>Also present: The Clerk. Three members of the public.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs Anderson, Chelmsford, Maddocks</p> <p>Resolved: Valid apologies were accepted. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Randall and carried unanimously.</p>
16/223	<p>Declaration of Interests.</p> <p>Cllrs Hazlewood and M Carter declared an interest in item of 16/237 as members of the District Council.</p>
16/224	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of Council meeting held 17th October 2016 and note Resolutions.</p> <p>Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 17th October 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr James and carried unanimously.</p>
16/225	<p>Public participation. There were three members of the public present two representing the Massive Project and one with an interest in securing an allotment.</p> <p>Representatives of the Massive Project attended and thanked the council for their support over past years. Although there have been problems over the last year with staff, finance and membership problems matters are improving and a new relationship has been established with the Academy which has encouraged more children to take an interest in the project. A bid has been submitted to Aviva for funding to install air-conditioning which will allow greater use of the premises for private hires. Participation in the bidding process has generated additional interest in the project. Support from County Council has not been as positive as they would like, and the project would prefer to be independent of their support. The landlord has agreed a 50% discount on the rent as a short-term concession.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the disabled lift has been taken out of commission as an economy measure but the disabled toilet has been repaired. It was further confirmed that the premises were compliant with health and safety requirements.</p> <p>The financial reserve is currently £4,500 and there is an income stream from premises rental.</p>

16/226	<p>Ward and County Councillors may address the members. Cllrs Hazlewood and M Carter were present as representatives of Rochford District Council for this item but had nothing to report.</p>
16/227	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman’s response to letter from RDC re Working Relationships & Shared Opportunities was noted. • The reply from MP re Government Consultation on Capping was noted • Potential Provision of Allotments Site To be considered by the Environmental Committee when a firm proposal is received from the planning authority • Parking at Apex playing field The correspondence was noted; Cllr Hazlewood confirmed that parking was not considered an issue when the application was approved. <p>Cllr Randall confirmed that damage to the pavement at Apex corner has been reported to Essex County Council Highways Department.</p>
16/228	<p>To consider an offer of joint working on a garden competition in 2017.</p> <p>A local business has made an offer to work with the council to hold an annual Hockley in Bloom Competition in 2017 with both parties sharing the costs and the publicity.</p> <p>The Council is interested in pursuing the project and refers it to the Communities Committee.</p>
16/229	<p>Clerk’s report. Following a request to fund subsidised car parking in the Parish, the District Council has reported that there will be a £1,500 set-up fee and the work is unlikely to be done in time to allow the discount to be applied in December.</p> <p>The tree and festive lighting has been installed and tested in advance of lighting-up. Installation of the cross-road display was postponed in anticipation of severe weather over the weekend.</p> <p>The Parish Council has a legal obligation under the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003 to provide a copy of the parish magazine to the British Library. An electronic copy of the current edition has been supplied for evaluation and on approval, the full archive will be deposited.</p> <p>Following the successful submission of the Assistant Clerk’s portfolio for the Certificate in Local Council Administration, the Clerk has also submitted a portfolio which has now been approved. The council now has two staff with the Clerk’s professional qualification which, among other things will allow the council to progress to Quality and Quality Gold status in the Local Council Award scheme.</p>
16/230	<p>Consultations.</p> <p>Public Payphones Consultation Due 17th Jan</p> <p>The Council requests the Clerk to obtain clarification about the booth in Marylands. One response has been received which will be forwarded in the councils name.</p>
16/231	<p>To note training undertaken in the previous month and receive reports.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from EALC In House Training Session 14th Nov. It was agreed that the course made a helpful refresher to experienced councillors and an introduction to new councillors. • EALC Chairman's Day 2 Course 2nd Nov. Cllrs P Meacham & R Martin Attended. • EALC Chairman's Day 3 Course 23th Nov. Cllrs P Meacham & R Martin to attend. • Details of upcoming RDC or EALC Courses and agree attendance. A request from Cllr Boxall to attend EALC's Saturday Chairman's course was approved. • SLCC. Society of Local Council Clerks 2 Day Practitioner's Conference 23th February 2017 – Assistant Clerk has asked to attend. Resolved: Members agreed the Assistant Clerk will attend the conference. Proposed Cllr Hazlewood seconded Cllr M Carter and carried by majority.
16/232	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Resources and Procedures Committee meeting The minutes were noted.</p> <p>To note minutes and resolutions of Personnel Subcommittee. The minutes were noted.</p>
16/233	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Environmental Committee No meeting.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the site visit to Marylands Nature Reserve on Monday 19th December to meet the representative from Essex Wildlife Trust who will be preparing the management plan.</p>
16/234	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Planning and Local Development Committee.</p> <p>The minutes of meetings on 31st October, 14th and 21st November were noted.</p>
16/235	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Communities Committee. The minutes were noted.</p> <p>To note the minutes and resolutions from the Festive Lights Subcommittee. The minutes were noted.</p>
16/236	<p>Resolved: In accordance with s.1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, in the opinion of the Council, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr S Martin and carried unanimously.</p>
16/237	<p>To consider RDC Budgetary Options.</p>

	<p>Cllrs Hazlewood and M Carter declared an interest and left the meeting at 8.54 p.m.</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion on the merits of sharing the cost of local services or adopting entire services, there was concern that adopting the service presented by RDC may not be in the best interests of our residents.</p> <p>Resolved: The council will not express an interest in adopting the District Council facilities as presented. Proposed Cllr O'Shea seconded Cllr T Carter and carried with seven in favour and three against.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to advise Rochford District Council by end November.</p> <p>Cllrs Hazlewood and M Carter returned to the meeting at 9.12 p.m.</p>
16/238	<p>Resolved: The Council permits the press and public to return to the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Boxall and carried unanimously.</p>
16/239	<p>To note reports from Delegates to other organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils • 55+ Old People's Welfare Centre • Massive AGM <p>The reports were noted</p> <p>A report from the Public Hall will accompany the published minutes of this meeting.</p>
16/240	<p>Items for next agenda</p> <p>Finalisation of the budget and precept for 2017 / 18</p>
16/241	<p>Date of next meeting – 19th December 2016.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.27 p.m.</p>