



Hockley Parish Council
Minutes of the Hockley Parish Council Meeting.
Held at The Old Fire Station, at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 17th October 2016

ITEM	SUBJECT
16/202	<p>Members Attending.</p> <p>Chairman: Cllr R Martin</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Anderson, Boxall, M Carter, T Carter, Chelmsford, Maddocks, S Martin, Vingo, James, Randall, Vingo</p> <p>Also present: The Clerk.</p> <p>Apologies Cllrs Meacham, O'Shea, Gleadall, Hazlewood</p> <p>Resolved. Valid apologies were accepted. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr Randall.</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood joined the meeting at item 16/220. Cllr Chelmsford left the meeting at item 16/211</p>
16/203	<p>Declaration of Interests.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
16/204	<p>To Confirm the Minutes of Council meeting held 19th September 2016 and note Resolutions.</p> <p>Resolved: The minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 19th September 2016 are accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr James.</p>
16/205	<p>Public participation. The meeting may be temporarily suspended for up to fifteen minutes if members of the public wish to comment on agenda items or items of interest or concern to the parish.</p> <p>There was one member of the public present who wished to note comments on the RDC Issues and Options consultation, drawing attention to the lack of space for development and incursion into greenbelt land. Concern was also expressed about the involvement of businesses in the planning process as they are known to have different priorities to the residents.</p>
16/206	<p>To ratify council response to the government consultation published on 22 September, 2016 which includes proposals to extend council tax referendums to some or all local councils.</p> <p>Resolved: Hockley Parish Council is resolutely opposed to proposals by the government to extend council tax referendum principles to some or all local councils; and will respond to the government consultation stating their opposition to the proposals. Proposed Cllr R Martin seconded Cllr James and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to prepare a letter of rejection for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government by 28th October 2016 and advise EALC.</p>

16/207	<p>Ward and County Councillors may address the members.</p> <p>Cllr M Carter (representing Rochford DC Hockley) was present but did not wish to speak.</p> <p>Cllr Maddocks (representing Essex CC Rayleigh) reported that he was continuing to work on road repairs in the parish. It was confirmed that from 20th October, a notice for double yellow lines in Plumberow Avenue would be published. The anticipated length would be from the junction of Greensward Avenue to Mount Crescent.</p>
16/208	<p>Local Council Award Scheme</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated the councillors and staff on the successful achievement of Foundation status for the parish council. The council confirmed its willingness to work towards Quality status and eventually Quality Gold status.</p>
16/209	<p>To consider correspondence received</p> <p>A complaint about installation of new bench at Broad Parade and a request for new bench at Broad Parade have been resolved with the installation of the bench and support with the concerns of residents who did not like the idea of a bench attracting the noisy youths in the evening.</p> <p>A letter of concern about heavy traffic and vibration at Greensward Lane was redirected to the Highways Authority.</p> <p>A request to clear vegetation at Hamilton Gardens</p> <p>Letter from the daughter of resident who was invited to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration and had sadly passed away shortly afterwards, thanking the council for the opportunity to enjoy the occasion as the publicity had prompted old friends to get in touch.</p>
16/210	<p>To note the Annual Return for 2015 /16</p> <p>The clerk reported that the annual return has been received from the external auditor with no comments or actions required. The conclusion of audit notice has been published.</p>
16/211	<p>Clerk's report.</p> <p>No items to report that are not covered elsewhere in agendas.</p> <p>Cllr Chelmsford left the meeting 8.15.</p>
16/212	<p>Consultations.</p> <p>No consultations have been nominated for consideration by full council.</p>

16/213	<p>To note training undertaken in the previous month and receive reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman’s Day 1 Course, Cllr P Meacham VAT Course, The Clerk will circulate notes with the agenda for Resources and Procedures Committee • Details of upcoming RDC or EALC Courses and agree attendance. The Administration Assistant will attend the Clerks’ Joint Networking event as a representative of the Council. • To confirm members attending EALC Local training session 14th November 2016. There were no apologies received from members present.
16/214	<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. No meeting this month</p>
16/215	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Environmental Committee The minutes were noted.</p> <p>Following concerns about the lack of action by the District Council’s maintenance contractors, the play park at Plumberow Play Space has been topped-up at the Parish Council’s expense and the sum would be reclaimed against the maintenance contract payments.</p>
16/216	<p>To consider quotes for the preparation of a 5 year plan for Marylands Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Three quotes have been received from contractors who are interested in undertaking the scoping work necessary to prepare a plan for the reserve.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rochford District Council: Concern was expressed about the quote from Rochford District Council given their poor performance in other contracts 2. Play Services Essex County Council: There was no indication of who would provide the maintenance service if their plan was accepted. 3. Essex Wildlife Trust: Quote accompanied by an example of a plan produced by Essex Ecology Services Ltd (EECOS) for another council in Essex. <p>Resolved. The council will appoint the Essex Wildlife Trust to prepare the five year plan for the maintenance of Marylands Nature Reserve. Proposed Cllr Vingoe seconded Cllr Boxall and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Action: The Clerk to contact the Trust and formally confirm the appointment on the basis of their quote.</p>
16/217	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Planning and Local Development Committee The minutes of 19th September and 3rd October were noted. The response to the RDC Local Plan Issues & Options Survey has been submitted.</p>

<p>16/218</p>	<p>To note the minutes and resolutions from Communities Committee. The notes of the Hall Working Group were received.</p> <p>Remembrance Service 13th November 2016: All attendees and facilities have been confirmed. Signs will be placed on the railings advising the public of the event. The Chairman and Vice Chair of Hockley Parish Council would attend services to lay wreaths at two memorial sites in Hockley followed by Hockley British Legion. Members will also attend. There is no District Service at Rayleigh this year. Rayleigh Town Council is to hold a service but would not be formally inviting neighbouring councils to attend.</p> <p>Newsletter: Cllrs M & T Carter were thanked for the successful completion of another edition of the newsletter which is due to be distributed in late October.</p> <p>To note the minutes and resolutions from the Festive Lights Subcommittee The next meeting is on 26th October to consider the forthcoming colouring completion and other details for 2016 and review the requirements for 2017.</p>
<p>16/219</p>	<p>To note reports from Delegates to other organisations. The report from the EALC Annual meeting and conference was noted. A report from the Larger Local Councils Forum will be circulated. Events at the Public Hall were noted.</p>
<p>16/220</p>	<p>Items for next agenda Liaison with schools and extending an invitation to school councils. Review of terms of reference with particular reference to frequency of Environmental Committee meetings.</p> <p>Cllr Hazlewood joined the meeting at 8.40 p.m.</p>
<p>16/221</p>	<p>Date of next meeting – 21st November 2016</p> <p>Meeting closed 8.44 p.m.</p>