

BRAMDEAN & HINTON AMPNER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bramdean at 7.30pm on Wednesday 23rd October 2024.

25/33 Apologies.

Mr J Williams County Councillor

Present.

Mrs K Hawkings	Chairman
Mrs J Catling	Councillor
Mrs A Cox	Councillor
Mr A Harding	Councillor
Mr C McCrystal	Councillor
Mr M Morton	Councillor
Mr J Silk	Councillor
Mr N Bolton	District Councillor
Mr J Pett	District Councillor

Mr B Gibbs Clerk

25/34 Declarations of Interest.

None recorded.

25/35 To approve the minutes of the meeting of Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council held the 24th July 2024.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the 24th July 2024. These were then signed by Cllr Hawkings as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr Cox. Seconded Cllr Catling.

25/36 Public Session.

No members of the public were present.

25/37 Reports by the County and District Councillors.

The second draft of the new Winchester District Local Plan was unanimously approved, by a Full Council meeting on 28th August, to be put on immediate public circulation for comment over a statutory 6-week period. Comments received will then be reviewed prior to a further revision being submitted for formal scrutiny by a Planning Inspector in the first half of next year.

Of course, the vast majority of the Upper Meon Valley ward lies outside the scope of this work as the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the area of the Park. The SDNPA is conducting its own Local Plan Review, although it is ‘out of synch’ and some way behind the Winchester work. This is not at all unusual as LPAs do not have to align with any central government timeline.

Hampshire County Council has announced that a by-election will be held on Thursday 31st October 2024 in the Bishop’s Waltham electoral division, following the retirement of the local authority’s former Leader, Councillor Rob Humby. The full list of the candidates nominated to stand for election was published on 7th October 2024.

The County Council undertook a future services review, that many of us contributed to online to express which of 13 service areas offered by the county we valued the most and would wish to save if financial savings were required to balance the budget from 2025 onwards. Although based on many assumptions regarding the medium-term

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financial strategy (MTFS), one very large assumption being the settlement the county receives from central government, the MTFS currently projects a £85m budget shortfall across revenues of £2.6bn for 25/26. Officers of the County were tasked with looking where savings can be made by stripping back services to statutory minimum levels.

Cllr Pett explained that there is review of the Boomtown Premises Licence (PREM 773) currently taking place. This is following a request by Hampshire Constabulary. The review hearing will take place in Winchester on November 25th.

Cllr Hawkings asked if the District Councillors could speak to their colleagues about the condition of the highway at Woodlands Gate. She also asked if the District Councillors could work with their officers regarding the repeat incidence of fly-tipping at the Bramdean Common.

25/38 Finance and Administration.

a) Orders for Payment

Expenditure August to October 2024

Voucher	Supplier	Description	Amount
681	Bramdean Garage Ltd	Fuel costs	70.00
BT18	Brendan V Gibbs	July 2024 Salary	339.00
682	Mr A Taylor	2024 Honorarium	300.00
BT19	Semrah Ltd	Lengthsman 1st Visit	458.50
BT20	Brendan V Gibbs	August 2024 Salary	339.00
BT21	Brendan V Gibbs	September 2024 Salary	339.20
BT22	BDO LLP	2023-24 External Audit Fee	252.00
BT23	HMRC	Month 4-6 PAYE/NI	254.20
		Total	2,281.90

The Parish Council resolved to approve these orders for payment.

Proposed: Cllr Cox. Seconded Cllr Morton.

Income April 2024 to July 2024

Date	Cash/Cheque/Bank Transfer	Description	Amount
01/08/24	A Bramdean Parishioner	Defibrillator contribution	225.00
13/09/24	WCC Drawings	2024-25 Precept 1st Tranche	4,415.00
22/10/24	Pop-Up Café	Defib Contributions	100.00
		Total	4,750.00

b) To note the bank statements and current account figures.

The Clerk presented the bank statement for to 30th September 2024

September 2024 £17,906.35

The Parish Council resolved to note these figures and authorise Cllr Hawkings to sign the bank statement.

Proposed: Cllr Cox. Seconded Cllr Catling.

c) Financial Risk Assessment 2024-25. To receive a report from the Clerk

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The Clerk presented the draft Financial Risk Assessment document to the Parish Council. He then went through all items that have been updated since the last meeting in July 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Cox. Seconded Cllr Morton.

d) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Parish Council has a residue of £472.59 in its CIL fund moving forward.

e) The Clerk reported to the meeting that the Parish Council will need to record a minute outlining how they appoint an internal auditor alongside a process explaining how the Internal Auditor maintains their independence.

f) The Clerk informed the meeting that he had circulated the 2024-25 Budget document for information. He also said that the 2025-26 tax base figure had not yet been published by WCC. As a result of this information, it was not possible to complete the 2025-26 precept and budget discussion. It was agreed to hold this over until the January 2025 meeting.

25/39 Planning.

There were no planning applications or decision to be received.

25/40 Environment, Highways & Transport.

a) Parish Lengthsman Scheme.

Cllr Hawkings reported that the current Lengthsman was unable to continue with the present contract. The Clerk said that there were at least two other contractors willing to take up the contract and he would do his best to introduce them to the Chairman. The Clerk also reported that the Wakefield hedges would be cut back before the end of October.

b) Flooding.

It was reported that there has been no flooding during the autumn following on from the remedial works undertaken last year. Meanwhile, the watercourse remains clear and the settling pond is at a low level.

c) Recreation Committee.

Cllr McCrystal said that the play equipment at the Recreation Ground is in good condition but there was a need to undertake further repairs. These would cost over £1,000 to complete. Cllr McCrystal commented that the up-and-coming play area inspection would need to be scrutinised fully. He also commented that the July 2024 minutes had required some corrections before they could be signed.

The Parish Council resolved to allocate the sum of £1,000 (ex VAT) to complete these repairs.

Proposed: Cllr Cox. Seconded Cllr Morton.

25/41 Correspondence.

a) There was no other correspondence to receive.

25/42 Reports that the Chairman deems urgent – NO DECISIONS to be made.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 8th January 2025 the Village Hall in Bramdean.

Brendan Gibbs,
Clerk to Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Parish Council.

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