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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Parish Hall 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6th March 2024

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors, Tiggy Ayoub, presiding, Darryl Pynigar & Eddie Schofield

District Councillors: Patricia Stallard

Clerk/RFO Erin Taylor

Members of public: 6

23/169 – Apologies – Angela Clear, Chris Chamberlain, Neil Cutler, Carolyne Trew, Wayne Johnson

23/170 – Casual Vacancies x 1 – Rebecca Aquilina applied and was approved by the Parish Council.

23/171 - Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 - The Clerk advised none for this meeting.

23/172 - Declarations of Disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on the agenda – none.

23/173 – Public Participation and Reports from District Council, County Council and Parish Chair of Hampshire – Patricia Stallard explained the financial details of the recently agreed budget for Hampshire County Council.

The total budget was set at £2.6bn, with an increase in council tax of 4.99% (£1.40 per household per week increase) of which 2.00% is allocated to mandatory services (Adult Social care and supporting older people with complex needs). The increase will generate an additional £39m, Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

Hampshire also receives the third lowest contributions from Westminster.

Hampshire has a population of 1.4m residents and has a better than UK average for life expectancy. For men it is 81.1yrs (UK – 79.5) and women 84.3 (UK – 83.1), this means Hampshire has an aging population that needs caring for.

Mayor of Winchester report – Angela’s report highlighted Winchester had set their budgets with an increase for City council services at 2.60% (£4.07 per year for Band D). Through careful management the Council presented a balanced and stable budget until 2027, when an estimated £3m gap in funding will occur.

Recognising the ongoing cost of living pressure for residents, budget has been set aside for a council support fund and the extension of the exceptional hardship fund. Investment in the Council Plan priority of Homes for All, providing additional support for the council’s homelessness prevention strategy and reducing time after which an empty home will be liable to 100% tax.

This Thursday evening (07/03/2024) is the Mayors Community Awards and I am pleased to see individuals and organisations honoured in our ward. Boarhunt’s very own Ruth Proost will receive an award accompanied by Councillor Carolyne Trew.

Resident – a question was asked about the enforcement at 3 Birchhill Cottages, the Clerk explained that a new planning application is due to be submitted.

23/174 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 15th February 2024

Circulated and agreed as a true and accurate record.

23/175 – Parish Council Finance

- (i) To endorse payments made for February 2024 (endorsed by Chair)
- (ii) To receive current financial statement of accounts to end (endorsed by Chair)

23/176 – Planning Applications

- (i) No new applications have been received.

23/177 – Enforcements

- (i) Firgrove Lane has been provided with a three month extension and a new planning application is due to be received.
- (ii) 24/00040/COU – Land North of Southwick Road is a new enforcement. Upon further investigation this is for the Dubs South Campout festival at Strawberry Barn.

23/178 – Permitted Development

- (i) No new permitted developments reported.

23/179 – Boarhunt Environment

- (i) **Blackhouse Lane** – The Clerk has surveyed the area to understand the various issues and has requested the Lengthsman to clear the growth from the stream to improve its flow to reduce flooding. Work to start on 07/03/2024.
- (ii) **Wickham Court** – The Clerk met with Regency Living to understand more of their plans for the site, the news provided sounded positive. The sewer treatment issue is progressing albeit slowly, with the road closure date still not set. The issue at 9 The Glade is being closely monitored by the resident and the Clerk to provide evidence to Regency Living to resolve the flooding and subsiding driveway problems. No progress has been made on the flooding issues at the back of the site. The flooding issues at 1 The Glade are a priority for Regency Living. A new issue regarding cladding and insulation has been received by the Parish Council with investigations ongoing. The Clerk suggested a face-to-face meeting with the residents involved. The issue of poor lighting at the site has been raised, with one resident highlighting there are three areas with poor lighting. Councillors Ayoub also explained that lighting from the site was shining into residents' homes in Southwick Road.
- (iii) **Springfield House** – The site has been surveyed and contractors assigned to complete the work, but no date has been set. A lack of communication from Hampshire has been raised to the Chair of Hampshire County Council.
- (iv) **General Flooding** – No new incidents reported since last month. The Clerk needs to know the date, time and location along with pictures to collate the information.
- (v) **South Boarhunt** – The Environmental Agency visited South Boarhunt to review the recent flooding, but no response has been received yet. Photographic evidence of the litter issue in South Boarhunt is required to progress any claim. Clerk to visit site and gather evidence. Traffic volumes issues were raised due to the traffic lights on the A32. Clerk to monitor traffic issues via Google maps at certain times of the day.
- (vi) **Village Maintenance** – The playground inspections have highlighted several minor issues which need fixing. Work is scheduled to take place in March when the weather improves. The current estimate is the end of March. Volunteers from Wickham Court have offered to

help.

23/180 - Boarhunt Facilities

- (i) Playground equipment inspection – February weekly checks confirmed.
- (ii) Moles – ongoing work continues.
- (iii) Allotments – New pricing schedule for 2025/26 agreed by Councillors. Clerk to communicate to the residents who rent an allotment.

23/181 - Boarhunt Community

- (i) **Easter event** – An Easter egg hunt for the villages children/grandchildren has been organised for the afternoon of Good Friday (29/03/2024). 54 Easter eggs have been purchased and a special guest appearance from the Easter Bunny booked.
- (ii) **Summer event** – Planning to start after the Easter event.
- (iii) **Village Design Statement/Neighbourhood plan** – currently on hold
- (iv) **Speedwatch** – Due to the weather it has not been possible to complete many sessions in the past month.

23/182 – Parish Council

- (i) Policy reviews – Meeting booked.
- (ii) Social club – Cellar door improvements underway.
- (iii) New Parish Hall – Article submitted to the Parish magazine for April's edition.
- (iv) Date for the Annual Parish meeting provisionally set for 25th April.

23/183 – Correspondence

- (i) Sue Eaton – Council information was incorrectly passed to Sue by the Council's bank. The bank admitted its error under GDPR regulations.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting of the Full Council – 3rd April 2024