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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT MEETING ON THE 28th JANUARY 2019**

**A MEETING OF BRAMSHOTT AND LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL TOOK PLACE
AT 7.30PM IN THE MILLENNIUM CENTRE, LIPHOOK ON TUESDAY 18th
DECEMBER 2018**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cllr Croucher
Cllr Easton
Cllr Garnett
Cllr Hall
Cllr Jerrard
Cllr Kirby
Cllr Poole
Cllr Rowson
Cllr Trotter

Mr P Stanley - Executive Officer

2 District Councillors, 18 members of the public and the Press were in attendance.

117/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones should be turned off. He pointed out the fire escape routes. It was stated the meeting would be recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

118/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jourdan and Cllr Taplin

119/18 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were none.

120/18 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Councillors approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26th November 2018. Proposed by Cllr Croucher, Seconded by Cllr Rowson, all in favour.

121/18 MATTERS ARISING

None.

122/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting adjourned

Public Questions – items not on the agenda

The chairman explained that a maximum of 15 minutes was available for public questions. He asked how many members of the public wished to ask questions. Five members of the public indicated a wish to ask a question.

Mr Young asked that in view of the government news that the rates are going to rise next year including the police rates, do the council feel that it would be good in view of the problems it has had, and that the council has over £0.5m in the bank, that it would freeze its rates this year.

The Chairman stated that the budget was still being considered and would come back to the council at the January meeting. East Hants District Council will provide details of the number of households which forms part of the process. He stated that the council needs to keep a minimum of 6 months running cost in reserve. The council has a project list and projects such as the replacement bridge must be paid before the cost is recovered. The Chairman explained that the cost per head is not significantly different from other local councils.

Mr Futchter quoted a newspaper article stating EHDC had spent £65m on property deals and asked if the district councillors present were aware of this. District Councillor Mouland stated that the council need to make up a budget gap and borrows money from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLb). The investment decisions are made in cabinet based on a panel of experts and details are available on the District Council website. It is a public document that EHDC decided to invest £200m in property.

Mrs Ives asked what steps the Chairman or the Council has taken in asking Cllr Jerrard to desist in intimidating members of the public or other councillors. She also asked if, in the Chairman's opinion, is it appropriate that Mrs Ives as a clerk to a neighbouring parish council was the subject of intimidation at a neighbouring parish council meeting.

The Chairman stated that there was an agenda item to consider recommendations from EHDC Governance, Audit & Scrutiny Sub-Committee. He was hoping that some of the recommendations will be agreed. He was aware of two legal issues which precluded him from talking about them in public which meant that if any councillor wished to discuss them then an excluded session would be required. The council are very aware of the code of conduct but it was EHDC that ran the process. He felt that EHDC did not want the Parish council to make any more public comment as they had made the decision and publicised the outcome

in the local paper and on their website so it is in the public domain for anyone to read. EHDC are not looking for the council to impose any sanctions. The Chairman stated he is not the council as it is a corporate body. Matters are debated and decisions are made collectively based on a vote.

Mr Millar stated he was concerned about talk of an excluded session. The chairman stated that when questions are about specific people and specific events it cannot be in the public domain.

Mr Groves asked whether Cllr Jerrard should remain as a parish councillor based on his conduct and whether he should resign. The chairman stated that minor issues can be dealt with locally but sometimes they need to be referred to EHDC. He did not feel that it was appropriate for BLPC to consider whether a councillor should stand down. Cllr Hall stated there was no legitimate legal basis for disqualifying or suspending a councillor. The investigation had been carried out by EHDC and the sanction available to them has been set out. As a council BLPC are not in a position legally to do anything other than comply with the recommendations of EHDC which is being considered as a separate agenda item.

Public Questions – items on the agenda

Mr Robinson asked whether Cllr Jerrard would be reporting on the Peak Centre. Cllr Jerrard stated he was not able to attend the meeting due to health issues.

Meeting re-convened.

123/18

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GOVERNANCE, AUDIT & SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE OF EAST HANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that a course was planned to cover the areas highlighted in the report plus some additional elements at a cost of £400. Councillors agreed that an evening session would be preferred which would last 2-2.5 hours.

Cllr Kirby stated that the Executive Officer provided details of courses but often they are at the far end of the district in Eastleigh and not convenient. She also felt that a lot of councillor training was long overdue. Cllr Kirby thanked the Executive Officer for arranging in-house training to ensure that every councillor has an opportunity to come along to the training. The training on Code of Conduct will allow the council to raise standards.

Proposed Cllr Croucher, Seconded Cllr Garnett, all in favour.

The Chairman stated that item 4 recommending the abolition of the Liaison Working Party could not be agreed as it was still needed to appoint members to the Steering Group and Working Parties. The council will write to the EHDC to state that the council cannot comply with recommendation 4.

Cllr Garnett asked whether the council emails were secure and the Executive Officer stated that they are secure. Cllr Rowson stated that email is not a secure system unless a significant sum is spent. He offered to discuss the detail after the meeting as it was not an agenda item.

Cllr Kirby advised that the report had also stated that standing orders should be updated. She felt that there should be a training policy.

124/18

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Cllr Moulard gave a verbal update on the work of EHDC. He stated that the council were aware of the funding problem at the Peak Centre due to the new lease and were actively looking to see how the council can help.

The Local Plan will be out for consultation early next year. East Hants must find 608 houses per year until 2036 under Government targets. Bramshott and Liphook must build 100 homes and the site selected is the Poultry Farm in Chiltley Lane. Another site is the land west of Headley Road where they will be 36-40 homes. These figures are quite low compared to other areas in the district. Members of the NDP group and some councillors have taken part in workshops in Penns Place so they will be aware of the thinking behind these decisions. It was confirmed that these houses are in addition to those already agreed. Developers will be asked to provide community facilities.

Cllr Moulard also stated that there had been discussion at Cabinet about the Government consultation on AONB and National Parks. He ran through the recommendations that were in draft form but will be available to the public. The Parish Council had not been sent the consultation papers and had not therefore been able to comment.

It was reported that the new building on the OSU site is now full and providing 50 jobs in the local area.

The waste contract was due to be reviewed. It was felt that the only way for EHDC to meet recycling targets was to consider food waste recycling.

125/18

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Recreation Committee

Cllr Trotter stated the committee had established a working Party to look at the properties in the WM Recreation Ground and Radford Park and make recommendations to the WM Trust by the end of January.

Minutes of a meeting held on 3rd December 2018.

Acceptance of the minutes was Proposed by Cllr Trotter, Seconded by Cllr Poole, all in favour.

Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on 10th December 2018.

Acceptance of the minutes was Proposed by Cllr Garnett, Seconded by Cllr Rowson, all in favour.

126/18

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP

Councillors received a report prepared by Chantal Foo. A request was made that when reports are received, the person who prepared the report is included. The update report and minutes of the steering group meeting on 6th November 2018 were accepted.

127/18

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Councillors considered and approved the schedule of payments for November 2018 and the bank reconciliation (See attachments 1 & 2 to these minutes). It was noted that the current balances held by the Council at the end of November are:

Current Account - £1,040.00

Business Account - £515,578.27

Total Funds - £516,618.27

Proposed by Cllr Croucher, Seconded by Cllr Garnett, all in favour.

128/18

CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

Dr Levene was invited to introduce himself to the council. It was agreed that Dr Levene be co-opted to the council.

Proposed Cllr Croucher, Seconded Cllr Garnett, all in favour.

129/18

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

It was agreed that Cllr Martin Hall be appointed to the Recreation Committee.

Proposed by Cllr Croucher, Seconded by Cllr Kirby, all in favour.

130/18

DEFIBRILLATORS

The Chairman stated that £6,000 had be set aside for defibrillators. The papers attached to the agenda were provided by Mr Bob Hall who had researched defibrillators for the Peak Centre. It was noted that there may be a discount for bulk purchase which will be investigated. The council agreed that the first defibrillator should be located outside the Millennium Centre. Other locations will be considered at future meetings.

Proposed by Cllr Croucher, Seconded by Cllr Jerrard, all in favour.

131/18

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) *Village Hall*: The village Hall are still looking for a new chairman which will be advertised shortly. A new treasurer had also been appointed.
- b) *Planning Training*: Cllr Garnett had attended a planning training session and reported it had been very useful and shared with other councillors on the planning committee.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: