

**Minutes of the Meeting of Clanfield Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 7.00pm  
in the Blue Room at Clanfield Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Dave Harris (Chair) Cllr Terry Collins  
Cllr Christopher Paterson (Vice Chair) Cllr Helen Glover  
Cllr Rosemary Clarke Cllr Heather Watkin

**In Attendance:** Katie Knowles (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr John Smart and, County Cllr Robert Mocatta, and one member of the public.

**01/24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Peter Carver, Jane Woodroof and Brian Foster.

**02/24 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

**03/24 Approval of Minutes**

The main Council minutes and confidential minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**04/23 Open Forum**

A resident asked about the drainage on South Lane. His previous request concerned the drain by Homefield Way and Hambleton Road and the ditch at the bottom of Pipers Mead. Cllr Mocatta confirmed the report had been logged and would be completed. The resident asked if the Parish Council could assist.

**05/24 Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that:

- A meeting had been held with David Nesbitt on 10 January regarding the sale of the barn site. There was a discussion about the Overage Deed and what could mitigate the financial risks to the Council. Quotes were being obtained to clear the site and a Solicitor has been appointed.
- The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.
- The Clerk and Councillors attended Christmas drinks at the Hampshire Hog, which had been enjoyed by all.

**06/24 Reports from County and District Councillors**

**East Hants District Councillor (EHDC) Report**

Cllr John Smart reported on EHDC's public consultation on the Draft Local Plan, a document that includes 'proposals and policies for housing and employment sites, together with the necessary infrastructure to support growth.' The consultation runs from 22 January until 4 March. The nearest public meeting for Clanfield would be at Merchistoun Hall, Horndean on Tuesday 20 February between 3.30pm and 7.30pm.

District Councillors basic allowance had increased this year from £5,500 to £7,000 after no increase for several years. This had been recommended by an independent remuneration panel and places East Hants Councillors in the middle of the table of local councils.

Cllr Smart would be meeting the local PC, Sarah Smart, to discuss various issues affecting Clanfield. He was also working with staff at the Clanfield Centre to look at funding opportunities to enhance the services and facilities. Additionally, there are District Council grant opportunities that Cllr Smart plans to advertise via Facebook.

## **Hampshire County Councilor Report**

County Cllr Mocatta's report had been previously circulated to Members. He highlighted the current consultation on changes to a wide range of non-statutory services to address a £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025. This is a problem faced by councils nationally. Discretionary services would continue to be squeezed by statutory services that cater for the most vulnerable. Cllr Mocatta also circulated information on the role of the County Council when flooding occurs.

### **07/24 Parish Website**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Accessibility Statement and Privacy Policy for the new website.

### **08/24 Finance & General Purposes**

- a. Members received the Clerk's Finance Report.
- b. Members **RESOLVED** to approve the income and expenditure report as at 31 December 2023.
- c. Members **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation, bank statements and trial balance as at 31 December 2023.
- d. Members noted the list of payments made between 1 – 31 December 2023.
- e. Members **RESOLVED** approved a list of payments totaling £9,006.42 and Direct Debit payments totaling £370.17.

### **09/24 Planning – East Hants Local Plan Consultation**

A copy of the Clanfield section of the draft Local Plan detailing where 182 proposed homes could be located, had been previously circulated to Members. It was agreed that Cllr Paterson would attend the online briefing session on 17 January about the draft Local Plan about its policies, development sites and consultation process.

### **10/24 Reports from representatives on outside meetings**

It was agreed that Cllr Terry Collins would attend the Hampshire County Council Passenger Transport Forum on one of the dates available in January.

### **11/24 Date of the next meeting**

The next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Blue Room, Clanfield Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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