

SOUTH HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a council meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2022 in Ramsden Heath Village Hall.

Present: The Chairman and Councillors Marsello, Bonnett, Burgess, Huntington, Mitchell, Whitehead, Cerson, Walker, Vickers and Coveley. The Clerk kept the minutes.

1. Apologies for Absence – None.

2. Declaration of Interests – None.

3. Public Participation – There were no members of the public present.

4. Approval of Minutes dated the 6th and 20th October 2022 – Proposed as a true record by Cllr Huntington, Seconded Cllr Burgess.

5. Clerk and Councillors Report - 6th October 2022

- a) 9 – The Clerk reported that the request to place a plaque on the Bus Shelter in Church Road, Ramsden Heath has been withdrawn.
- b) 10 – The South Hanningfield Christmas tree lighting at the Tye has been changed to the 20th of December 2022.
- c) 11f – The Clerk reported that two applicants have expressed an interest in the parish councillor vacancy.

20th October 2022

- a) 5b – The Clerk reported that no CIL payment will be received for the De Beauvoir site because the existing floorspace, which was demolished, was greater than the floorspace of the six houses built. Cllr Whitehead will make some enquiries and report back at the next meeting.
- b) 5c – The Clerk confirmed the palisade fencing will be installed on the 21st of November 2022.
- c) 5f – The Luncheon Club have sent a letter of thanks for the £500 donation.

6. Planning –

- a) 22/01841/FUL – Avonlea, 104 Downham Road, Downham – First floor front extension and single storey front porch extension – No comment.
- b) 22/01848/FUL – Round Hills, Church Road, Ramsden Heath – Replacement pool house building – No comment.

c) 22/01503/FUL – Heath Farm, Heath Road, Ramsden Heath – Demolition of existing dwelling. Construction of a replacement dwelling with basement level – We are aware that there is an extant planning permission for this site and the Parish Council is concerned that if this application is granted there would be the opportunity to develop the site further. As such, our comments are made on the understanding that the earlier permission would be withdrawn if this application is approved. It is acceptable that the site should be developed but that it occupies a large area of land in an important part of Ramsden Heath, which is visible when approaching the village. A sympathetic development would be acceptable to the Parish Council and therefore, whilst the design is not typical of the area, we do not raise an objection, but would request that any permission includes an agreement not to further develop this important Green Belt site.

d) To discuss any other new planning applications received during the meeting notice period – None.

7. Ratification and Authority to Issue Online Payments and Cheques –

Proposed by Cllr Coveley, Seconded Cllr Mitchell. *PAYMENT MADE VIA SECTION 137

CHEQUES

105326	RBL Poppy Appeal*	Wreaths & Donation	£	125.00
105327	Cash	Petty Cash	£	118.24

ONLINE PAYMENTS

R Thomason	Salary	£	
A Moule	Maintenance	£	
M Holt	Maintenance	£	
M Holt	Re-imburse materials	£	42.72
J Moule	Salary	£	
HMRC	Tax & NI	£	
Essex Pension Fund	Pension	£	
B Stanton*	Luncheon Club donation	£	500.00
Sue Lees	Domain renewal fee	£	20.00
Hedgehogs R Us	Hedgehog highway bundle	£	157.50

8. Discuss and agree arrangements for the Christmas tree lighting – Cllrs

Mitchell and Cerson agreed to set up the PA System. The Clerk will purchase the refreshments and the tree will be delivered on either the 22nd or 24th November. Cllr Mitchell will purchase two new sets of lights and a Star and it was agreed to donate our old set of lights to RHVH.

9. Guest Speaker Suggestions for the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting – Cllr Huntington suggested Revd Jacque Pearson or Ramsden Academy and Cllr Cerson suggested the Lord Lieutenant of Essex. Cllr Whitehead will report back at our next meeting.

10. Matters for Information –

- a) Cllr Coveley asked why we did not include the Luncheon Club information in the recent Newsletter? Sadly, there was no room, but Cllr Bonnett suggested we include a snippet in with the Christmas Cheer Vouchers.
- b) Cllr Marsello asked the Clerk if she would contact CCC to see if the CCTV equipment is now in use in Hawkswood Road?
- c) Cllr Vickers reported that phonelines were once again down in South Hanningfield Rd.
- d) The Clerk asked members if they would complete the online survey regarding the 2023-24 budget for Essex County Council.
- e) The Clerk reported that “Coffee with Cops” will be held in RHVH on Tuesday 8th November 2022, 2-4pm.
- f) The Clerk reported that we were awarded 2 Silver Certificates for the best kept football pitch and the best grounds serving a population of 2500 or less and two gold certificates for the play areas in the Recreation Ground and South Hanningfield Tye.
- g) The Clerk thanked Cllr Huntington for compiling the Newsletter.
- h) The Clerk asked members if they would like to donate to the Charity Chess, based in Chelmsford, this being our personal £10 donation instead of sending Christmas cards?
- i) The Clerk asked whether the Parish Council wanted to organise an event to celebrate King Charles III Coronation?
- j) It was agreed to hold a finance meeting on Wednesday 30th November in the Parish Office commencing 7.30pm.
- k) Cllr Coveley reminded members that the foodbank in Billericay is short of donations. She reported that she had delivered to residents of Ramsden Heath and Stock. The Clerk suggested that any Christmas Cheer vouchers which were confirmed as giving to other causes, could be used at Hemmings to purchase food for the foodbank? It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting and for the Clerk to obtain confirmation from those residents not wanting their voucher, to agree the vouchers can be used for foodbank purposes.
- l) The Chairman will attend the Remembrance Day Service at St Margarets on Sunday 13th November 2022. Cllr Burgess will lay the wreath at the War Memorial in Ramsden Heath and Cllr Vickers will lay the wreath at St Peters.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.13pm.

Approved as a true record.

Signed.....Dated.....