

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL AT 7.30PM ON 3 JULY 2023

Present: Cllrs Burdett (Chairman), Flahive, Hankinson, Leeks, Lovegrove, Meiszner, Morrow, Slimin and Spence

In Attendance: Clerk, County Cllr Mellor, Borough Cllr Bound

1. APOLOGIES

Received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, Mullan and Witton.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest and dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES

25/24FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting 15 May 2023.

4. OPEN FORUM

There was no requirement for an open forum.

5. CO-OPTIONS

There were no nominations for the vacancies in Tadley East, North and South wards.

6. ACCOUNTS

26/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to receive and sign a statement of receipts and payments for the months of May and June 2023.

7. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS

The Chairman thanked Cllr Flahive for presenting Good Citizen Awards to four members of the Air Training Corp in June, Cllrs Flahive and Slimin for attending the Treacle Fair and Cllrs Leeks and Slimin for attending the opening of the new skatepark. She apologised to the Mayor David Leeks for her absence at several of his functions.

8. APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES

27/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to appoint representatives for the following:

Tadley and District Community Association	-	1 member – Chris Spence
The Point Champions	-	1 member

9. CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE & DIGNITY AT WORK POLICY

28/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to sign up to the pledge and to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy as attached.

10. REPLACEMENT PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE GREEN

29/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to agree expenditure of up to £5000 for replacement play equipment at The Green.

11. COMMITTEES

29/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to appoint Chris Spence as Vice Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

30/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to appoint Warwick Lovegrove as Vice Chairman of Recreation & Leisure Committee

31/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to receive and approve the report of the Highways and Planning Committees held on 25 May and 26 June 2023.

32/23FC It was

RESOLVED (9/0/0) to receive and approve the report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 12 June 2023.

12. REPORTS

Reports were received from the following:

- a. Hampshire County Council – Cllr Mellor – see Appendix
- b. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council – Cllr Bound, Morrow and Slimin - see Appendix

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed:

Dated: 4 September 2023

Appendix

County Councillor Mellor report:

Improving Recycling and Reuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres

From July residents are being asked to separate their waste ahead of a visit to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to reuse and recycle more, and to reduce the amount of material that goes to costly disposal methods such as landfill. By taking a few moments more to sort our waste material, we could save up to £200,000 of taxpayers' money every year. The HWRC teams will be on hand to answer any questions and offer advice. A wide range of waste can be recycled at the HWRCs. In addition, there are fantastic re-sale sections at all sites where reusable items can be left. It's a great place to hand in things you no longer need, or to pick up a bargain.

Most HWRCs in Hampshire will be able to recycle the following materials:

- Garden and green waste
- Metals
- Wood
- Cardboard
- Electrical equipment and appliances
- Batteries, printer cartridges, and light bulbs
- Furniture

- Clothing and textiles
- Paints, chemicals, engine oil and gas bottles

Check the County Council's website to find out what is accepted at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Residents need to book an appointment to visit a Household Waste Recycling Centre via the County Council's website.

The booking system at Basingstoke continues to provide a good short notice facility.

Government appoints Hampshire County Council to take lead role in local nature recovery

Of interest to the sustainability groups in Tadley and Baughurst and our Countryside Volunteers in the Division, Hampshire County Council has been appointed by the government to prepare a 'Local Nature Recovery Strategy' for Hampshire, including the areas of Portsmouth and Southampton. £388,000 will be provided to coordinate the development of the new strategy in collaboration with key partners.

The Strategy will bring together organisations and residents to restore precious habitats, protect wildlife and combat climate change.

Hampshire County Council is one of several local authorities across England designated as leads for the delivery of Local Nature Recovery Strategies and will work with Southampton and Portsmouth unitary authorities, the region's two national parks and all eleven district and borough councils across Hampshire.

Pan-Hampshire County Deal

Hampshire County Council has today welcomed the statement of intention from our government to progress a single County Deal for the area, designed to bring significant investment into Hampshire's economy and devolve other funding and powers currently held in Whitehall Departments. The deal recognises the importance of the whole region to potentially securing an additional £1.14bn of investment for our combined population of 2 million residents.

The Leaders of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth, Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight Council will be invited to participate in negotiations with Government to move a potential Pan-Hampshire Deal forward. The Govt decision has been made based on the prospectus prepared by HCC and consultation with the local BC/unitary management.

The Pan-Hampshire area covers Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area and the Isle of Wight Council.

Highways

The amendment to policy whereby we cut back on the major Operation Resilience resurfacing programmes has been very successful in ensuring the pothole crisis being averted. Suffice to say, some of the smaller area Ops Resilience programmes have been reinstated such as Heath End Road/Pinks Lane.

Locally, we are well aware that the haunches/ passing points on single tracks etc do need some attention, most of which are caused by heavy vehicles transiting when the surface is wet. Not a priority but as this is now causing some erosion on the width of the rural lanes in the Division, I have asked that the matter be given greater priority, notwithstanding the fact that many of these roads are unclassified.

Consultations

As per my previous note I do urge that TC/PC do respond to the current consultation as to how we should deploy any cuts in budget. So much of our £2.41BN budget is of a statutory nature especially in respect of Adult Social Care and Children's Services where our record of service continues to be held in esteem, that our options are limited. HCC has currently £800M in reserve, some earmarked for the future, yet based on current government spending patterns we will within 3 years be short of £132M if we were to

continue with our current strategies. Hence the need to consult; see above the piece about the 'County Deal' as this devolution activity will ensure additional funding to avoid any cuts. That , and of course the cessation of the global inflation.

Finally, TRANSPORT update

1 The LCWIP (Local Cycling Walking Implementation Plan) moves forward only hampered by funding expected from outside sources. HCC studying use of S106 monies for Active Space activity. We have boroughs in Hampshire over £500M in debt; equally we have Cities with a surplus of S1206/CIL in excess of £10M. The likes of the unitaries have also Transforming Cities Funds which can be accessed for access work such as bicycle lanes. All that is needed is cooperation.

2 Buses; Continued Home Working has continued to reduce peak time travel. Concessionary Travel is still only 75% of the pre Covid level. The £2 standard fare per sector which was experimented with since March has now moved to £2.50 through to November. With the aim of reducing car travel by a small percentage, this lack of growth is disappointing. However, under our Bus Plans throughout the County with the ZEBRA approach (Zero Emission Bus), HCC has now developed with First the initial Electrification Depot and a £13M Electrification scheme in Fareham/Gosport to be ready in mid 2024. Stagecoach, the local B & D operator/franchisee will be moving in a similar direction later in the decade. HMG has now agreed to a subsidy of £3.6M towards HCC work on BSIP. One negative- driver shortage continues but we appear on our Tadley routes to be achieving a good level of punctuality.

3 Electric Vehicle. The debate as to the level of commitment there must be between private and public operation of chargers continues. HG has now agreed to a grant for HCC of some £720k for planning and additional £6.62M for installation under Tranche 2. There are still only 22000 EV in Hampshire; by the end of the decade the plan was for some 30000. Currently we have 664 Public installations but of course the majority of recharging activity is home based.

Borough Councillor Bound report:

This is my first parish council meeting attendance for the town of Tadley. As you know I was elected in May for the ward of Tadley North, Kingsclere & Baughurst on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council joining Cllr's Morrow and Rhatigan in representing the area. Matters arising within wards don't tend to be political and I fully expect to be working with my fellow councillors in looking after the interests of residents.

I have been a Borough Councillor in the past but served the smaller ward of Tadley North & Baughurst. This new ward is much larger in area with more parishes. I will endeavour to attend your Town Council meeting as often as I can and even if I am not able to attend I will submit a report.

Since being elected I have attended several Borough arranged training sessions for councillors. As a councillor you serve on various committees and before you can do this, some committees require that you brush up on your knowledge (already serving councillors) or, for new councillors, be introduced to what you will be doing on that committee and how the committee operates. I am on DC (planning), Scrutiny, a reserve on Licensing and the on the Manydown Overview Committee. I am also a Borough representative on the AWE Local Liaison Committee. Since being elected I have attended DC and IT training. Soon I will be doing Heritage and GDPR training.

The make-up of the Council obviously changed as a result of the elections with the Conservatives losing control of the council; the council is now run by a joint administration formed from Basingstoke Independents, Labour and Liberal Democrat groupings. The largest single party remains the Conservative council group. The budget for the 2023/4 year

was agreed at Council back in February and as I understand it the new administration will be working within that budget even if some priorities might vary.

For my part, residents will be my priority and I have already had many interactions with people who have sought my assistance in just the few weeks since being elected. As councillors we can't affect great change or even help everybody who comes to us for assistance but throughout my term I will endeavour to assist where I can and listen to what residents and town and parish councils tell me are the important issues.

Borough Cllr Morrow report: Borough Cllr grants are available again. Basingstoke Festival has been taking place. The future of the Leisure Park is to be revisited. Pressure being kept on SERCO regarding Tadley Swimming Pool.

Borough Cllr Slimin report: Will be following up on Tadley Swimming Pool. Appointed as Chair of Community Environment & Partnerships Committee. Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council will be carrying out an audit of assets in the Parishes. Receiving a lot of feedback regarding the proposed Skates Lane development.