MINUTES OF THE ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON 11TH MAY 2022 AT THE LANDALE WILSON HALL, ENHAM ALAMEIN

Cllrs. Present: Cllr. Amanda Cox, Cllr. Mark Evans, Cllr. Leslie Francis (Chair), Cllr. Rowan Jameson, Cllr. Paula Lankshear, Cllr. Alan Matthews

In attendance:
Simon Williams – Enham Trust

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS NOT ON THE AGENDA
None recorded.

2. APOLOGIES
County Cllr. Kirsty North
Borough Cllr. Phil North
Nigel Sully – Enham Trust

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None recorded

4. TO RECEIVE THE RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The retiring Chair for the municipal year 2021/2022 gave the following report.

'It has been another different year with covid regulations changing, we have adapted and taken care of each other with continued support and commitment to improve where we live. Our resolve to go ahead with these improvements are now supported by the Enham Trust and a number of funding opportunities should see fruition in the coming year. The current times are not without their challenges but I am sure councillors will respond accordingly. I would like to thank each of them and our Parish Clerk, Kevin, for their efforts'.

5. TO READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY – 19 MAY 2021
Members unanimously RESOLVED the Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 19 May 2021 and the Chairman signed the Minutes as a true and correct record.

6. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCILLORS AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
The Chairman advised members of the following report received from Borough Cllr. Phil North.

'I'm sorry not to be able to be with you this evening but please see below a short report from me on some of the main issues I have been dealing with as your Test Valley representative and leader of the Borough Council over the last 12-months.

If I think back to May last year, our focus was on helping the NHS with the Covid vaccination rollout. I remain proud that we were able to make The Lights Theatre and latterly a unit in the Chantry Centre available to help deliver this life saving treatment.

More recently, we have been helping support Ukrainian and before that Afghan refugees to make their homes in the borough. Although, as the upper tier authority, Hampshire County Council are taking the lead on the Homes for Ukraine scheme, the borough council have been responding to a number of housing and support requests.

As well as dealing with the fallout from global events, my priorities remain three-fold:

First, to continue to regenerate Andover Town Centre. We now have adopted a masterplan, delivered the first-phase in the form of the new Riverside Park – and are busy finalising feasibility and viability studies to determine next steps. In the meantime, we have just recruited a cultural curator to facilitate many more town centre events and we are also preparing a robust Levelling Up Fund bid to government.

Second, to give more residents more opportunities to recycle. Thankfully, the new Environment Act has provided the catalyst for this. Requiring the County Council to upgrade its waste disposal infrastructure. We will shortly be announcing details of how we intend to enable residents to recycle glass, thin plastics (pots, tubs and trays) and Tetra Pak-style cartons in the same household recycling bin. As well as providing a weekly food waste service.

Third, to continue to implement our Climate Emergency Action Plan. This year we have planted over 19k trees and are tripling wildflower meadows from 8 to 24 hectares.

Sticking with the environmental theme, we have also underlined our zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping by continuing with our policy to prosecute. This has resulted in some heavy fines and even prison time for the worst offenders - including with evidence obtained from our covert cameras.

Finally, we're currently cracking on with paying the £150 council tax rebates to all households in Council Tax Bands A – D, which forms part of the government's package of support to deal with inflationary pressures.

In terms of Enham itself, as well as assisting a number of residents with individual cases, I was pleased to sign off various grants to Enham Trust including a CAF grant for the refurbishment of the charity shop'.

The Parish Clerk advised members of the written report received from County Cllr. Kirsty North provided her verbal report as follows:

'The municipal year started with Covid-19 vaccinations rolling out and disruption to education and workplaces still rife. Whilst restrictions have lifted, post-covid challenges are emerging for local government and public services, particularly around wellbeing and care creating clear budgetary pressures. My thanks to Parish

Councillors for their patience whilst following up on issues locally, I will continue to press for improvements and repairs to be undertaken.

Recipients of my Devolved Budget for 2021/22 were as follows:
Head2Head Sensory Theatre – A Multi-sensory Pantomime for Icknield School pupils
Vernham Dean Parish Council – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Smannell Parish Council – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and 20 is Plenty signage
Tangley Parish Council – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Enham Alamein Parish Council – Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Enham Trust – Charity shop refurbishment
Spotlight UK – Mental Health Care Packages for Vigo Primary School pupils

Over the course of the year I have:

- Visited Icknield School and supported a £2.5m renovation of the school site
- Reported and chased up pothole repairs
- Underseen repairs to a traditional fingerpost sign at Pill Heath
- Arranged site visits for HCC Highways Operatives including a visit to Cricketers Way, Andover
- Raised childrens and adults social care queries on behalf of residents
- Liaised with HCC Highways and Vernham Dean Parish Council regarding flood mitigation works at Conholt Hill
- Ensured grit bins were replenished throughout the Division
- Followed up on progress with the Augusta Park to Smannell safe walking route
- Attended Hatherden School's public meeting and held meetings with officers to discuss the Regional School Commissioner's failure to find an academy sponsor to take on the school
- Reported gritting movements for residents
- Attended the Hampshire Education Awards and saw Andover College's chemistry lecturer win the Teaching and Learning Award
- Attended the launch of the Town Mills Pocket Park as a serving member of the Panel which delivered the scheme
- Joined the Andover Regeneration Board as a Hampshire representative
- Reported footpath signs for repair
- Spoke to Andover Guides about my role in local government

HCC's Budget:
The County Council's budget for 2021-22 includes £2.4billion of spending focussing on supporting vulnerable children and adults through social care, investment into Hampshire's road network, infrastructure and schools, countryside services, libraries, environment and climate change mitigation. The annual council tax charge for Band D will be £1390.86'.

7. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES
None received.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members unanimously RESOLVED that future parish council meetings should continue to be held on a monthly basis, with the exception of August and will therefore remain unchanged.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None recorded

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman closed this meeting at 18.47 hours.