
Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council

Chairman of the Council: Councillor Mrs Sheenagh Unwin

MINUTES of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on **Monday 22nd July 2024** at **Hollinswood Neighbourhood Centre** at **7.00pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors S Unwin (Chairman)
H Unwin
J Creed
S Vaughan-Hodkinson
C Prescott
R Tyrrell
P Farrar
S Snell
D Watkins
P Cranfield

In Attendance: K Baker (Clerk)
S Fisher

F24/096 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this extra-ordinary meeting.

F24/097 APOLOGIES & APPROVAL

Councillor Turley Health
Councillor Johnson Work

It was proposed by Councillor H Unwin, seconded by Councillor Creed, all were in favour and thus it was

RESOLVED that the apologies as listed be accepted.

F24/098 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR DISPENSATIONS, regarding matters on the Agenda

Councillor	Interests
Cranfield	FoTTP, FoHRV
Creed	FoTTP, SBPC, FoHRV
Farrar	Randlay Allotments, Wizards, TW Climate Change Communities Forum and associated Groups
Johnson	HPS, Wizards, FoHRV, HR Committee
Prescott	TWC, RPS, FoHRV, St Leonard's Malinslee
Snell	RTITB
Tyrrell	FoHRV
Unwin H	FoHRV, Randlay Primary School
Unwin S	FoHRV, Randlay Primary School, TWC

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Vaughan-Hodkinson	FoHRV, SBPC, TW Climate Change Communities Forum and associated groups, Funzone
Watkins	TWC Adult Social Care

Members declared their interests in the Community Governance Review as residents and where applicable, as councillors and employees of neighbouring parish councils.

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FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

TWC Community Governance Review – Proposals

This meeting had been called following receipt of the recommendations that were to be considered at the TW Boundary Committee Review on Friday 19th July.

Members were shocked at the extent of the proposals and disappointed that there had been no consultation with the Parish Council since the consultation response was submitted in October of 2023. The officer's report, attached to the Agenda for the BCR meeting, had not included the Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council responses – along with some from other parishes too.

In addition to this significant omission, the proposals included to create a new Nedge Parish Council which would include Hollinswood & Randlay as well as Stirchley. This would form an extremely large parish with only 8 Councillors and Members agreed that this would not be the best possible outcome for the residents. This would also have a significant effect on staff, budgets and the precept.

It was a concern that one of the reasons mentioned by the Committee for the review was 'to make elections easier'.

However, there had been much communication with Democratic Services and the issue was taken up by Wrekin Area Committee (of SALC) which had written to Anthea Lowe, representing all local councils in TW, objecting to the proposed timetable for consultation which was to end in Mid August. It mentioned that the process was contrary to the Parish Agreement.

At the meeting at Southwater One, TWC resolved to recommend 'No Changes for the time being' to the boundaries and to extend the consultation until 4th September, to enable PTCs to respond. Hollinswood & Randlay Parish was represented at the BRC meeting by three members and two officers who had attended as observers. The chairman of the Committee is a Nedge Ward Member.

It was proposed by Councillor Snell, seconded by Councillor Prescott, all were in favour and thus it was

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RESOLVED that Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council would respond to the consultation in support of the Committee's recommendation that there be no changes to the boundaries of Parish & Town Councils in TW for the time being.

Within the response, it was agreed to remind Democratic Services that our submissions were omitted from their report.

It would also include that the next review must be an open and transparent process, in accordance with the Parish Agreement and to request that recommendations are in the best interests of the communities (rather than the councils). Finally, the timetable should be considered to ensure that there can be a full and effective consultation process for all concerned.

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PARISH MATTERS.

The following matters will be actioned or reported as necessary

The Chairman thanked the members who had attended the Meet Your Councillor events on Saturday. The following matters were recorded:

- Overgrown path – Doddington to Dale Acre Way
- Request to reposition the bench from outside RPS
- Litter picking and bin emptying at Randlay Local Centre
- Damaged light at Panache
- Police presence
- Someone sleeping at the Wound Centre
- ASB at Downton Court
- Randlay Avenue street lights – overgrown trees
- Light not visible to the rear of 10 Dunstone
- Fly-tipping at Storchley Allotments
- ASB – footpath adjacent to TIC

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MEETING SCHEDULE

2 nd September 2024	YPP	7pm	Council Chamber
	Asset & Property	7.30pm	
16 th September 2024	Full Council	7.30pm	HNC

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm, thanking members for their important contributions to a successful meeting.

SignedDate.....

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