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Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th November 2011 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr P Smail – Chair	Cllr Mr M Williams
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chair	Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mrs S Sorby	County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Cllr Mr J Beach	No Members of the Public present
Cllr Mr R Selbie	
Apologies : Cllr Mrs C Read	Borough Councillor Mr K Watts
PC Paula Deery	County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Mr G Finlayson	

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: Cllr Mr J Beach declared an interest in the narrowing of the river at Tufton.

TUFTON: Cllr Mr J Beach reported that the telephone box in Tufton is looking tatty and could do with a face lift. The Chairman stated that the telephone box belongs to the Parish Council as it was purchased in 2010 for £1 from BT. The Clerk reported that several of his other parishes have refurbished their telephone boxes, painting them inside and out, installing a notice board and shelves at a cost of £260. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and asked the clerk to organise this. The phone box's use will be discussed when it has been refurbished.

Cllr Mr Beech spoke about the narrowing of the river at Tufton. The Parish Council held a site meeting with all parties concerned and things have progressed. The issue of the ownership of the riverbank has moved on and there are moves to transfer land to residents. Cllr Mr Beech will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: WELCOME LETTER - Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the updated welcome letter had, in fact, been delivered to about 20 residents and not one as reported in the September minutes.

HIGHWAY ISSUES - The Clerk has reported the poor condition of the road signs to Highways. The Clerk had contacted Hampshire Highways the day before this meeting to ask when the repairs to the bridge would begin, after the recent fatal accident. He was told that work was due to commence on the 30th November and the contractors did start work today.

The Clerk reported that Highways also told him that there is to be a review of the signage on the B3400 through Hurstbourne Priors as a result of the recent fatality. The Parish Council hoped that they would be consulted before any changes/additions were made. The Clerk suggested that Highways are asked to meet the Parish Council on site to discuss the various issues with the B3400 through the village. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and asked the Clerk to organise a site meeting with Highways.

The Chairman read out a letter the Parish Council had received from Mr Philip Chalk regarding the serious accident at the Beehive Bridge. Mr P Chalk raised concerns about the speed vehicles travel along the B3400 and the positioning of the Speed Limit Signs.

The 40mph signs are regularly ignored by cars descending the hill from Andover, while those

coming from Whitchurch only to meet the sign immediately before the bridge.

There should be 40mph signs much further back and 30mph signs placed well before the cross roads for those coming from Andover and, in the like manner, the 40mph sign coming from Whitchurch should be well before the dangerous Tufton turn and 30mph well before the bridge.'

Mr P Chalk asked the Parish Council to make the strongest case to Hampshire County Council to rectify the present state of affairs.

The Parish Council noted Mr Chalk's comments and will raise them at the site meeting with Highways. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr P Chalk to inform him of the Parish Council's intentions to have a site meeting with Highways.

DAIRY COTTAGE - Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that work is in progress to tidy up Dairy Cottage and it's looking better.

BONFIRE - The Parish Council discussed the bonfire party and thought it was a great success, despite a reduction in numbers attending. The Clerk gave a financial report for the Bonfire event; a donation of £100 was received from a parishioner and the event made a profit of £178.24. The £178.24 will be equally split between the Village Hall, Church and the Recreation Ground.

It was noted that a recent report in Hill and Valley gave the wrong information regarding the split of the Bonfire proceeds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHEQUES TO BE ISSUED IN NOVEMBER 2011:

Helen Ford Pavilion Cleaning £135.00
Penton Grafton PC Cups – Firework Party £17.20
Hill and Valley PC Share £48.75
EON Pavilion Electricity £30.62
Drain and Sewer Services Cess Pool Empty £88.80
St John Ambulance Firework Attendance £50.40
TVBC Ground Maintenance £636.84
Standing Order

R.N. Waterman Wages October £139.00
Wages November £139.00

Bank Balance after cheques below have been issued: £2,492.49

VAT Refund applied for: £578.48

2012/2013 PRECEPT: The Clerk produced a financial report showing the estimated results for the year 2011/12 and the budget for the year 2012/13. Each item was explained. Points to note included an increase in the recreation ground hiring fees to £2,029. Expenditure on the pavilion was £4,325 this included the repairs to the thatch and fire prevention equipment.

The Parish Council discussed the Precept and agreed that there would be no increase for the year 2012/13. The Precept was set at £7,000.

PLANNING: BDB/75464 - Variation of condition 10 of BDB/74585 to "The Garden House hereby permitted shall be occupied solely for purpose incidental to the occupation and employment of the Main House and shall not be sold off, sub-let or used as a separate unit of accommodation."
- 1 and 2, Garden Cottages, Access to Hurstbourne Park, Whitchurch, Hants. The Parish Council

had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/75487 - Erection of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and dormer window to side elevation to create additional living accommodation - The Wooden House, Picket Piece, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

DBD/75200 - Replacement of weir, river narrowing, island renovation and low weir removal and narrowing - River Test at Tufton Grid Ref 445571 146883, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton.

Following a site meeting with the Applicants and Residents of Tufton the Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS subject to the following conditions. That the distance by which the river is to be narrowed is more defined. The Parish Council is concerned that the proposal "that the final finish and narrowing may alter by up to 0.6m" is too vague.

The Parish Council notes the concerns of the local residents that 3.4m is too wide, particularly given the undefined nature of the opposite bank as depicted in the submitted plans.

CLLR MR K WATTS REPORT: The Chairman read out the following report.

RIVER TEST AT TUFTON - I joined a number of the Parish Councillors at a site meeting with residents and representatives of the fishing syndicate to discuss the planning application for narrowing of the river. This places on record that, when I asked the applicants' representative if the reclaimed bank would be passed to the neighbouring landowners, the answer was "yes".

I am very concerned about the effect of the proposed works on the wildlife and on the place as a beauty spot. The Case Officer has agreed to let me see official consultation responses from the Environment Agency and the H&IoW Wildlife Trust when she receives them.

I was surprised to hear that the applicants were anxious to complete works in this financial year because a grant depends on it. I had not realised that fishing syndicates were part of the dependency culture.

ROAD SALT BIN, TUFTON - The request salt bin should have been installed at Tufton by now.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that there is a petition being undertaken in Overton to get the Olympic Torch route changed to go through the villages rather than the A303.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby asked if there were any plans in the village to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The Parish Council was not currently aware of any planned event but was sure that Hurstbourne priors would put on some event. The Clerk was asked to put this item on the January Meeting agenda.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that a new equestrian business has taken over the Equestrian Centre. The Parish Council thought this excellent news.

Cllr Mr R Selbie-reported that Jo Hurst Vehicles are beginning to use the village roads on a regular basis, coming through the village both full and empty. The Clerk was asked to write to Jo Hurst on this matter.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that he has taken over the Recreation Ground Bookings from Mr J Perkins and he is looking to offer an online booking service.

Hill and Valley is in good financial health and asked the Parish Councils if they would continue their financial support at current levels for the next year. The Parish Council agreed and suggested that if Hill and Valley were financially secure a few colour editions would be welcome!

BT is to hold a meeting in Whitchurch to discuss Faster Broadband. Cllr Mr M Williams will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that Sustrans is planning a cycle route from Whitchurch to St Mary Bourne. Cllr Mr M Williams explained the proposed route; the Parish Council had concerns about its suitability as there have been several accidents along the stretch of road they plan to use.

Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the hedge along Longparish Road has not yet been cut. The Chairman will chase this matter.

Cllr Mrs S Sorby suggested that the dates of the Parish Council meetings are advertised in Hill and Valley. The Parish Council thought this a good idea; the Clerk will get the dates to the editor.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Mr R Selbie reported that a memorial bench for the late Mr Ken Jones is to be placed under the tree to the right of the Lytch Gate in the spring. Due to the mild weather we are still cutting the recreation ground grass.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: The Village Hall is looking at ways to increase its income.

FOOTPATH REPORT: As far as the Chairman knew all the Village Footpaths are open and walkable.

DATES FOR THE 2012 MEETINGS: 25th January; 28th March; 30th May; 25th July; 26th September; 28th November

CLOSE OF THE MEETING: The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.
