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Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2012 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present : Cllr Mr P Smail - Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs C Read
Cllr Mrs S Sorby
Cllr Mr J Beech
Cllr Mr M Williams
Borough Councillor Mr K Watts
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Members of the Public - Mr G Finlayson and Mr Mike Stead

Apologies : County Councillor Mr T Thacker and PC Paula Deery.

WELCOME. Cllr Mr P Smail welcomed everyone to the meeting.

BONFIRE: Cllr Mrs C Read gave her apologies but due to another commitment could not stay for long but wished to report on the Bonfire. The 2012 Bonfire was a great success, additional work and purchasing from Cash and Carry we were able to control the expenditure and made a total of £1,136.43.

At the moment it is not known if the site will be available next year and the Firework Team have been doing it for some time now and are considering standing down. Do we train a fresh team? The Parish Council discussed the way forward and decided to keep the Bonfire on the agenda and we will review it through the year.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has received complaints from a few residents about the lights on the Bio Digester at Faulkners Down Farmhouse. The provision of lights was not in the planning application and the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer.

Cllr Mrs Read gave her apologies and left the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Tufton: Mr Mike Stead stated that he is a resident of Whitchurch and with his family often cycles through Tufton on the way to Longparish, the worst part of the trip is negotiating the dangerous junction with the A34. Cars and lorries come off the junction at speed at this stretch of road is still in the 70MPH speed limit. 2 cars have been written off on the corner of the slip road over the last two years. Locals and other road users are very concerned about this junction. The following incidents have been reported :-

Vehicles that are not only on the wrong side of the road coming down the off ramp, but those cars that are obviously very confused with the intersections layout, despite signs, and end up driving up driving up the on ramp trying to go North bound on the A34.

Lorries turning to back or reverse back after they see the no entry sign and the road size and restrictions on Nuns Walk, not to mention cars stopped at the Nuns Walk/Tufton turn facing the oncoming traffic with maps out, lost.

The stories of near misses are numerous. The situation is at best most unsatisfactory and at worst, a pure danger to all road users. It has been suggested that the cycle path is upgraded

from the present gravel path to encourage cyclists to use it and better signage at and on the junction.

Mr Stead stated that a Public Meeting is to be held in the Jill Nethercott Centre on the 19th December at 7.30pm to discuss this junction and residents concerns. County Councillor Mr T Thacker has given his support and will be attending the meeting. However Hampshire Highways have been asked to attend and have declined.

The Parish Council agreed with what Mr Mike Stead reported and agreed to give their support. The Chairman stated that if we all worked together we should be able to get something done. The Chairman urged Borough Councillor Mr K Watts to get involved. The Parish Council will contact Mr Steve Goodall at Highways to ask for advise.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that there was an accident at the first humpback bridge in Tufton lane the previous Saturday Night, the bridge will need repairing.

Cllr Mr M Williams spoke about the proposed 20MPH through out Whitchurch and felt that there should be no impact on Tufton with additional vehicles using the route as a rat run.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr G Finlayson reported that he has made progress finding the family of the plaque presented to a Hurstbourne Priors resident after the Great War. The plaque was presented by Lady Portsmouth to one of the coachman. Mr g Finlayson has managed to track down a Granddaughter of the person who received the plaque.

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

Matters arising from those Minutes :-

WIND FARM - Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that unfortunately she was stuck on a South West Train the night of the presentation and did not attend. Cllr Mr M Williams reported that he had a copy of the minutes from the meeting and would email them round to the Parish Councillors.

ROAD SIGNS - It was noted that the speed limit signs have not yet been moved on the St Mary Bourne Road, this was discussed in the summer with Mr Goodall and the new position agreed. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Goodall for an up-date.

MR ROBERT SELBIE MEMORIAL BENCH - It was reported that Mr Robert Selbie's family have expressed a wish to erect a memorial bench in the Church Yard. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that they will have a memorial plaque made to be displayed in the Pavilion. Cllr Mrs S Sorby suggested that a tree is also planted to commemorate Mr Robert Selbie, this could be planted half way between the Pavilion and the tree in the corner. This was discussed and it was agreed to look at the site and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

OAK TREE - The Clerk reported that the Jubilee Oak Tree form Hampshire County Council should be delivered soon.

GRASS VERGE - The Clerk reported that he is still waiting for a quote to be sent for the levelling and piping of the grass verge leading to the bridge on the B3400. Mr B Pearce will erect the post and rail fence adjacent to the bridge in the new year. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Murray thanking him for cutting his hedge and was asked to put the verge on the agenda for the January meeting.

AFTER NOTE : Mr B Pearce has now erected the post and rail and fence and repaired the Scoring hut roof.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN - The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mrs C Read had attended

the Vitacress Community meeting and mentioned the Flashing Speed Reminder sign. It was indicated that the Vitacress would be willing to help fund the purchase.

The Clerk was asked to provide definite prices for Flashing Speed Signs for the January meeting.

PLANNING: There were no new Planning Applications.

CLLR MR K WATTS REPORT: Cllr Mr K Watts reported that he has met the new Police Inspector in charge of the Rural Areas, Steve Wallace. He intends to implement PACT (Partners and Community Together). The good news is that the Whitchurch Beat will not be losing two of their officers.

Cllr Mr K Watts reported that the Borough Core Strategy was thrown out by the inspector and Basingstoke and Deane now have to start again. Cllr Mr K Watts felt confident that there would still not be any development in Hurstbourne Priors.

Cllr Mr M Williams and Cllr Mr K Watts spoke at length about the Industrial Site in Whitchurch.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: CLLR MRS C READ - Asked for it to be noted that a mobile home has appeared in the field at Faulkners Cross and the footpath is being used for access. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Planning Enforcement Officer and Peter Watson at Hampshire Rights of Way.

Cllr Mrs C Read has received further complaints about the marquee poles in the Recreation Ground, concerns for children's safety have been raised. Cllr Mr M Williams stated that he is still in the process of painting the poles, but will move them to behind the pavilion.

CLLR MR J BEECH - Reported that he has received a complaint from the Ramblers Association about footpath ? in Tufton, the path is overgrown and needs cutting.

It has been noted that the stile needs replacing.

CLLR MR P SMAIL - Spoke about the Vitacress Community Meeting that he had attended with Cllr Mrs C Read. These meetings are valuable as Vitacress share information with the neighbouring parishes. Vitacress are no further forward with their planning application and have reduced their staffing levels at the plant. Vitacress have not yet been able to sell Cressington.

At the meeting the Bourne Rivulet Group was represented and it was noted that Hurstbourne Priors was not represented on the group. The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mrs C Read will be making sure that one of them attend future meetings of the Bourne Rivulet Group. It looks likely that Vitacress will be taken to court over the diesel spill by the Environment Agency. One positive thing to come out of the unfortunate incident is that Vitacress are in talks to put anchor points along a stretch of the river to assist with the tying of booms in case of an emergency. Not having anchor points delayed the positioning of booms and hence delays in containing the diesel.

CLLR MR M WILLIAMS - Reported that there are grants of up to £100 available for the needy. Cllr Mr Williams was interested in finding out more about the Lengths Man Scheme as reported in recent correspondence from Cllr Mr T Thacker.

CLLR MRS S SORBY - Reported that there is still a lot of mud on the road coming from Apsley Land Fill site, this was discussed. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that this was contrary to conditions 8 and 9 of the Planning Application. The Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer and copy in County Councillor Mr T Thacker.

FOOTPATHS REPORT: As far as the Parish Council knew the Parish Footpaths are all clear

and walkable. The overgrown footpath at Tufton will be investigated.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Mr M Williams reported that the Recreation Ground Committee have not yet met, a meeting will be organised for early in the New Year. The Cricket Team have purchased a screen and Vitacress will pay for another one, a cover for the square is also planned.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the new Village Hall chairs are due for delivery the following week.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Cheques and Payments issued in October and November 2012

Pains Fireworks Fireworks £924.00
Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby Bonfire Event £222.54
Ray Chant Auto rake Hire £150.00
Glowsticks Ltd Glowsticks £99.01
Morley Ltd New Chairs £2160.00
Eon Pavilion Electricity £24.62
St Andrews Church Bonfire Grant £378.81
HBP Village Hall Bonfire Grant £378.81
Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby Bonfire Event £39.63
R.N. Waterman Bonfire Event £110.70
Aviva (standing order) PC Insurance Oct & Nov £268.06
R.N. Waterman Wages Oct & Nov £278.00

INCOME

Recreation Ground Hire £300.00
Bonfire Takings £2,379.70
Village Hall Grant £1,800.00
VAT Refund £1,020.51 (Claimed but not yet received 28/11/12)
BANK BALANCE
After above has been processed = £5,251.36.

2013/2014 PRECEPT: Under the new Code of Conduct the Parish Councillors signed a 'Request for a Dispensation' so they could discuss the Precept.

The Parish Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the Estimated results for the Year ending 2012/2013 and the budget for the Year 2013/2014. Each item was discussed. The Parish Council agreed to increase the Clerks wages from £1668 to £1800, £1000 was put into the budget for a Flashing Speed Reminder Sign. There will be no increase in the precept for the next financial year.

The Parish Council set the 2013/2014 Precept at £7,000.

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

DATES OF THE 2013 MEETINGS: 23rd January, 13th March, 29th May - AGM, 31st July, 25th September, 27th November.
