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Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2011 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present :Cllr Mr P Smail – Chair	Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chair	Borough Councillor Mr K Watts
Cllr Mrs C Read	County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Cllr Mr J Beach	Members of the Public - Mr J Huxford
Cllr Mr M Williams	and Mr S Thomas
Apologies : Cllr Mrs S Sorby	Borough Councillor Mr E Dunlop
Cllr Mr R Selbie	County Councillor Mr T Thacker
PC Paula Deery	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.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no issues raised by the members of the Public.

BONFIRE: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she had met with Mr. Sid Thomas to look at the new bonfire site and to discuss how the event will be run. The public will enter through Hurstbourne Priors House gates and, as in the past, food and drinks will be available on the drive.

The public will be directed straight up the garden to the newly installed gate in the hedgerow through to the Bonfire and display area. The viewing area will be fenced off and there will be no access for the public on to the B3400. Cllr Mrs Read reported that she has spoken to the Bonfire Helpers and they are all on board. The Pub will be asked to do the sausages and onions again for collection at 5.30pm. The gate will open at 6pm on the 5th November. The Clerk will get the float and Mr J Perkins has offered to count the money.

A Risk Assessment meeting for the new event area has been arranged for the 8th October.

Additional lighting on the route to the display area was discussed and could be provided by using a generator. The Clerk will book St John's Ambulance. The Parish Council discussed several issues to do with setting up the event. It was confirmed that any proceeds will be split three ways between the Village Hall, Church and the Recreation Ground.

TUFTON: Cllr Mr J Beach spoke about the narrowing of the river. The Environment Agency want to reduce the width of the river at Tufton between 3 and 8 metres; this will increase the flow and help to combat the problem with weeds. Cllr Mr J Beach stated that the residents have had a meeting and feel that narrowing to a maximum of 3 metres would be acceptable. There are further issues with ownership of the river bank that will need to be sorted out. The narrowing of the river will need planning permission. Cllr Mr J Beech will keep the Parish Council informed of any progress.

The Chairman reported that he has spoken to Mr J Threntham from the Fishing Syndicate. A planning application has been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane and he has offered to meet on site with the Parish Council. The Parish Council will wait to receive the plans.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were corrected to read - Cllr Mrs C Read will join Cllr Mr P Smail on the Vitacress Community Forum. The Chairman then signed the

minutes as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: PAVILION FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT - The Clerk reported that this has been completed and the Pavilion now has Fire Extinguishers, signs and smoke detectors.

WELCOME LETTER - The updated welcome letter has been completed and a copy delivered to a new resident. The Parish Council wished to thank Cllr Mrs S Sorby for doing a good job.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS TO WHITCHURCH FOOTPATH - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the Testbourne Estate has cut back all the hedges and undergrowth and the footpath is clear and walkable.

HIGHWAY ISSUES - The Clerk was asked to contact highways again regarding the graffiti on the road signs and Deer sign facing the wrong way.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

INCOME Second half of precept = £3,500

CHEQUES TO BE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2011

Lloyds TSB Commercial Fire Equipment Pavilion £188.82

Ray Chant Auto Rake Hire £144.00

Hill and Valley PC Share £48.75

Drain and Sewer Services Cess Pool Empty £88.80

EON Pavilion Electricity £21.57

Paul Knipe Hedge Cutting £240.00

Dave Haggart Mole Control £80.00

Audit Commission Audit Fee £162.00

Mr B Pearce Paint Bus Shelter and Scoring Hut £121.00

Phoenix Amenity Supplies Ltd Materials Cricket Square £549.80

Bank Balance after cheques below have been issued: £3,778.10

The Clerk reported that District Audit has issued the Audit Certificate for the year 2010/2011. Neither the District Auditor nor the Internal Auditor raised any issues.

PLANNING: There were no new Planning Applications to discuss. At a recent Planning Meeting the Parish Council discussed the following applications :-

BDB/74862 - Construction of a tennis court - Chapmansford Farm House, Harroway. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/74870 - Creation of access drive to dwelling and adjacent paddock (retrospective) Priors

Barn, New Barn Farm, Harroway. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/74799 - Erection of car port/workshop and machine store with home office above Hurstbourne Priors House, 37 Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council OBJECTED to this Planning Application. Representations from neighbours had raised concerns over the height and bulk of the building, the position would create overshadowing of neighbouring gardens. However the Parish Council approved of the design and materials and felt the building was in keeping with the village.

The Parish Council used to be notified of the outcome of planning applications with a different colour hard copy that was attached to the planning application and filed for future reference. Cllr Mr K Watts stated that he will check with the Planning Department to make sure they have the Clerk's correct email address as everything is now sent electronically.

CLLR MR K WATTS REPORT: Cllr Mr K Watts reported that he had attended a site meeting at the Old School House, prior to the planning decision to grant permission for the new garage building at Hurstbourne Priors House. Cllr Mr Watts stated that he had no news to report on the Vitacress court case, the planning committee feels that it has done a thorough review on the matter.

Cllr Mr Watts reported that he had attended a 10 hour meeting to discuss the Development Framework and possible sites, these sites have to be agreed by the end of 201. Whitchurch will be allocated development. There will be no development in the Hurstbourne Priors Parish.

Cllr Mr Watts spoke about the recent announcement of the reduction in the Bus Service. Cllr Mr T Thacker has sent the updated information below:-“We have spoken with the bus company and can confirm that the existing evening journeys on this service will be retained.

8.40pm Andover, Winchester, Basingstoke - Friday/Saturday

10.05pm Andover, Winchester, Basingstoke - Monday - Saturday

9.15pm Basingstoke, Winchester, Andover - Friday/Saturday

11.05pm Basingstoke, Winchester, Andover - Monday - Saturday

In common with all services, following the recent Bus Subsidy Review, these journeys will be reviewed over the next six months to ensure that they are meeting needs and providing value for money.”

Cllr Mr Watts reported that work on the railway bridges has been put on hold as an endangered species of Dormouse had been found on one of the sites. The Parish Council was mainly concerned about the timing of work on the Newbury Lane bridge and diverted traffic route. Cllr Mr Watts will forward on any information as soon as he receives it.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that, between now and Christmas, the village has the Harvest Lunch and the Bonfire and Fireworks. It has therefore been decided to postpone the Quiz Night until February 2012.

Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby spoke about the Village Signs; it has been suggested that these could be improved to make the entrance to the village more attractive. The Parish Council thought this a good idea.

Cllr Mr Smail stated that, some time ago, it was suggested that the ditches be piped so they could be mown to improve the entrance to the village on the B3400 but highways would not agree to this. Making the entrance to the village more appealing was briefly discussed; the Clerk suggested that Highways be asked to attend a site meeting so the various issues can be discussed. The Chairman asked the Clerk to organise a site meeting.

Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby reported that residents in the vicinity of Dairy Cottage are concerned about the state of the property. The hedge needs cutting and it appears to be falling into a state of disrepair which could be dangerous. The Chairman suggested that residents write to the

Testway Estate Land Agent and copy the letter to Mr Tacchi.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that both of the 30MPH signs on the St Mary Bourne road are obscured by the overgrown hedgerow. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllr Mr M Williams spoke about the new cycle route past St Mary Bourne; new cycle signs have been erected along the route. Test Valley Borough Council are holding a meeting in Longparish on the 2nd October to discuss possible cycle routes. Sustrans (the cycle network group) will be present to answer questions. The Parish Council thought it would be a good idea to have a cycle route linking St Mary Bourne with Longparish and beyond to Wherwell.

Cllr Mr Williams reported that the Bourne Valley Social Enterprise Scheme is holding a village meeting on the 12th October in the Village Hall. Cllr Mr Williams will be attending.

Cllr Mr Williams reported that the Harvest Supper tickets are now in sale.

FOOTPATHS REPORT: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that, as far as she knew, all the footpath are walkable.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT: The Clerk reported that Mr James Hiller had organised the materials to put the Cricket Square to bed, £65 cheaper than through the usual supplier. Cllr Mr M Williams has agreed to take over the bookings for the Recreation Ground from Mr John Perkins.

REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL: Cllr Mr J Beach had nothing to report.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 30th November 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
