

## PCM September 2012

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### **Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in 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 Mr M Williams  
Cllr Mr J Beech  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Mr K Watts  
Members of the Public - Mr G Finlayson and Mr T Coleman

**Apologies :** Cllr Mrs S Sorby, County Councillor Mr T Thacker and PC Paula Deery.

**WELCOME:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**MINUTES SILENCE:** The Parish Council held a minutes silence in remembrance of Cllr Mrs Robert Selbie who recently passed away.

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Mr Tom Coleman introduced himself and that he is a farmer from Norton. A group of landowners, farmers and interested parties have set up a group called 'Keep Hampshire Green, say No to Wind Turbines'. At the moment there are 10 members including Mrs H Butler from Clock Barn.

Information and contact for the Group can be found on [www.KeepHampshireGreen.org](http://www.KeepHampshireGreen.org)

The proposal for the Wind Farm at Bullington is of great concern, the site is not suitable for such a large scale operation. The group are not against alternative energy, many farms in the area already use Solar power. Mr Coleman spoke about the aims of the group and that they have secured the services of a Planning Expert and a top Barrister.

Mr Coleman reminded the Parish Council that EDF Energy are holding an exhibition on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Sutton Scotney followed by a question and answer session.

Cllr Mr K Watts stated that Whitchurch Town Council will not make comment until the Planning Application has been submitted.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby asked that the group do not dismiss the help and support Parish Council's can provide and asked Mr Coleman if the group have consulted with their Parish Councils? Mr Coleman said that they had, as they acknowledge the importance of the Parish Councils. They simply wanted to be prepared for all outcomes of the planning process.

**TUFTON:** Cllr Mr J Beech reported that the river in Tufton is at its highest level ever since the narrowing, the reclaimed land is to be given back to the residents.

The Chairman reported that he had highlighted the overgrown bushes and grass on the A34 Slip Roads at Tufton, this is obscuring the sight lines and makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic. The Clerk reported this to Steve Goodall at highways and he has said that he will get the

offending bushes and grass cut back.

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

**Matters arising from those minutes :-**

RETROSPECTIVE REPORT ON PLANNING - The Clerk apologised that he had not included the following report from Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby in the July minutes:-

BDB/76391 - Amendment to allow for grain cleaner at barns at New Barn Farm. Parish Council OBJECTED. Concerns on noise, water run-off and that it is becoming industrial in nature.

BDB/76378 - Amendment to plans as pool and swimming pool originally omitted from plans. NO OBJECTION.

BDB/76599 - Request for a screening opinion as to whether an EIA would be required for a solar farm at Faulkners Down House. The Parish Council asked that an EIA be done, and the impact of the solar farm on our local electricity network be considered as part of that.

*After Note: This Planning Application was withdrawn*

**APSLEY - APPLICATION TO ALLOW LANDFILL SITE TO CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 3 YEARS**

This application has been granted, but it worthy of note that the concerns the Parish Council expressed about the debris on the road for the lorries leaving the site have been taken into account. Conditions 6,7,8 and 9 attached to the granting of the permission deal with this. (Conditions are available on the Hampshire County Council web site).

BONFIRE - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that Mr Henry Du Val De Beaulieu has confirmed that he is happy for the bonfire to go ahead as per last year. The agreed entrance price increase has been put in Hill and Valley. The Clerk will now book St Johns Ambulance for the event. The Bonfire Committee will meet to finalise things and the Chairman will liaise with Mr S Thomas and order the fireworks.

The Clerk will forward a copy of the insurance to Cllr Mrs C Read to forward on to Mr Henry Du Val De Beaulieu.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has looked into the Community Speed Watch and spoken at length with PC Paula Deery. There are few sites in Hurstbourne Priors where the equipment can safely be used and not on the B3400 as it has a 40MPH speed limit. It was felt that an investment in this equipment would not be beneficial to the community.

Cllr Mrs C Read suggested that a Speed Reminder Sign would be a better option for the village, this could be moved around the parish on fixed posts and the speed that 'flashes' can be changed. The equipment does not record the speed but how many times it is activated, it can also be used on the B3400 and costs in the region of £2000. These records can be monitored by the Police so that Traffic Officers can be deployed in those areas. The Parish Council discussed this and agreed that this seemed the better option. It was also agreed to see what grants could be obtained.

HIGHWAY ISSUES - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she had met with Mr Brian Pearce to look at the site for the proposed white fencing either side of the bridge on the B3400. Mr B Pearce has quoted £300 to do the job. The Parish Council agreed to this expenditure.

The Parish Council discussed piping the gullies and levelling the verge so that it could be mown

on the left hand side approach to the bridge from the cross roads. The Clerk will ask one of the contractors he uses to give a quote.

JUBILEE TREE - The Clerk reported that the Jubilee Tree from Hampshire County Council should be delivered some time in the Autumn.

**PLANNING:** T/00862/12/TCA - Notice of intent to fell 4 Leylandii at The Long House, Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

**CLLR MR K WATTS REPORT:** Cllr Mr K Watts confirmed that the Local Development Frame Work has been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate and work will have to start again. Cllr Mr Watts did not think that any changes would affect Hurstbourne Priors.

Cllr Mr K Watts reported that he attended a Farm Briefing with the NFU held at Vitacress. After a tour of Vitacress and a question and answer session with the MD the group were taken to New Barn Farm.

Cllr Mr M Williams asked Cllr Mr K Watts if was true that it is planned to put a 20MPH speed limit throughout Whitchurch? Cllr Mr K Watts confirmed that this was true.

**PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** CLLR MR M WILLIAMS - Reported that he has spoken with the BT Director for South East England about the provision of Broadband. His got his team to look at Whitchurch and they have reported that there is a problem with the electricity supply to the exchange boxes, this is to be sorted and there may be a delay of up to 10 weeks.

CLLR MR P SMAIL - Reported that his family has a lot of 'stuff' relating to the history of Hurstbourne Priors and Tufon. He thought it might be a good idea to hold an event where people can bring the photographs, documents etc and they could be scanned onto disc.

The Parish Council thought this a great idea.

A recent request received via the internet from a person who bought a job lot at Auction that contained a plaque from the Great War belonging to a past resident of Hurstbourne Priors. It is there wish to return it to the surviving family of the man concerned. This information will be given to Graham to put in to Hill and Valley.

CLLR MRS S WYATT-TILBY - Suggested that a memorial bench for Robert Selbie be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to put this on the Agenda.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that a bat survey is underway at Dairy Cottage.

**FOOTPATHS REPORT:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that as far as she was aware all the Footpaths are clear and walkable. It was noted what a good job Testbourne have done cutting their footpath.

**RECREATION GROUND REPORT:** Cllr Mr M Williams reported that it has been a poor second half of Cricket season due to the weather. Several matches have been cancelled. The Clerk reported that to date only £540 has been paid in for fees. The total hiring fees for the year 2011/2012 was £2029.55, this was an exceptional year with a lot of extra bookings.

The Parish Council was concerned about the drop in income. Cllr Mr Williams handed the Clerk further cheques totalling £150. The Football fees are still outstanding.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that the Cricket Team are getting covers for the square that should help keep it dry if we have another wet summer next year.

Cllr Mr M Williams reported that the Recreation Ground Committee has temporarily been

suspended and that a new Committee Member will need to be appointed from the Parish Council. He also felt that the meetings should be held in a Public place and suggested the pavilion or the Village Hall.

Cllr Mrs C Read stated that she would be willing to join the Recreation Ground Committee

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT:** New Chairs have been ordered for the Village Hall.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Clerk reported that District Audit have signed off the Parish Council Accounts for the year 2011/2012 and have raised no issues. The parish Council thanked the Clerk for keeping the finances in such good order.

**CHEQUES TO BE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2012**

Southern Water Pavilion Water Charges £83.80  
Eon Pavilion Electricity £41.80  
Mr B Pearce Repair Bench £35.00  
Hill and Valley PC Share £48.75  
Drain and Sewer Services Cess Pool Empty X 2 £187.20  
Audit Commission Audit of Accounts £162.00  
R.N. Waterman ½ Year Expenses £210.00  
Helen Ford Pavilion Cleaning £  
Dave Haggar Pest Control £80.00

**Standing Orders**

Aviva Insurance August and September £268.06  
R.N. Waterman Wages August £139.00  
Wages September £139.00

**INCOME**

Basingstoke and Deane Second half of Precept £3,500.00  
Recreation Ground Hiring £390.00  
May Fair £1,000.00

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE** £6,998.84

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

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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