

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th January 2015 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs C Read - Chairman  
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mr P Smail  
Cllr Mr J Broomfield  
Cllr Mrs S Sorby  
County Councillor Mr T Thacker  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr Mr M Williams, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts and PC Paula Deery

**WELCOME:** Cllr Mrs C Read welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mr J Broomfield declared an interest in the planning application for a solar farm at Tufton. Cllr Mr P Smail declared that he trades with the applicants of the Solar Panel Company that has submitted the planning application at Tufton.

**TUFTON:** Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that :-

Tufton is very quiet. Highways have not yet repaired the potholes and the weeds on the A34 slip road have not been dealt with.

Dog fouling sign - The Clerk reported that he will order the No Dog Fouling sign when he receives the wording for a sign for the Cricket Club.

Two footpath signs and a new stile have been fitted.

Proposed Solar Farm - It was noted that there are no objections from Tufton residents.

St Mary's Church renovation is progressing and work has moved inside - to date £260,000 has been raised.

**POLICE REPORT:** PC Paula Deery has reported that the Police Force is going through some changes due to the impact of savings that it has had to make. All the Safer Neighbourhood team for the Basingstoke Rural area are now to move to Tadley Police Station.

As of the 1st April 2015, PC Paula will have a larger Neighbourhood area incorporating four beats and will be part of a team dealing mainly with crime trends. There will be a PCSO dedicated to each beat, dealing with beat issues, and they will be the main contact for the beat. Hurstbourne Priors is part of this larger area.

PCSO Ben is leaving on the 1st March. PC Paula will forward his replacement's contact details in due course and take him to meet the Chairman.

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

**Matters arising from those Minutes :-**

**Mud on the Road - Apsley Landfill Site** - The Chairman reported that the mud on the road has been bad in recent weeks and that she had sent another email to Dave Smith at HCC and copied in Cllr Tom Thacker.

**Highways** - The Chairman reported that there are various outstanding Highway issues and that she has requested a site meeting with Steve Goodall.

**Posts on the Village Green** - The post have been installed - positive comments have been received.

**Quiz Night** - The Quiz Night has been organised for the 26th February 2015 in the Village Hall.

**Welcome Letter** - The Chairman reported that she has up-dated the Welcome Letter and would welcome feedback from the Parish Councillors prior to publication.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** Cllr Mr T Thacker spoke about the Hampshire County Council Budget for the following financial year. The Council hope to freeze the Council tax despite having to make £100 million of savings over the next two years. There should be no cuts in essential services. New gritting routes have been agreed; Cllr Mr T Thacker will forward these on to the Chairman once they have been published.

From the 2nd February, HCC are moving to the cheaper 0300 telephone numbers - information is available on the HCC Web Site. The Recycling Centre depot operating times are to change: - 9am - 5pm all year, with extended opening time to 6pm from April to September. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr T Thacker for his report and he left the meeting.

**LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:** The Parish Council agreed that Hurstbourne Priors have not, for various reasons, taken full advantage of the scheme and agreed that, if they were to take part the following year, had to be more organised. The Lengthsman scheme and the way forward was discussed at great length.

HBP has a balance of £840 to be used before the 31st March 2015.

A work request form will be submitted for the following items :-

1. Cut vegetation from signs and clean them along the St Mary Bourne road.
2. Repair and paint the right hand wooden gateway on entering the village from Andover.
3. Cut back the weeds from the A34 Slip Road for approximately 5 metres - more if possible.
4. Clear ditches and gullies on village roads and wash signs where required.

A programme of monthly works will be formulated for the following year, with additional work being agreed at each Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk will take on the responsibility of submitting the work request forms.

**PLANNING:** Hurstbourne Inn - Change of use to 4 bedroom house - PERMISSION GRANTED.  
Dairy Cottage - PERMISSION GRANTED.

Development of Equestrian Courtyard - NO OBJECTIONS.

Proposed Solar Farm at Tufton - This was discussed at great length - NO OBJECTIONS.

Bullington Wind Farm - EDF Energy have gone to Appeal - Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will formulate a response from the Parish Council and speak with Richard Glover.

Caravans in field - Planning Enforcement has been successful and the caravans were moved from the field.,However they have now been moved into the woods. The whole planning enforcement issue will need to be undertake again.

Full details can be found on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Web Site under Planning Applications.

**COMMUNITY PLAN:** Cllr Mr J Broomfield spoke about putting together a community plan and the various options, it can be as broad or as narrow as the PC wish. What a Neighbourhood Plan

**Can Do:**

Decide where and what type of development should happen in the Neighbourhood.

Promote more development that is set out in the Local Plan.

Include policies, for example, regarding design standards, that take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for the Neighbourhood Plan, policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan.

**Cannot Do:**

Conflict with the strategic policies in the Local Plan prepared by the local planning authority.

Be used to prevent development that is included in the Local Plan.  
Be prepared by a body other than a parish or town council or a neighbourhood forum.

The Parish Council discussed this and felt that they would like to see a completed Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Mr J Broomfield stated that he has tried to obtain a completed plan but has so far been unsuccessful. Village Design Statements and the Conservation Area were briefly discussed. The Clerk will forward a recently completed Village Design Statement from one of his other Parishes to the Councillors.

(Councillor Ekins joined the meeting with apologies)

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

**Cllr Mr C Ekins** - Spoke about Potholes on the Harrow Way and his constant correspondence with Highways on their repair.

**Cllr Mrs S Sorby** - Spoke about the lowering of the hedge in front of the Village Hall. A Working party is planned to undertake the work.

**Cllr Mrs C Read** - Raised the issue of the new street lights in the village. There are four different types, with two different coloured bulbs; it would look much better if they were all the same design. The Clerk was asked to contact Hampshire Street Lighting for an explanation for the difference in design.

**FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that, as far as she knew, all the footpaths were clear and walkable. It was noted that the Testbourne Estate have cut their hedges and a new gate has replaced the broken style by the railway embankment.

**RECREATION GROUND:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the Cricket Club are still looking to purchase their own equipment to carry out additional cuts of the outer field. TVBC will still be engaged for grass cutting and hedge works and a site meeting will be held before the start of the cutting season to try to iron out the problems experienced last year. The cesspit will be emptied in mid April to avoid the problems experienced last year before the May Fair.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the Village Hall bookings are looking good but that the water boiler needed replacing.

**MAY FAIR:** Cllr Mr C Ekins reported on a recent May Fair Committee Meeting. Membership of the May Fair Committee is dwindling and those left are feeling under huge pressure. The May Fair Committee needed more support and are concerned that it may not be sustainable, and the Parish Council are in an excellent position to help gather support from other people in the village

Cllr Mr C Ekins stated that he would be happy to be the Parish Council representative on the May Fair Committee.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED December 2014 and January 2015

Mr B Pearce	Install posts Village Green	£196.00
HBP Village Hall	Hire of Hall for meetings	£96.00
Dave Haggar	Mole Control	£80.00
Standing Orders		
Aviva	Insurance - December	£133.70

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R.N. Waterman	Wages - December	£150.00	
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EON	Pavilion Electricity December	£18.00	
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			£975.40

INCOME - Non since the last meeting.

MONEY DUE IN - VAT Refund £454.76

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE - £5,431.43

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING:** The Chairman thanked everyone for coming.

**DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS:** March 25th, May 27th, July 29th, September 30th and November 25th.