

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mr J Broomfield  
Cllr Mrs S Sorby  
Borough Councillor Mr K Watts  
County Councillor Mr T Thacker  
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public - 2

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs C Read - Chairman, Cllr Mr C Ekins and Cllr Mr P Smail.

**WELCOME:** Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Jan Atkinson spoke about the need for the speed limit to be reduced under the Viaduct on the St Mary Bourne Road, large lorries, many visiting the Vitacress Site and those making deliveries to the shop in St Mary Bourne, have to travel in the middle of the road to negotiate the sides of the viaduct and there have been accidents and plenty of near misses. The lorries are not speeding, it is cars that are travelling too fast and do not expect to meet a lorry in the middle of the road as they approach the viaduct. This situation can only get worse if the Hirst Development goes ahead.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask Highways to look at the speed limit on this stretch of the road, possibly extending the 30mph limit from St Mary Bourne, past the cross roads and up to the bend at the Hurstbourne Park entrance. It will also be suggested that signs are erected warning of traffic in the middle of the road and to slow down.

**TUFTON:** Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that the path, wall and gate have now been completed at St Mary's Church and the next phase of the rendering should start soon.

Highways came to inspect the problem drain on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 but have not been back to carry out any work.

Tufton had its first 'Open Garden' on the 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June, the event was a great success with many people attending.

More work on levelling the railway embankment took place in June.

The weeds on the A34 down ramp have not been cut and it is near impossible to see on-coming traffic when turning into Tufton Lane. (note: since the meeting this has been cut)

Footpath 13 is very overgrown and is in urgent need of cutting. It has been confirmed that this stretch of footpath is in the Tufton Parish.

The Clerk advised the PC that the Footpaths 'Team' at B&DBC is now only one person as a result of cuts.

The telephone box is on Brian Pearce's list of jobs for the parish.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER:** Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that at a recent meeting in St Mary Bourne to discuss Broadband in Hampshire was organised by Kit Malthouse MP. BT hope to have 95% of Hampshire covered by 2018. BT was criticised for not keeping HCC informed so they could inform residents. BT agreed to improve communications with HCC.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that the Environment Agency have confirmed that riparian owners can clear to the middle of the river bed. This will clear up a lot of misunderstanding for many riparian owners who were unclear on what they were responsible for.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that he had received an email from the Chairman regarding the future funding of the Lengthsman Scheme, as far as he knew future funding is secure and that he will make enquires.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes :-

LENGTHMANS SCHEME - Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby gave the Councillors a copy of a questionnaire sent through from Peter Eades on the Lengthmans Scheme. The Councillors were asked if they had any comments to please email the Chairman by the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

MAY FAIR - The May Fair have given the Recreation Ground a cheque for £1700 which was very gratefully recieved. The next May Fair meeting is not until September so no news to report on the insurance issue.

**PLANNING:** EDF Energy has withdrawn the appeal for the Bullington Wind Farm - Very good news for the area.

The Revised Local Borough Plan will be available from the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

The Hirst Site Re-development planning application comes before the Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015, the meeting starts at 6.30pm. Cllr Mr K Watts reported that the normal 40% affordable housing allocation will not apply to this site as there is no Housing need in Hurstbourne Priors as there is no-one on the Housing Waiting List. A financial contribution will therefore be made by the Developer to a local housing scheme.

Cllr Mr K Watts reported that if planning permission is granted it has been agreed that there will be a Developer Contribution towards the pavilion in Hurstbourne Priors. (Cllr K Watts confirmed by email after the meeting that this will be £18,719.55).

Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby reported that the Parish Council have just received a partly retrospective planning application for Apsley Farms re: further development of the Bio Digester operation. This will be sent to the Parish Councillors for their comment.

**CLLR MR K WATTS:** Cllr Mr K Watts spoke about the changes in the timetable to the No 76 Bus Service. Hurstbourne Priors will now get double the service and smaller buses will be used, there should be no more double Decker buses used on this route.

**PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** CLLR MRS S SORBY - Reported that she has received complaints from residents about the overgrown hedges on the Longparish Road. This was noted.

Cllr Mrs S Sorby asked if the Parish Council thought it would be possible to use the Hurstbourne Priors Residents email list as a Village 'Notice Board' to advertise events in the village. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and stated that it has been used in this way on several occasions in the past.

CLLR MRS C READ - Cllr Mrs C Read on behalf of many residents, has been battling with Vodafone to sort out the lack of single since late May. Finally they disclosed that it was a landowner refusing to allow trees to be lopped, luckily Cllr read was able to contact the Land Agent and get this sorted out. The trees are due to be lopped the following day and hopefully signal will be restored.

Japanese Knotweed is growing adjacent to the B3400 by the back gate to Manor Farm. This has been reported to the landowner, Testbourne Estates, and Highways.

**RECREATION GROUND:** The cesspit has had to be emptied four times already this season, once because someone had gone in and turned a tap on and left it running. There is a concern that people are going into the pavilion who shouldn't be. As a result a key safe is being fitted. We have had to replace the tea urn (again mysteriously left on and left boiling!) and to put up two new mirrors in the shower rooms.

**FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Mrs C Read has reported that as far as she knew all the Footpaths were clear and walkable. (the issue with Footpath 13 has still to be resolved)

**VILLAGE HALL:** Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the Village Hall bookings for the first half of the year have been doubled for the same period last year. A replacement small freezer has been purchased

**FINANCE:**

**CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED - June an July 2015**

Aviva

Insurance - DD

£130.11

Eon Electricity	Pavilion - DD	£8.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - June - DD	£150.00
Drain and Sewer	Cess Pit Empty x2	£204.00
Mr B Pearce	Mirrors Pavilion	£40.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - July - DD	£150.00
Aviva	Insurance - DD	£130.11
Eon	Pavilion Electricity - DD	£8.00
R.N. Waterman	Tea Urn, Mirrors Pavilion	£100.00
Mrs C Read	Key Safe	£25.49
Southern Water	Pavilion Water Rates	£21.54
CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
Pest Control Services	Pavilion Wasp Nest	£48.00
Mr M Williams	Light Bulb	£5.94
Chairman's Expenses	Farewell Party	£100.00
P Reynolds	Audit	£130.00
R.N. Waterman	Share of new Computer	£50.00
Helen Ford	Pavilion Cleaning	£135.00
		<b><u>£1,472.19</u></b>

**INCOME:**

May Fair £1,700.00

Cricket Fees £500

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE: £7,739.14

**FAREWELL DRINKS:** Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby wished to thank Cllr S Sorby for organising the Farewell Drinks Party for Mr and Mrs Smith, it was well attended and a nice send off of the couple who have done so much for the village.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING:** Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS:** September 30th, November 25th