

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th March 2016 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Sorby
Cllr Mr P Smail
Cllr Mr J Broomfield
Cllr Mr C Ekins
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby Vice Chairman and Borough Councillor Mr K Watts.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

TUFTON: Cllr J Broomfield reported that there has been a mini crime wave in Tufton, solar panel convertors and power tools have been taken. The Police have been informed and are dealing with the crimes.

The small solar farm is up and running. The telephone box has not yet been painted.

Cllr J Broomfield reported that road drain saga is ongoing, a tanker arrived at 11pm one night to suck out the drains, and two were emptied but not the third. This has been reported to Steve Goodall. The Chairman stated that she has also corresponded with Steve Goodall on this matter and copied in Cllr T Thacker.

Cllr J Broomfield reported that smart new railings have been installed on the A34 off ramp; it is thought that they have been erected to stop anyone falling in the drainage channel.

Cllr J Broomfield reported that the grass parking area by the river is getting very rutted due to delivery lorries parking there, it has been suggested that residents ask their delivery drivers not to park there, this would be better than erecting signs.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:-

LENGTHSMAN – The Chairman reported that due to a new derivative from Hampshire County Council the Lengthsman are now responsible for cutting the footpaths, details on how this will work is being investigated.

TUFTON BRIDGE – The Chairman reported that repairs to Tufton Bridge are in the Highways works plan, at a site meeting held in February it was stated that the repairs would be done within 6 weeks. It was noted that work had not yet started.

CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN – The Chairman wished to thank the residents of Hurstbourne Priors that turned up for the clean-up. The Harrow way will be cleaned in April. The amount of rubbish on the A34 off Ramp was noted, this is a Highways Agency matter and they will be informed of the problem.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – The vacancy will be placed in Hill and Valley.

PLANNING: Dipper Barn – Tufton – Permission

Hurstbourne Inn – Permission with conditions relating to the parking.
Hirst Development – Outline permission has formally been approved.
100 Houses behind Sports and Social Club in Whitchurch – Permission.
There were no new planning applications to discuss.

NO COLD CALLING: The Chairman spoke about a new scheme launched to make parishes a 'No Cold Calling' area. This was discussed and it was felt that at this moment in time cold calling was not a problem in the parish. Hurstbourne Priors will not be signing up for the scheme.

PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS: CLLR MR J BROOMFIELD – Reminded the Parish Council that they had not yet paid the £50 grant to the Church in the 2015/2016 financial year. The Clerk apologised and a cheque for £100 (2 years) will be issued at the May meeting.

CLLR Mr C EKINS – Spoke about reports of 4 broken wing mirrors on the Harrow Way and the junction with the St Mary Bourne Road. Several near misses have been reported and the junction is dangerous due to poor sight lines and speeding vehicles, it is felt that a mini roundabout would greatly improve the safety at the junction.

Cllr Mr C Ekins reported that there is light at the end of the tunnel re the broadband coverage at Chapmansford. Cllr C Ekins stated that he is to get a new telephone line and will be connected to St Mary Bourne, he will now get a 01264 telephone number and hopefully broadband at a decent speed.

CLLR Mr P SMAIL – Reported that he has seen an excellent piece of play equipment and showed the councillors a picture taken on his mobile telephone. The Clerk reported that one of his councils had this piece of equipment installed last summer and he would provide costings.

FOOTPATHS REPORT: The Chairman reported that as far as she knew all the Footpaths were clear and walkable.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Quotes are being sort for a new larger shed. Moles have been a problem over recent weeks and have been dealt with. Preparations are under way for the May Fair. The May Fair Committee decided to take out their own insurance. The Parish Council will now cancel the insurance cover for the May Fair and Bonfire on renewal in November.

VILLAGE HALL: Cllr S Sorby has reported that the floor is causing problems again, it is hoped to be able to use 106 money to make improvements to the floor that will last.

FINANCE:

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED - February and March 2016

Aviva	Insurance - DD - Feb/March	£276.88
Eon Electricity	Pavilion - DD - Feb/March	£16.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - Feb/March - DD	£300.00
McAfee	Computer Protection	£62.44
Dave Haggar	Mole Control	£80.00
Southern Water	Pavilion Water	£21.11
TVBC	Grass, hedge cutting	£1381.56
Mr B Pearce	Pavilion Windows repair	£50.00

PGPC	Hire of Office 2015/2016	£80.00
SBPC	Broadband 2014 - 2016	£50.00
B and M Fencing Ltd	Hire of Mini Digger	£84.00
		<u>£2,401.99</u>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE - £4,983.75

FLASHING SPEED SIGN RESULTS: The Chairman gave the flashing speed sign readings for February and March.

08/02/2106 - 9502

22/02/2016 - 7621

13/03/2016 - 6478

30/03/2016 - 9069

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

DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS:

27th April – Planning Meeting

25th May – Parish Council

29th June – Planning Meeting

27th July – Parish Council

31st August – Planning Meeting

28th September – Parish Council

26th October – Planning Meeting

30th November – Parish Council

21st December – Planning Meeting