

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village hall at 7.30pm.**

Present : Cllr Mr P Smail - Chairman	Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby
Cllr Mrs M Smith	Cllr Mr S Thomas
Cllr Mrs R Selbie	County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Cllr Dr J Chalk	Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Members of the Public - Mrs C Read, Mrs S Sorby, Mr J Huxford, Mr J Beech.	
Apologies : Borough Councillor Mr K Watts	Mr G Finlayson
PC Paula Deery	

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

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

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

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER'S REPORT:** Cllr Mr T Thacker spoke about the Hampshire County Council Budget and the £55million savings that have to be made, due to the cut in the Government Funding that the County receives. Adult Social Care is a big drain on the County Finances but he assured the Parish Council that there are no plans to cut Children Day Services and the Sure Start Centres will be kept open. The County Council hope to make savings by reducing Senior Management and with voluntary redundancies.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that he has asked Highways to include the B3408 in their major repairs programme as it is a bad state. Cllr Mr T Thacker was given a copy of the letter from Basingstoke and Deane regarding the request from Test Valley Borough Council for a change in the Vitacress lorry route, to use the B3408 through the village to get to the plant. Cllr Mr T Thacker will raise the issue with Basingstoke and Dean, Cllr Mr K Watts and Whitchurch Town Council.

The Clerk reported that he has written and spoken to Mr J Clarke the Mayor of Whitchurch about these proposals and he has pledged the Towns Council's full backing against this change in lorry route.

Cllr Mr T Thacker spoke about the proposals for the Library Service - The Mobile Library will visit the village once a month and stay for a longer period; customers will be able to take out more books to compensate.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr Thacker for his report. Cllr Mr T Thacker left the meeting.

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

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:**

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS - No news to report.

PAVILION THATCH - K and S Thatcher's have completed the job on the pavilion thatch. The Parish Council all agreed that K and S Thatcher's have done a good job.

GRANT FUNDING - The Clerk will not know if the Grant Funding has been paid until the Parish Council receives the precept payment in early April.

NOTICE BOARD, TUFTON - The Clerk reported that he has cleaned the Notice Board in Tufton and the minutes and Parish Election Notices have been displayed.

FLY TIPPING - The Fly Tipping reported at the last meeting has been cleared but additional items have now been dumped at the top of the hill on the B3400. The Clerk will report this to Basingstoke and Deane.

PARISH COUNCIL STATEMENT OF THE VILLAGE - A statement of the village finances was published in the Hill and Valley. To date, no comments had been received from any parishioners.

VILLAGE HALL NOTICE BOARD - This has been repaired and is in good working order again.

### **PLANNING:**

BDB/73899 - Application for certificate of lawfulness for formation of gravel drive - The Dutch Barn, New Barn Farm, Harroway, Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/73895 - Internal and external alterations to Saddle Barn - Tufton manor farm, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/73930 - Erection of single storey rear extension - Riverside Cottage, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

BDB/74071 - Erection of a single storey rear extension and internal alterations, installation of garage doors - Hawthorn Barn, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

T/00310/11 - Pollard 1 Yew - Bourne House, 53 Hurstbourne Priors. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this Planning Application.

**CLLR MR K WATT'S REPORT:** Planning applications for a bio-digester, producing heat and power at Faulkners Down farm and for retention of a porch canopy at Stable Cottage, Chapmansford were granted against the Officers' recommendations.

I am aware of three current planning applications in Tufton and one at New Barn Farmstead. I do not propose to get involved with these unless asked to do so by a resident or the Parish Council.

I continue to spend most of my time on preparing for and attending meetings about the Core Strategy for Basingstoke & Deane 2012 – 2026.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** The Clerk had delivered the Parish Council nomination papers to the Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Dr J Chalk, Cllr Mrs M Smith and Cllr Mr S Thomas stated that they would not be standing. The Chairman thanked them for all the hard work they have done during their time on the Parish Council.

Cllr Mr P Smail, Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby and Cllr Mr R Selbie are standing again. Mrs Susan Sorby, Mrs Clare Read and Mr Jonathon Beech will be submitting nomination papers to become a Parish Councillor.

**PARISH PATHS REPORT:** Cllr Mr S Thomas reported that all the paths are walkable.

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT:** Cllr Mrs M Smith reported that the work to improve the ventilation under the floor has been completed. A 'head on' meeting with the contractor is imminent to discuss the problems with the floor and the way forward.

**RECREATION GROUND REPORT:** Cllr Mr R Selbie reported that the Cricket Club are to lay lino in the changing room now that the floor has been repaired. Cllr Mrs M Smith urged caution after the problems the Village Hall have had with their floor and suggested that air is allowed to circulate under the floor. This was noted.

Cllr Mr Selbie spoke about the yearly rabbit control; this has been completed, Dave Haggard has been asked to come back as there are a few rabbits that have been missed. The Bill is to be split in the usual way - Recreation Ground, Mrs J Hutchinson (for the orchard) and the Church (previous years have been paid by the Cricket Club).

**PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that she has organised a Village Clean Up for 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011, followed by refreshments and Bacon Sandwiches in the Pub.

Cllr Dr J Chalk reported that lorries visiting the Apsley Landfill Site have left a lot of mud on the road. It was reported that they are resealing part of the landfill with top soil; the Clerk was asked to report the mud on the road to Highways.

Cllr Mrs M Smith stated that she would like to stay on the Vitacress Fund Committee, if the Parish Council had no objections. The Parish Council were happy for Cllr Mrs M Smith to stay on the Vitacress Fund Committee.

Cllr Mrs M Smith stated that the £400 grant given to the Parish Council for the Village Hall Shed will have to be repaid as the project did not proceed. The Clerk will issue a cheque in due course.

Cllr Mr S Thomas stated that the Parish Council will need to find a new representative for the Hill and Valley and a new Footpath Officer.

**BONFIRE:** Mr Murray has written to the Parish Council to inform them that he is not prepared to have the bonfire in the oak tree field in the future. The reason being that horses, sheep and cattle all graze in the field from time to time.

1. They could be poisoned by some of the materials that might be brought to the bonfire.
2. It is impossible to be 100% certain that no nails or other hard materials will be left behind.

Mr Murray wishes it top be made quite clear that the individuals who run the bonfire do their job extremely well and very carefully and he has no wish to criticize any individual or organisation.

The bonfire night is great fun and raises a reasonable amount of money for the village. The Murray family have therefore decided to offer fenced off areas, taken from the flower show meadow, where the wood could be stacked and where the bonfire could take place. A map of the proposed site was supplied with dimensions etc.

The Parish Council discussed this at great length. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Murray thanking him for his letter; the Parish Council will need to look into the insurance and Health and Safety issues, being so close to the Thatched Pavilion, before making any decisions.

A letter has been received regarding Hampshire Highways reorganisation. Mr Peter Eades is to move to Hampshire Highways Winchester and his position as Manager at Highways Basingstoke will be filled by Mr Steve Pellatt.

#### **CHEQUES ISSUED IN MARCH 2011:**

Mr B Pearce	Repair the Village Hall Notice Board	£80.00
Hill and Valley	Parish Council Share	£48.75
Eclipse Pest Control	Mole and Rabbit Control	£316.00
Drain and Sewer Services	Cess Pool Emptying	£88.80
Southern Water	Pavilion Water Charges	£40.83
R.N. Waterman	Wages	£139.00
Penton Grafton PC	Hire of Parish Office 2010/2011	£50.00

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

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 25<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.