

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March, 2013 in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Mr P Smail – Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr Beach
Cllr Mrs C Read
Cllr Mrs S Sorby
Borough Councillor Mr K Watts
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mr Andy Partridge - Southern Planning
Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu

Members of the Public: Mr G Finlayson, Mrs Betty O'Brien and Mrs J Chalk.

Apologies: County Councillor Mr T Thacker and PC Paula Deery

WELCOME: Cllr Mr P Smail welcomed everyone to the meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY: The Parish Council will invite interested parties to the May Parish Council to give a brief presentation on why they would like to become a Parish Councillor.

TUFTON: There was nothing to report from Tufton.

PRESENTATION: Mr Andy Partridge, Southern Planning and Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu spoke at length about Planning Application BDB/77515. Answering questions from the Parish Council and members of the Public. After the presentation Mr Partridge and Mr Du Val de Beaulieu left the meeting.

Mrs B O'Brien stated that her husband has sent in a detailed letter of objection to the Planners both on their behalf and representing Mr Kelton who is the owner of the Wooden House, as he is currently travelling.

The Parish Council discussed this Planning Application at length and all agreed to object on the basis of visual impact and noise at this location. A full copy of the objection is attached to the master copy of these minutes and is available by contacting the Clerk or can be seen on line at the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council web site.

POLICE REPORT: There was no Police report

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mrs J Chalk stated that she recently gave one of our elderly residents a lift to Whitchurch and the issue of the thatched bus shelter and the lack of seating that enabled passengers to see the approaching bus was raised. Mrs J Chalk suggested that a seat could be placed outside the bus shelter.

The Parish Council discussed this and it was agreed that the metal bench from the Village Green will be moved to a more suitable site as it is not used in its current position.

The Clerk will ask Mr Brian Pearce to do this. Mrs J Chalk thanked the Parish Council and left the meeting.

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

Matters Arising From The Minutes:

Web Site: Mr Graham Finlayson reported that the new web site host is Vision ICT and a draft layout has been done. Mr Finlayson suggested that the picture on the front page is changed - new photographs for the site are needed - and that some tweaking is to be done. There may also be an issue with historical information storage that needs to be sorted out. There is a £25 charge to keep the .gov.uk, it was decided to drop the .gov.uk from the web site address. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council have received £375 from Basingstoke and Deane to cover the costs of the new host for the web site.

Oak Tree: The Jubilee Oak Tree has not yet been delivered. The Clerk will chase this.

Speed Signs: The Clerk suggested that he starts the process of getting the positioning of the Flashing Speed Sign under way. Highways will have to agree the sites and install posts if existing ones cannot be used and this process may take some time. A site meeting with Steve Goodall will need to be arranged. After the County Council elections in May 2013 the Clerk will submit a grant application to Cllr Mr T Thacker for £1000 from his devolved budget towards the Flashing Speed Sign.

Bourne Road: There was no further news to report on the moving of the village sign.

Marquee Poles: Cllr Mrs Read has again been asked by a number of residents about the poles being moved as they continue to be an eyesore and she has received two offers of help to move them. It was felt that Cllr Mr Williams is obviously busy and Cllr Mrs Read agreed to oversee the removal and storage of the poles in an alternative site.

Mud on the Road: This continues to be a problem. The Clerk will again write to the relevant planning authority and Highways to report this.

Memorial to Robert Selbie: There was no news on the plaque for the pavilion.

Wind Farm : No news to report.

Hirst Lorries : Cllr Mrs Sorby reported that she had contacted Mr S Goodall about the Hirst lorries using the village road; there seems to be no evidence of a written agreement regarding the lorries not coming through the village. It was thought that this was a verbal agreement made many years ago. Cllr Mrs C Read suggested that, as the road narrows in several places, making it dangerous for anything other than cars to pass, it may be a good idea to ask Mr Goodall if a 'Narrow Road' sign could be erected. This will be raised with Mr Goodall when the site meeting is held. Cllr Mrs Sorby stated that she had seen fewer Hirst lorries on the village road since the last meeting and had been able to take a registration number.

Village Green Hedge : The hedge on the village green has been cut back and tidied. Cllr Mrs C Read suggested taking it back further this winter to make it tidier and easier to maintain. This will improve the views of the green but still shield the electricity sub station.

Grass Verge: The Clerk reported that Mr T Burden has looked at the verge alongside the B3400 leading up to the bridge and he felt that the ditches can be piped for around £800,

this would not include landscaping. The Parish Council thought this a reasonable price and worthy of further investigation.

Caravan at Faulkners' Cross Site: The Planning Enforcement Officer has visited the site again but there was no further news to report. Cllr Mrs Read reported that there are lights on in the caravan some evenings, indicating that someone is living there at least part time.

PLANNING: BDB/77609 - Raise the roof of the porch and install an air source heat pump in the graveyard at St Mary's Church, Manor Farm Lane, Tufton. The Council did not object to this application but have submitted a document requesting that the environment department of BDBC properly assess the noise impact of the heat pump on neighbouring properties.

T/00197/13/TCA - Fell 1 Chestnut Tree - Bourne House, Hurstbourne Priors. Cllr Mrs S Sorby declared an interest in this planning application and made no comment. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.

CLLR MR K WATTS REPORT: Cllr Mr Watts stated that nothing has happened relevant to Hurstbourne Priors, however he is concerned that the large scale development at Picket Twenty may put additional traffic on the B3400 in the future, something he will be keeping a close eye on.

Cllr Watts spoke about the Revised Local Borough Plan and the Whitchurch growth proposals to build an additional 550 homes over the next 15 years which is causing some concern to residents whose houses are close to the proposed entrance to this development. Cllr Watts is keeping alert for the wind farm formal planning application.

COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Cllr Mr J Beech - Reported that more earth has to be added to the reclaimed bank at Tufton as the land has sunk during the winter weather.

Cllr Mrs C Read - Stated that concern has been expressed about the quality of the water in the Bourne due to the over pumping at St Mary Bourne. Southern Water should inform Hurstbourne Priors when they are pumping into the Bourne and possibly put up signs as they do in St Mary Bourne. The Clerk will contact Southern Water.

Cllr Mrs S Sorby - Reported that there are large puddles after rainfall by the bridge on the B3400, outside Priors Barton and by the bridge on the way to St Mary Bourne. This will be raised with Steve Goodall at the site meeting. Cllr Mrs Sorby reported that the pot -hole she reported to Highways has been repaired.

Cllr Mr P Smail - Asked the Parish Councillors for their thoughts on whether the telephone box by the village green is still required? It was felt that due to the accidents that often occur at the cross roads and the poor mobile telephone coverage in this part of the village it is vital if the emergency services are required. However it could do with a clean!

VILLAGE FOOTPATHS: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that as far as she was aware all the village footpaths are open and walkable.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the Village Hall have received a letter from Basingstoke and Deane informing them that they will be charged for their

waste at commercial rates in the future. Those making bookings will be asked to remove their own rubbish or accept an extra charge in future.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT:- A provisional meeting date of the 9th April was suggested, the Clerk will email the committee to see if this is convenient.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2013

Hill and Valley	PC Share	£48.75
Mrs C Read	Hedge Cutting Village Green	£60.00
Eon	Pavilion Electricity	£27.26
Dave Haggart	Pest Control	£80.00
Southern Water	Pavilion Water	£46.99

STANDING ORDERS

Aviva	Insurance February and March	£267.40
R.N. Waterman	Wages February	£139.00
	Wages March	£139.00

INCOME

Basingstoke and Dean - Grant - Web Site	£375
Whitchurch Football Club - 2011/12 Fees -	£202

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE = £3759.61

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: AGM 29th May 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm