

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2014 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 C Ekins
Cllr Mr J Broomfield
Cllr Mrs S Sorby
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr M Williams, County Councillor Mr T Thacker, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts and PC Paula Deery

WELCOME: Cllr Mr P Smail welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mr P Smail thanked the Parish Council and the Clerk for their support during his time as Chairman. Cllr Mr P Smail asked for nominations for Chairman.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby proposed Cllr Mrs C Read as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr C Ekins. There were no other nominations. All present agreed. Cllr Mrs C Read was elected Chairman.

Cllr Mrs C Read thanked everyone for their support and wished to thank Cllr Mr P Smail for all that he has done during his time as Chairman. All agreed.

TUFTON: Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that :-

Tufton is very quiet. Major tree works have taken place to clear the dead trees that caused concern last winter, there is a re-planting scheme.

One of the dog fouling signs keeps being taken down - it was suggested that a more substantial sign is put in its place and that it is screwed to the fence. The Clerk will get a sign made.

There are some footpath signs and stiles that need attention, it has been suggested that a kissing gate is erected to replace the stile on the Fishing Syndicate land. The Clerk will contact Hampshire Rights of Way to see if they can provide a kissing gate.

The cats eyes on the A34 slip road have now been replaced with red ones and the weeds still need sorting out.

The road drain has now been cleared, highways have said that they will come back every 6 months to jet it through, unfortunately the outlet from this drain is lower than the high level of the river.

The Tufton road bridge still needs repair and has a large crack. The Chairman will report this to Steve Goodall.

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 has sent an email to Dave Smith at HCC about the mud on the road as it does not seem to have lessened in anyway despite Cllr Thacker's previous report.

Highways - The Chairman reported that there are various outstanding Highway issues and that she is in regular contact with Steve Goodall.

Parish Plan - Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that he now had a better understanding of the types of community planning. The Clerk had forwarded on information from TVBC and this has made the process clearer. Cllr Mr J Broomfield stated that he was still keen to pursue this. The Chairman

asked the Clerk to put Community Plans on the Agenda for the January meeting so that it can be properly discussed.

Posts on the Village Green - The Clerk reported that Mr B Pearce has the job in hand.

2014 Bonfire - The Chairman wished to thank every one who helped with the event. special thanks to the Tufnell and Steyn families for building the guy and to Wally at Apsley Estate, Les and Tim at Testbourne Estate who built the magnificent bonfire. Whilst attendance was down due to the foul weather on the day but it ended up being a really good village event. Despite the poor attendance the event broke even and a small profit of approx £40 was made. The May Fair have purchased the sausages that were not used and the wine and soft drinks have also been sold.

LENGTHSMAN SCHEME: It was noted that there was no requested work for Hurstbourne Priors on the recent list of works for December 2014 received from the Lengthsman Scheme co-ordinator. The Parish Council discussed this and will provide the Clerk with requested work by the 20th of the month for the following month.

PLANNING: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported on planning

Hurstbourne Inn - Change of use to 4 bedroom house - NO COMMENT

Dairy Cottage - SUPPORT

Development of the Equestrian Courtyard - SUPPORT

Cressington - NO OBJECTION

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

PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Mr J Broomfield - Reported that Nuns Walk is being used as a 'rat run' by commuters. The chairman will mention this to Steve Goodall to see if anything can be done as the passing places are getting very dangerous.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Suggested that a social event is held to welcome the new residents to the village, it is a good way for people to meet and find out about the community. The Parish Council thought this an excellent idea and a Quiz Night was suggested to be held in the Village Hall. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will look at dates available in January/February.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby suggested that it is mentioned in the welcome letter that Hurstbourne Priors is in a conservation area. This was also thought a good idea.

Cllr Mr P Smail - Reported that he had been contacted by the Parish Clerk from Laverstoke asking for information on how to get improved broadband. Cllr Mr C Ekins will pass the contact details on to Cllr Mr M Williams who is more experienced in broadband matters.

Cllr Mrs C Read - Gave the activation figures for the seven months the Speed Reminder Sign has been in place. This record will assist when applying to get the speed limit reduced through the village.

April	21,238
May	14,547 - Road closure for one week for bridge repairs
June	26,898
July	9,264 - Low as operator was away and battery ran out
August	25,536
September	12,724 - Low as operator away again
October	29,321

FOOTPATHS: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that as far as she knew all the Footpaths were clear and walkable.

RECREATION GROUND: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the Cricket Club are looking to purchase

their own equipment and have offered to take over the grass cutting of the outer field. Cllr Mrs C Read proposed that the Parish Council assist with the purchase of the equipment, insured and maintained it. The Parish Council thought this an excellent idea. It has been agreed that the hedge in front of the village hall will be cut down to a height of 4 feet.

Mr B Pearce has repaired the holes in the Pavilion by the clock and will start the outside painting in the spring. The water supply to the church has been hooked up, a small charge of £10 a year will be levied.

VILLAGE HALL: Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the refurbishment of the kitchen is now complete and that there are a few bookings over the festive season.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED October and November 2014

Helen Ford	Pavilion Cleaning	£75.00
Ray Chant	Autorake Hire	£156.00
Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby	Firework Supplies	£239.02
R.N. Waterman	Firework - Float (£500), Onions and Rolls	£641.35
Mr S Thomas	Fireworks	£805.65
Mrs H Carter	Fireworks First Aid Cover	£50.00

Standing Orders

Aviva	Insurance - October	£133.70
Aviva	Insurance - November	£133.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages - October	£150.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - November	£150.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity October	£18.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity November	£18.00

£2,420.42

INCOME

Cricket Fees	£ 80.00	(£890 this season)
Firework takings	£ 1,557.77	
	<u>£ 1,637.77</u>	

MONEY DUE IN :- VAT Refund £454.76

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE - £6,406.83

2015/2016 PRECEPT: The Clerk produced a financial report showing the estimated results for the year 2014/2015 and the Budget for the year 2015/2016. The Parish Council agreed that the Precept will remain at £7,000 for the 2015/2016 Financial year. The Parish Council will also apply for the Basingstoke and Deane Grant of £1,100.

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

DATES FOR THE 2015 MEETINGS:

January 28th
March 25th
May 27th
July 29th
September 30th
November 25th