

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman  
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman  
Cllr Mrs S Sorby  
Cllr Mr P Smail  
Cllr Mr J Broomfield  
Cllr Mr C Ekins  
County Councillor Mr T Thacker  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Member of the Public - Mr G Finlayson

**Apologies:** Borough Councillor Mr K Watts.

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

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mrs C Read declared an interest in the planning application for the Hurstbourne Inn as a neighbour to the site.

**TUFTON:** Cllr J Broomfield reported that the Port Tasting event was a great success and raised £700 for the Church restoration project. Several of the guests had been very complimentary about the refurbished Village Hall. Cllr J Broomfield reported that Amey have been in Tufton to clear out the problem drain, unfortunately they left the spoil on the roadside and it has now washed back into the drain. In addition they only cleared one gully. Water is now washing across the road and into the cartsheds. Steve Goodall was contacted and visited the site, Amey have been asked to come back. Cllr Mr T Thacker noted this and will raise it at County Council.

Cllr J Broomfield reported that residents in Tufton have received a leaflet about the proposal to build 100 houses in Winchester Street, Whitchurch. Concerns have been raised about an increase in traffic and further congestion. Cllr Mr T Thacker stated that the provision of a roundabout at the Premier Stores junction had been discussed at one point but would only happen if Developer Contributions could cover the cost. Cllr Mr T Thacker will ask for an up-date and report back to the Parish Council.

Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby will draft a letter raising concerns about traffic on the parish roads, especially Nuns Walk/Papermill Lane. She asked Cllr C Read to provide the figures from the speed camera on the B3400 to support the concerns.

Cllr J Broomfield reported that the telephone box is still waiting to be painted.

**CLLR MR T THACKER:** Cllr Mr T Thacker's report is attached to the master copy of the minutes. A brief summary is:

- HCC has a new Chief Executive, John Coughlan.
- Hampshire Broadband – Areas of Hurstbourne Priors Parish will not be covered by Wave 2 of the Hampshire Broadband programme. Central Government is running 7 Pilots across the country using satellite, microwave and other means, before deciding how to get 100% coverage across the Nation. More Info – [www.gov.uk/government/publications/superfast-broadband-programme-phase-3](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/superfast-broadband-programme-phase-3)
- Parish Lengthsman Scheme – Funding will be retained at £1000 per parish 2016/17
- Apsley Landfill Site has a new site manager – Ricky Pyle and he is keen to deal quickly with any issues about mud on the B3400 quickly and can be contacted on

07920 427626 or 01264 355478.

- Hampshire Highways Consultation  
[www3.hants.gov.uk/hantswebnewslist?id=696626](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hantswebnewslist?id=696626)
- Hampshire Library Service Consultation  
[www3.hants.gov.uk/hantswebnewslist?id=696516](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hantswebnewslist?id=696516)

**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 suggested that she added the area of footpath 13 that has not been cut to the list for the Lengthsman. It was agreed that Cllr Broomfield try to liaise with the Testbourne Estate first.

**PLANNING:** Planning permission has been granted for 42 Hurstbourne Priors.

Cllr Mr C Ekins raised concerns about the brightness of the flood lights at the Apsley Site. Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby stated that that was one of the key issues that was raised in the Parish Councils recent response to the latest planning applications. She will check the progress with the Planners.

The Parish Council have received a planning application for the conversion of the Hurstbourne Inn to three dwellings. The Parish Council will study the application and make comment in due course. It was agreed that parking appeared to be an issue.

The Chairman discussed the Hurstbourne Priors Infrastructure Plan and thanked the Parish Councillors for their prompt feedback. Cllr Mr C Ekins has yet to make comment on the document. The Chairman will collate the comments and incorporate them into the plan, redistribute the plan to the councillors before submitting it to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council. It is hoped that this can be done by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Chairman gave an up-date on the 106 money and informed Cllr S Sorby that there is currently money available for the Village Hall. This was noted.

The Chairman reported that she had met with Kit Malthouse MP and discussed 106 Money from developments in the HBP Parish, Kit Malthouse was very disappointed that the Borough Councillor had not been more pro-active on behalf of the Parish. She had pressed him on the lack of Broadband in areas of the Parish, Mr Malthouse felt that the only way to get it was to push for it as part of the application of the Hirst site. Rural areas with less that 25 households are not on the Governments priority list. Mr Malthouse was also supportive of a 30mph zone by Vitacress and the new development opposite.

**PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** CLLR S SORBY – Reported that she has received several comments about the overgrown hedge on the Longparish Road. This was especially obvious given the tidy hedges on the St Mary Bourne side. Cllr P Smail reported that he was aware the Testbourne Estate are in the process of cutting hedges and it should be done by the end of January.

CLLR J BROOMFIELD – Reported that he had received correspondence from HALC on various issues. Among the correspondence was information on the Queens Garden Party. This was briefly discussed and it was made known that anyone can nominate a candidate.

CLLR MR P SMAIL – Spoke about the repairs to the Tufton Bridge and the missing 7½ Tonne limit sign. It was reported that this has been moved nearer the cross roads but is currently obscured from view by an overgrown hedge. It was suggested that an additional sign would be a good idea. Cllr C Read to contact Steve Goodall, and copy Cllr Thacker in the correspondence.

CLLR C READ – Reported that she has received a complaint from a resident about the caravan in the field behind the Church. It was felt that the caravan should be moved, everyone understood the need for the caravan to be on its current site during lambing but was a bit of an eyesore to be there all year.

Cllr C Read reported that she will go through the Lengthmans scheme paperwork to make sure that the allocated hours for this current year are accounted for. Cllr C Read gave the Parish Councillors a breakdown of the Speed Sign Readings for 8 months on the St Mary Bourne Road – 35,014 activations. It has now returned to the B3400 on the hill.

**FOOTPATHS:** The Chairman reported that as far as she knew all the Footpaths were clear and walkable. The Testbourne Estate had cut back the Permissive path and mowed a route through the fields.

**RECREATION GROUND REPORT:** The Cricket Team are looking at erecting an additional shed to keep the newly refurbished roller secure, it is hoped to get a grant towards the cost. As a security measure the key for the pavilion will now be kept in a key safe. Cllr P Smail will be joining the Recreation Ground Committee as the other Parish Council Representative.

**VILLAGE HALL:** Cllr S Sorby reported that the Village Hall bookings are still going well. Improvements to the Village Hall were discussed at a recent Village Hall Management meeting. A very good donation from the May Fair will help with the Village Hall maintenance programme.

**FINANCE – 2016/2017 PRECEPT:** The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the estimated results for the year 2015/2016 and the Budget for the year 2016/2017. Each item was discussed. The Clerk was given a £120 a year pay rise in recognition of the work that he does.

The Parish Council agreed to keep the precept at the present level and apply for a £1100 grant from Basingstoke and Deane. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr C Ekins, all agreed.

**STANDING AND FINANCIAL ORDERS:** The Parish Council adopted the revised Standing Orders and Financial Orders. These were signed by the Chairman.

**FOOTPATH MAP:** The Parish Council briefly discussed producing a footpath map and studied a couple of examples which the Clerk had brought. The Clerk will get a copy of the HCC definitive Footpath Map. Work will be undertaken to produce a draft for the next meeting.

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

**DATES FOR THE 2016 MEETINGS:**

- 27th January – Parish Council
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Planning Meeting
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parish Council
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Planning Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council
- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Planning Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> July – Parish Council
- 31<sup>st</sup> August – Planning Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Council
- 26<sup>th</sup> October – Planning Meeting
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Planning Meeting