

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.**

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

Members of the Public: Mrs June Durnfield, Mr Henry du Val de Beaulieu,  
Mr Thomas du Val de Beaulieu

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby, Cllr Mr M Williams, Mr J Broomfield, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts, County Councillor Mr T Thacker, Mr G Finlayson and PC Paula Deery,

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

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Mr P Smail declared an interest in the planning application regarding the equestrian centre as he rents land from Mr Tacchi.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY:** The Parish Council hoped to fill the vacancy at the November Meeting.

**TUFTON:** The Chairman reported that the repairs to the bridge on Tufton Lane have been completed. A quiz night is taking place the night of this meeting to raise funds for the Tufton Church refurbishment.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** No issues were raised by the members of the public.

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

**Matters arising from those Minutes :-**

**Web Site :** The Chairman thought that Mr G Finlayson is finalising the transition of the Web Site to the new provider.

**Highways:** Hirst Lorries - The Chairman reported that he has relayed the concerns of residents about the Hirst lorries using the village roads to Mr Hirst.

Apsley Sita Site - The Enforcement Officer has visited the site; during the summer the mud on the road has not been such a problem but, with the recent wet weather and now winter is approaching, the problem will no doubt raise its head again. It was suggested that the Parish Council contact SITA and ask for a site meeting to look at the lorry wheel wash system. This was noted.

Drainage Pipes for the verge - The Chairman suggested that this project be put on hold for the time being. The Parish Council has joined the Lengthsman Scheme and it might be a good idea to include the cutting of the verge. The Parish Council agreed.,The Clerk will request that the verge is cut when he is asked for a list of works from the schemes

lead council.

Sites for the Flashing Speed Sign - To Re-cap, the PC will need four posts for the sign, one on each approach road to the village. Once the sites have been selected a note will be sent to Adrian Morgan at BDBC for final site approval. Cllr Mrs C Read stated that PC Paula Deery has offered to help choose the most appropriate sites.

Moving of speed/village signs - Andy Kettlewell from Highways has confirmed that the speed limit cannot be moved as it does not meet the criteria. It was hoped that we could have had a new village sign which incorporates the speed restriction sign- clarification will be sought.

Narrow Points on the St Mary Bourne Road, problem puddle at Chapmansford Farm and the Longparish Sign - Dead and Overhanging Trees/branches - Cllr C Ekins reported that there are still several overhanging branches and dead trees which need removing from the bank outside Chapmansford Farm and further up the hill. Cllr Mrs C Read will chase Steve Goodall as these items are still outstanding.

**BONFIRE:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the Bonfire Committee have decided not to hold the event this year. The Bonfire takes a lot of planning and a considerable amount of time and money to put on. Helpers have to be organised, the event advertised and the St Johns Ambulance booked. The event needs to pay for itself and make money for the parish. As discussed at the last meeting, everything has to be confirmed by the end of September so that the Fireworks can be ordered. Unfortunately this wasn't possible this year.

Mr du Val de Beaulieu said that next year a different crop would be in the field and that it would, once again, be available if the Parish Council wished to hold the event again.

**PLANNING: BDB/1708/FUL** - Erection of two bedroom agricultural dwelling at Dipper Barn, Tufton. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this planning application but made comments regarding restrictions on use and access issues.

**BDB/01680/FUL (TVBC 13/00375/FULLN)** - Modify the farm access track to allow for the daily delivery of food crops to Faulkners Down Farm (up to 4 loads per day) via the B3400 and Picket Twenty.

**BDB/01679/FUL** - Modification and alteration of the existing biodigester plant approved under BDB/73292 (Part retrospective) to produce gas to feed into the gas grid - Faulkners Down Farm.

Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu presented a full explanation on the rationale and reasoning for these applications. The original consent BDB/73292 was granted for three digesters on the site, the purpose for the, as yet un-built, two digesters has now changed in that they will now be used to supply methane to the gas network. He pointed out that he has already received permission for the modification of the farm track from TVBC but was happy to answer questions about it.

The product needed to supply these digesters (two and three) cannot be sourced on site and therefore the material needs to be brought in by road and in particular by 16 metre HGV lorries. In order to facilitate these deliveries it is proposed that the 'new' access

onto the B3400 from the farm track, that was the subject of an application to TVBC (13/00375/FULLN), is widened so as to enable these lorries to turn onto the land, and that the track be built in concrete rather than the originally intended hoggin.

*The Parish Council discussed at length the application and noted the following issues that will be raised on their response to the planning application :- The colour of the roofs of the digester\*, the delivery of crops to the site and the safety of the proposed new access.*

*\*Mr du Val de Beaulieu confirmed that he wished the roofs to be dark green to better 'blend' in with the landscape. In addition he would replace the existing biodigester roof to match when it needs replacing.*

The Chairman thanked Mr Henry Du Val de Beaulieu for coming and explaining the planning application. The Parish Council will make comment in due course.

**Wind Farm** - A further planning application has been submitted for a mast that will have equipment to test wind speeds.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT - PARISH CLERK**

### CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2013

CPRE	Subscription	£25.00
Mr M Williams	Plaque for Cllr Mr Robert Selbie	£62.99
Power Precision Ltd	Roller	£2022.00
Southern Water	Pavilion Water	£28.41
Drain and Sewer	Cess Pit Emptying	£93.60
Eclipse Pest Control	Mole Control	£80.00
Mr B Pearce	Refurbish and Move Benches	£467.00
Cricket Club	VAT Refund - Site Screen	£200.00
Ray Chant	Autorake Hire	£156.00
Phoenix Supplies	Materials for Cricket Square	£689.74
R.N. Waterman	½ Year expenses and office Allowance	£210.00
BDO LLP	Audit of Accounts	£120.00
Helen Ford	Pavilion Cleaning	£255.00

### STANDING ORDERS

Aviva	Insurance - Aug, Sept and Oct	£399.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - Aug, Sept and Oct	£450.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity Sept and Oct	£36.00

£5,294.75

### INCOME

Whitchurch Football Club - 2012/13 Fees -	£210.00
Cricket Fees	£580.00
Grant from Cllr T Thacker	£1000.00
Cricket Club Share of Roller costs to date	£1011.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Precept

£3500.00  
**£6,301.00**

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE

£6,202.70

**FLASHING SPEED REMINDER SIGN:** Cllr Mrs C Read proposed that, since there are sufficient funds available, the Flashing Speed Sign is now purchased. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Sorby. All agreed. The Clerk will place the order.

**AUDIT:** The Clerk reported that the Accounts for the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 have been signed off by the Auditor. The Audit has raised two points that need to be addressed for next year :-

1. The Council incorrectly stated 'No' to Trust Funds disclosure in Section 2 of the Audit Form. The 'N/A' box should have been ticked.
2. Section 137 - The Expenditure of the Firework proceeds should have been listed under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the donation to the Hill and Valley listed under section 142.

This was noted for future years. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work and keeping the Parish Council Accounts in such good order.

#### **PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:**

**Cllr Mr C Ekins** - Reported that there is a lot of rubbish on the Harrow Way and offered to lead a litter picking party when the Parish hold their annual Clean Up. The Clerk will also report the litter to TVBC as the majority of this road is in their Borough.

**Cllr Mrs C Read** - Reported that she has received several favourable comments on the moving of the bench from the Village Green to the Thatched Bus Shelter. The Clerk was asked to pass on the Village's thanks to Mr B Pearce for doing such a good job.

**FOOTPATHS REPORT:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that, as far as she was aware, all the footpaths in the parish are clear and walkable.

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT:** Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the Village Hall bookings are looking healthy and that Cllr Mr C Ekins has now joined the Village Hall management Committee. The Village Hall Management Committee have agreed to get the inside of the hall redecorated.

**RECREATION GROUND REPORT:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the Cricket Club, as part of the league conditions, have to improve the existing wickets and provide an additional wicket. This has increased the cost of the materials needed to maintain the ground. The roller has been sent away for refurbishment.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that Cllr Mr M Williams is doing a great job with the fixtures but, on looking at the money side, a more strict process needs to be put in place so there is a clear audit trail. At the moment it is proving difficult to collect the fees for matches. Cllr Mrs C Read proposed that for next season all payments would be made to

the Clerk in the Parish Office. When a booking is received an order would be sent out confirming the date and fee and, once payment received, a receipt will then be issued. This was seconded by the Chairman and agreed by those present.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that one of the Pavilion showers is leaking and needs replacing before the start of the next Cricket Season. Cllr Mrs C Read was sorry to report the loss of the Youth Football Teams who are now going to play in Whitchurch.

The Clerk reported that a recent Playground inspection has highlighted several minor jobs that need to be carried out on the Play Equipment. The Clerk reported that he has ordered a new swing and toddlers seat and chains. Mr B Pearce will carry out the minor repairs needed and has quoted £536 to completely paint the play equipment. The Parish Council agreed to proceed. New signs agreed at the previous meeting have been ordered.

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

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.