

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 2014 in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mr P Smail - Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr C Ekins
Cllr Mr J Broomfield
Cllr Mr M Williams
Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk
Mr G Finlayson - Web Site
County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Member of the Public - Mr S Tufnell

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Sorby, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts and PC Paula Deery

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

TUFTON: Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that :-

One of the dog fouling signs had been vandalised.

There are still concerns regarding safety on the A34 Off Ramp. Weeds and long grass are still a problem obscuring sight lines - Cllr C Read will discuss with Highways to find out who has responsibility for cutting the verge.

The pot holes in Tufton Lane have now all been repaired, however the road drain is still blocked and causes flooding after rainfall. Other pot holes have appeared in Tufton, one under the bridge - Cllr C Read will report this to Highways.

There are some footpath signs and stiles that need attention, these will be reported to the Fishing Syndicate and the Land Agent for Mr Tacchi.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no issues raised. The Chairman answered a point raised at the last meeting regarding the cutting of part of the hedge on Longparish Road. During the bird nesting season farmers have permission to cut hedges either side of a gate-way for safety when exiting the field onto a road.

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 - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she had been in contact with SITA and was informed that they have now sold the licence to another company. A contact number was given for the new company but to date they have not returned any calls.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that Dave Smith, the HCC Monitoring Officer, has visited the site and reported that there is an issue with the exit from the wheel wash, the track is muddy and this is where the mud is being picked up by the vehicles. A road sweeper has been booked to clear this area and work is needed to sort out this low spot where the water gathers. This will be monitored by HCC.

Cllr Mr T Thacker took the opportunity to report that Southern Water are carrying out repairs on the flooded sewers in St Mary Bourne which will result in the road being closed for three weeks, starting the 22nd October 2014. A 16 mile diversion route will be sign posted; he was sure that locals will know the short cuts!

Highways - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has written again to Highways to ask them to

remove the signs after the 'Operation Resilience' work carried out several months ago.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she regularly updates Steve Goodall at Highways with issues needing attention. Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the site meeting with PC Paula Deery had to be re-scheduled for a later date, due to Paula being on leave.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr Chalk regarding his concerns on the new 50mph speed limit on the Whitchurch Road and the junction to Tufton. The Parish Council noted the concerns raised and asked the Clerk to reply, pointing out that the speed limit has been reduced from 60mph to 50mph on this stretch of road.

Parish Plan - Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that he was no further forward with obtaining information on experience of putting together a Parish Plan from a Parish Council who had undertaken the task. Cllr Mr J Broomfield stated that he was still keen to pursue this but would only do so with the backing of the Parish Council.

The issue was discussed; the Parish Council needed more information on what was involved to see if it would be of benefit to Hurstbourne Priors. The Clerk suggested that he spoke to his contact at TVBC to confirm the difference between the various community plans and he would then forward the information to Cllr Mr J Broomfield.

Posts on the Village Green - The Clerk reported that Mr B Pearce has quoted £80 to install a further 6 posts on the Village Green. The Parish Council agreed to proceed.

2014 Bonfire - Cllr Mrs C Read confirmed that the Bonfire will be held on the 8th November 2014. Henry du Val has offered the use of a tractor to help build the bonfire. William Murray has kindly offered the excess wood from the trees that fell during the storms earlier this year to help build the fire. The Council was very grateful for his support. The position of the bonfire and fireworks is needed so the that crops in the field can be harvested in time for the event. Cllr Mr P Smail stated that the bonfire needs to be 50 metres away from the members of the public and the fireworks a further 50 metres from the bonfire. Cllr Mrs C Read will relay this to Henry du Val.

Lengthsman Scheme - An update on work completed had been supplied by the leading parish; no work has been done in Hurstbourne Priors since June. Cllr Mr M Williams stated that some of the work requested is still outstanding. He had not understood that outstanding work had to be resubmitted each month. Cllr Mr M Williams agreed that he would do this at the earliest opportunity and certainly prior to the 20th of the month which is when the lead parish has requested the forms.

The Parish Council requested that a monthly updated list be provided showing work requested and work completed is distributed to Councillors. Cllr Mr M Williams was happy to do this.

PLANNING: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that the planning application for Cressington has been approved.

Outline Planning Permission for 44 dwellings and a Class B Commercial Unit on the Hirst Site.

The Parish Council discussed at length this outline planning application. Feelings were split on this application, the Parish Council agreed in principal but there were several concerns that needed addressing. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will formulate a reply and distribute it to the Parish Councillors, before submitting it to Basingstoke and Deane.

Mr Simon Tufnell who lives close to the site also expressed his concerns regarding this application. However he was happy that these appeared to be the same as those of the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that the Test Valley Borough Council Revised Local Plan is due to be heard on the 15th October 2014. A copy of the plan will be forwarded to Hurstbourne Priors in due course.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Cllr Mrs S Sorby - Sent in the following report -

VILLAGE HALL - We now have the LIF Grant for £10,000 which is being used for the updating of the kitchen. We have had to supply Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Policies for this to finally go through. Work will begin on the 13th October and last about two weeks, all being well.

WELCOME LETTERS - Three welcome letters were delivered in September to new residents in Hurstbourne Priors. Tufton now have their own letter with Cllr Mr J Broomfield.

Cllr Mrs C Read - Reported that Henry du Val has invited the Parish Council to tour his facility at Apsley. The Parish Council were keen to visit and asked if it could please be arranged for a Saturday morning. She will arrange this.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she had attended a recent Bourne Rivulet Initiative meeting, the proposed development at the Hirst site was discussed and the following concerns raised by members at the meeting:

Water/Drainage

There are concerns regarding the arrangements being incorporated into any planning application regarding foul water and surface water drainage arrangements. Currently, when it rains the surface water runs down the 'drive' into the Vitacress site. Obviously the pollutants in this water cause concern as this is a food production site. 44 houses would provide a much greater quantity of foul water as well as more surface water from the increased amount of Tarmac.

Pollutants

This was a much greater concern. Since the site has been operating as a recycling facility for a very long time the processes set up to control pollutants and toxins will not comply with current rules. As such, if the planning goes through, there will have to be very strict control over removal of the affected contaminated topsoil. There was a feeling that the cost of making the site safe would be prohibitive.

Cllr Mrs C Read and Cllr Mr P Smail gave a brief report on a issue raised at a recent Vitacress meeting.

Cllr Mr M Williams - Spoke about the Bullington Wind Farm planning application hearing.

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 in the process of putting the Cricket Square to bed for the winter. There have been major problems with the grass cutting this year and it has been decided to look at alternative contractors and the possibility of purchasing our own grass cutting equipment in the future. It was noted that Hiring Fees of £840 have been received to date. Mr B Pearce hopes to repair the holes in the Pavilion by the clock before the onslaught of winter but may not get round to the outside painting until the spring.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED August and September 2014

Helen Ford	Pavilion Cleaning	£213.40
Eclipse Pest Control	Moles and Bees	£125.00
Andover Pest Control	Wasps Nest	£ 39.40
Drain and Sewer	Cess Pit Empty	£ 93.60
Southern Water	Pavilion	£ 29.31
Penton Grafton PC	Refund for Padlocks	£ 13.62
R.N. Waterman	1/2 year Office Allowance and Expenses	£129.50
Mrs C Read	Expenses - Charging FFS Battery	£ 48.00
Phoenix Supplies	Loam etc	£ 708.94
 <u>Standing Orders</u>		
Aviva	Insurance - August	£133.70
Aviva	Insurance - September	£133.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages - August	£150.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - September	£150.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity August	£18.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity September	£18.00
		£2,004.17

INCOME

1/2 Precept	£3,500.00
Cricket Fees	£ 305.00 (£840 so far this season)
	£3,805.00

MONEY DUE IN :-

VAT Refund £339.00

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE

£7,189.48

CORRESPONDENCE: Rats in the vicinity of Dairy Cottage had been reported to the Parish Council. This has been forwarded to the Testbourne Estate Land Agent.

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

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 26th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall.

