

**Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 J Broomfield  
Cllr Mr C Ekins  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk  
Mr G Finlayson – Village Web Site  
Mr M Williams – Recreation Ground Booking Secretary

**Apologies :** Cllr Mr P Smail, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts and County Councillor Mr T Thacker.

**WELCOME.:** Cllr Mrs C Read welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF OFFICE AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** The Councillors signed the Declaration of Office and filled in the Declaration of Financial Interests.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN:** CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mr J Broomfield proposed Cllr Mrs C Read as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mr C Ekins. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs C Read was elected Chairman.

VICE CHAIRMAN – Cllr Mrs S Sorby proposed Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby as Vice Chairman, This was seconded by Cllr Mrs C Read. There were no other nominations. All agreed. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby was elected Vice Chairman.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Firstly my thanks to Peter Smail who has been an excellent Chairman and I hope that I speak for all of us when I say we all very grateful for his hard work during his Chairmanship.

Once again it has been a busy year for planning issues with 12 Applications and one Inspectorate hearing. The two that have taken up a great deal of time are the appeal by EDF in respect of the proposed wind farm at Bullington Cross and the proposed development of the Hirst recycling yard. My thanks to Sarah for her invaluable work studying all the planning applications we receive – and the reams of papers - but particularly these two 'major' ones and especially the Bullington Wind Farm. Thanks also to Mark Williams for his help with the preparation of our papers for the Inspectorate hearing. We shall await the outcome of the hearing in October.

The Parish Council held the annual Bonfire, which despite the best efforts of the monsoon weather, was still a great evening, and a very successful Quiz and Curry Night, to welcome newcomers to the village which was very well attended – our thanks to the Wyatt-Tilbys for all their efforts putting the evening together.

The village also held its Safari Supper, again very well attended and the wonderful May Fair which was blessed with fabulous weather. As always, our thanks go to Helen Mehaffey and her hardworking committee for putting it together so successfully. We had our annual village tidy-up, which again highlighted how much rubbish is chucked out of windows by passing motorists.

## **FINACIAL REPORT**

### **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1.4.2014 TO 31.3.2015**

The Clerk produced a report on the end of year accounts. Each item was explained. The Clerk reported that the accounts were to go to the internal Auditor Mr. Paul Reynolds the following day.

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the Accounts. The Chairman signed section 1 - Accounting Statements 2014/14 and section 2 - Annual Governance statement 2013/14 on the Audit Form. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for keeping such good accounts.

## CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED - April/May 2015

Aviva	Insurance - DD	£130.11
EON Electricity	Pavilion - DD	£8.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - April - DD	£150.00
R.N. Waterman	½ Year Expenses	£209.00
Drain and Sewer	Cess Pit Empty	£93.60
Mr B Pearce	Painting Pavilion	£540.00
Vision Tech	Web Site Fees - 2 Years	£420.00
Hill and Valley	Years Grant	£195.00
Mr B Pearce	Play Area Repair	£50.00
TVBC	Grass Cutting 2014	£1116.00
TVBC	Hedge Cutting 2014	£243.80
R.N. Waterman	Wages - May - DD	£150.00
Aviva	Insurance - DD	£130.11
Eon	Pavilion Electricity - DD	£8.00
R.N. Waterman	Expenses	£31.00

**£3,474.62**

## INCOME

½ Precept £5,495.00

VAT Refund £658.56

Cricket Fees £80.00 - M Gouriet

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE = £7,326.32.**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Mr M Williams reported that he attended a recent Hill and Valley meeting and they have a full order book for advertising. Hill and Valley have a balance in the bank of £18,500 and are making an average of £1,500 profit each year.

Mr M Williams reported that the Recreation Ground bookings are looking good again this year and noted that there are a number of younger teams booking the cricket pitch. The light in the Pavilion had not been working, Mr Williams left the meeting to check if it had been repaired. Mr Williams returned and stated that it was still not working and then left again. The Clerk was asked to leave a note for Helen Ford to ask her husband who is an electrician if he could take a look at the light.

**TUFTON:** Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that some of the pot holes in Nuns Walk have been done and that there had been a bad 'Head On' accident on Nuns Walk this evening. It was agreed something needs to be done to stop Nuns Walk being used as a rat run. The Chairman will inform Steve Goodall of the accident.

Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that the next phase of the Church restoration has started with repairs to the flint wall, gate and a new footpath. The grass and hedges of footpaths in Tufton are in the process of being cut and it is hoped that the path alongside the fields will also be mown. The weeds on the A34 Slip Road have still not been cut and the Clerk was reminded about the Dog Fouling Sign for Tufton.

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

### Matters Arising from those Minutes:-

HIGHWAYS – The Chairman reported that she had met with Steve Goodall from Hampshire Highways on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. The following points were discussed:

- Tufton – The potholes are mostly done, the problem drain has been cleared and should be reported every six months to remind highways to clear it out, single track sign on Nuns Walk is to be moved to a more visible position, the weight limit sign is to be replaced and moved too.
  - Chapmasford – There was a bad crash at the crossroads. It has been identified that there is a considerable amount of work needed at the crossroads to improve road safety. Steve Goodall

will speak to the Crash Reduction Team. Cllr Mr C Ekins reported that the grass on the verges is very long at the crossroads and it is very difficult to see oncoming traffic. This was noted.

- Hurstbourne Priors – A new sign for the Village Hall has been ordered, the drains either side of the church entrance have been pumped out and a post for the flashing speed sign is to be erected by the bus stop at Drury Close.
- Harrow Way – Cllr Mr C Ekins reported that there are many issues with the Harrow Way that need addressing.
- Bridge repairs on Tufton Lane come under Winchester and have been reported by Steve Goodall.

**MAY FAIR:** It was reported that the 2015 May fair was a great success. The May Fair Committee are meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council's insurance company has asked that certain conditions are adhered to for the May Fair to be covered next year. The conditions have been relayed to the May Fair Committee for their consideration. The May Fair may decide to take out their own insurance but the Parish Council agreed that they are very happy to continue with the current arrangements.

**PLANNING:** Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby produced a list of the planning applications discussed during the last year.

(Attached to the master copy of these Minutes). Cllr Mrs Wyatt-Tilby reported that we are still waiting for a date for the Hirst planning application to be heard by the Planning Committee.

The Chairman reported that she has been in correspondence with the owner of the property with the caravans at the top of the hill on the B3400. The resident in question was not happy with the reporting in the minutes. The issue is being dealt with.

**COMMUNITY PLAN:** The Parish Council discussed at great length the production of a Community Plan. It was agreed that, at this moment in time, Hurstbourne Priors and Tufton are quite protected from development both from the Conservation Plans for each Parish and the Basingstoke and Deane Local Development Plan. Therefore this issue will be addressed in the future, if the need arises.

**VILLAGE HALL REPORT:** Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that the Village Hall bookings are steady and that she had nothing to report.

**FOOTPATHS REPORT:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that all the footpaths are walkable. The permissive footpath on the Testbourne Estate land will be shut for one day the first week in June for hedge cutting and again in October. Thanks to the team for keeping the paths so well.

**RECREATION GROUND REPORT:** Cllr Mrs C Read reported that the grass cutting seems to be going OK, the new mower is proving a success and the pitch is looking very good. Fixtures are looking good for 2015, the pavilion has been repaired and painted. The Play Equipment is due to be painted this summer, a replacement climbing net is required for the climbing frame and is on order.

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

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 29th July 2015 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm

The Chairman and Cllr Ekins gave their apologies for the July Meeting. Cllr Wyatt Tilby will chair the meeting.