

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2014 in Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby - Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr C Ekins

Cllr Mr J Broomfield

Cllr Mrs S Sorby

Richard Waterman - Parish Clerk

Mr G Finlayson - Web Site

Apologies: Cllr Mr P Smail - Chairman, Cllr Mrs C Read, Cllr Mr M Williams, Borough Councillor Mr K Watts, County Councillor Mr T Thacker and PC Paula Deery

WELCOME: Cllr S Wyatt-Tilby welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

TUFTON: Cllr Mr J Broomfield reported that :-

The power lines in Tufton have been replaced by the Electricity Company. New residents have moved into one of the properties in Tufton. The "No Dog Fouling" signs are now all in place.

Mr Tacchi has had the overgrown footpaths on his land mowed and they are walkable again; it was suggested that a gentle reminder be sent to the Testbourne estate in the future.

The Tufton fete raised £400 towards the Church restoration.

The River Test is back to its normal level after all the winter rainfall.

The A34 junction is of concern to residents - a lorry recently went the wrong way up the Slip Road meeting a car coming down - there could have been a very serious accident. The weeds on the verge are so long that this hampers visibility at the Tufton junction, making it difficult to see vehicles travelling down the slip road. This will be reported to Cllr Mrs C Read to add to her Highways list. Cllr Mr J Broomfield wondered if this job could be done under the Lengthman's Scheme.

Residents have voiced concern about the access and exit on the recent planning application for Tufton Manor.

A blocked drain will also need reporting to Highways.

The telephone box is now in need of some attention and is looking a little shabby. The Clerk reported that it is 4 years since it was painted and it will be due for repainting in the spring, he will also ask Brian Pearce to carry out any repairs that are needed.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr G Finlayson asked if there was any further news on the problem of the mud on the B3400 by the Apsley Landfill Site? Although not muddy at present it is very dusty! Cllr Mrs S Sorby stated that Cllr Mrs C Read has been trying for some time to organise a site meeting with Sita but has so far been unsuccessful.

Mr Finlayson asked when the speed reminder sign will be moved to another position in the village? The Parish Council are waiting for Highways to erect the additional posts. Mr Finlayson reported that part of the hedge on Longparish Road had been cut, but not all of it, very puzzling!

Mr Finlayson stated that the timing of the minutes from the May AGM could have been better as they will not appear in the Hill and Valley until the August addition. The Clerk apologised as this was down to a computer glitch.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

Matters arising from those Minutes :-

Planning Enforcement - The Clerk reported that Basingstoke and Deane are taking further action on the issue of the caravans on the land adjacent to Andover Road.

Highways - Report sent in by Cllr Mrs C Read

The SID was out of action for a couple of weeks as I failed to plug in the battery properly. Sorry.

PC Paula is currently on leave following her knee operation so I have been unable to discuss the issue of putting 'rubber bands' on the road to get a better monitor of the number of vehicles and their speed. I have sent her an email and we will discuss this on her return. I will circulate her views to Cllr's.

The huge pothole at Tufton has been filled in at last. Nothing has happened to the sign but I know these are not Highways priorities. I will send an updated list of things when I return from holiday if any Cllr's have potholes etc that they would like included please get them to me for August 10.

The resurfacing of the B3400 has, in my opinion, been a shambles. I had a letter - as a householder with a drive with direct access onto the road - from Derek Osborne regarding 'Operation Resilience' which is what HCC are calling their resurfacing programme. Apparently the surface dressing makes the carriageway extremely resilient to water and prolongs the surface life! I wrote back to point out that none of the potholes where water sit were filled in so the freeze thaw problems would still be an issue. Also by raising the height of the road surface the drains and other metal work were much lower than the Tarmac which a) causes damage to vehicles and b) makes vehicles swerve into the carriage way to avoid them. I have had no reply from him....

The Parish Council discussed the resurfacing work on the B3400 and how unsatisfactory the surface is. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will write to Hampshire County Council to complain about the quality of the work.

Lengthman Scheme - Cllr Mr J Broomfield suggested that it would be helpful if an up-date on the Lengthsman Scheme was given at each meeting. Councillors are not aware of the jobs that have been requested and which ones have been completed. The Parish Council thought this a good idea. Due to Cllr M Williams absence due to illness It was suggested that the Clerk contact Derek Kane the Lengthsman Co-ordinator for the latest position as far as Hurstbourne Priors is concerned.

2014 Bonfire Event - Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has spoken to Neil Boxer who is one of the organisers of the St Mary Bourne event, she hoped that we will be able to hold our bonfires on different nights. Cllr Mrs C Read stated that her preferred choice would be Saturday 8th November and he agreed that they would try and hold theirs on a different night.

Cllr Mrs C Read has spoken to William Murray and he has confirmed that the family are happy for the bonfire to be held in the upper field once more. Henry du Val has already agreed to make the appropriate section of the field available.

PLANNING:

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that Bullington Wind Farm application was refused. It is not known if EDF will appeal. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby specifically wanted to thank Cllr Mr M Williams for his attendance and representations at the Wind Farm meeting that took place on Monday 16th June.

14/02139/CMA - Apsley Farm Landfill Site, Apsley Lane, Hurstbourne Priors - Variation of condition 11 of planning permission 13/00606/CMA for a temporary increase in vehicle movements until October 2014. The Parish Council will raise concerns and objection concentrating on the problem of mud on the B3400 and the need for vehicle wheel cleaning.

The issue of a Neighbourhood Plan was briefly discussed. Cllr Mr J Broomfield stated that he has contacted the St Mary Bourne Clerk for further information but to date has not received a reply. The Clerk mentioned that he knew that the St Mary Bourne Clerk had had trouble with his internet at some point since the last HBP Meeting.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby reported that residents adjacent to the Equestrian Centre have been notified that demolition of the large barn has been granted. Plans for the house and the bothy have not yet been re-submitted.

FINANCE

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED June and July 2014

Ryan Dickinson	New Shower in the Pavilion	£492.00
Dereks Garden Machinery	Service of Mower	£202.41
Drain and Sewer	Empty Septic Tank	£93.60
Mr B Pearce	Repairs Lych Gate and Benches	£185.00
P Reynolds	Accounts	£125.00
Hill and Valley	Yearly donation	£195.00
Southern Water	Pavilion Water	£58.58
BDO Ltd	Audit Fee	£120.00

STANDING ORDERS

Aviva	Insurance - June	£133.70
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R.N. Waterman	Wages - June	£150.00
R.N. Waterman	Wages - July	£150.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity June	£18.00
EON	Pavilion Electricity July	£18.00
CPRE	Subscription	£36.00

£2,111.98

INCOME

May Fair	£1200.00
Cricket Fees	£ 325.00 (£585 so far this season)
	£1,525.00

MONEY DUE IN :- VAT Refund £339.00

WORKING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER ABOVE = £5,114.31

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1.4.2013 TO 31.3.2014

The Clerk reported that Audit have signed off the Accounts and have raised no issues.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Mrs S Sorby - reported that Mr J Perkins has suggested that posts on the Village Green be extended to the end to stop cars parking and churning up the green. The Parish Council thought this a good idea and asked the Clerk to get a quote from Mr B Pearce.

Cllr Mr C Ekins - reported that there has been an incident of theft from an open barn at Chapmansford Farm. Neighbourhood Watch will be alerting residents to be aware.

Cllr Mr J Broomfield - reported that he had received a Community Based renewable Energy Survey from Southampton University. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will distribute the document to the parish Councillors for their information.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT: Cllr Mrs S Sorby reported that she has been notified by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council that the Local Infrastructure Fund funding for the refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen should be released by early September.

The Village Hall Management Committee discussed the hedge between the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground. It was suggested that this could be lowered considerably to make the Village hall more visible and to make it look part of the Recreation Ground.. The Clerk reported that this had been raised at the Recreation Ground Meeting.

FOOTPATHS REPORT: Cllr Mrs C Read reported that as far as she was aware these are now all passable. The Testbourne Estate, following a couple of telephone calls, cut the overlong grass through the middle of the gallops and the footpaths in Tufton.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT: Cllr Mrs C Read - Following a request from the PCC, it was agreed at our last meeting that the church would be able to connect to the current water supply at the Pavilion. A nominal charge of £10 per annum would be made. The Clerk will monitor the meter to see if usage exceeds that level. The Pavilion requires a bit of redecorating and a few running repairs. Those will be done during the next few weeks.

The hedge between the road, the turning circle and the Recreation Ground is far too high and wide. I have had a meeting with Mat Casson at TVBC and he and I agreed that it would be brought down to approximately 6 feet and narrowed significantly. We aim to get it to a similar height to the hedge surrounding the 'Car Park' field. This work should be completed by early September. Whilst the hedge will look a little bare for some months it is the most effective way of getting the privet under control once more. In the next hedge cutting cycle we will look at lowering the hedge opposite the Village Hall - the cost is prohibitive at the moment. The Village Hall may need to make a donation.

Bookings are looking good and the new booking reference system which Mark and Richard are using is working well. We have only had two matches cancelled and Mark was able to re-schedule one of those.

We have had a problem with moles on the pitch but these have been dealt with. In addition there was a bees' nest on the outside of the Pavilion; it was not possible to move it so the nest has been destroyed.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 24th September 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm