

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr A Milne
Cllr Mr T Lubman
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mr P Smail, Cllr Mr T Crutchfield and
Borough Councillor Mr Sam Carr

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mr T Lubman reported that the new bridge will officially be open on the 3rd of February 2023. The general consensus is the design is pleasing and an improvement on the old bridge and walkers are very pleased to be able to cross the river once more.

The condition of Papermill Lane is still bad with many reported potholes those repaired in October 2021 have returned, in many cases worse than before, having not been repaired to a satisfactory standard.

The Chairman apologized but had not yet written to the Land Agent regarding the proposed Permissive Footpath raised at the previous meeting.

Cllr Mr T Lubman spoke about a planned Parish Council visit to Clock Barn on the 10th of February 2023, and asked if interested Tufton Residents would be able to attend. The Parish Council had no objections.

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 Clerk confirmed that the new website address is:

www.hurstbournepriorsparishcouncil.org.uk

The Clerk has exchanged contact details for Ed Beasley and Cllr A Milne with Michelle Shill so that work can begin on transferring over the Website details and setting up the Village Hall page.

Parish Councillors will now have email addresses attached to the website so that their private email accounts are not published. Emails sent via the new website will automatically be forwarded.

TREE AND SCATTERING OF ASHES – The Chairman reported that the Family have planted the Tree and Scattered the Ashes of their parents as discussed at previous meeting.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 25th January 2023

EXPENDITURE.

Eon Electricity	Pavilion 2 Months	£50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages 2 Months	£450.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge (DD x 2 Months)	£350.18
Amazon	No Parking on Grass Signs	£51.75
SBPC	Defibrillator Batteries and Pads	£274.90
Eclipse Pest Control	Moles	£120.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	£78.11
		<u>£1,375.64</u>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS -
£1,180.39

RESERVES - General Reserves £10,000.00

Total : £11,180.39 In the Bank.

VAT Claim submitted for £887.00.

PLANNING.

The Parish Council discussed the proposed Solar Farm in St Mary Bourne. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not be seen as being against solar – or any other form of green energy – but that it's generation should not have an adverse effect on the environment in which it is placed. It was felt that the proposed site is not suitable.

Planning Application Consultation for 23/00139/HSE at 131 Winchester Road
Whitchurch Hampshire RG28 7RB

Tree work consultation (Conservation Area) T/00028/23/TCA - St Andrews
Church Hurstbourne Priors Whitchurch Hampshire RG28 7SB

RECREATION GROUND.

Work will start on the new Cricket Practice Nets in March 2023. The Recreation Ground Committee is to be re-formed. There have been no meetings held since the start of the Covid Pandemic.

At the next meeting a fundraising event to be held this summer will be discussed. The cesspit needs to be replaced urgently and the cost of re-thatching and updating the pavilion needs to be addressed. It is anticipated that this would be a family event.

FOOTPATHS

All the footpaths are clear and walkable, but very wet and slippery. The Chairman wished to publicly thank the Lengthsman on behalf of the Parish for the quick work on clearing the footpath at Apsley Cross after the strong winds at the end of last year.

VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Mr A Milne gave a brief up-date on the Village Hall. Bookings are good and the damp issue has been rectified.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS C READ – Reported that the social evening for new residents has been postponed until the 21st of April 2023 so as not to be too close to the Safari Supper on 4th March.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that Hampshire Highways are repeatedly putting in diversion's and not notifying Vitacress so that the drivers can be pre-warned. This has led to a number of incidents recently including an HGV leaving Vitacress that had to back all the way back to the crossroads from The Mill House as it couldn't get along the narrow lane due to overhanging trees and another which had to be guided to turn around as it couldn't get under the bridge on Blosswood Lane. Cllr Read is trying to make contact with Hampshire Highways.

Ground Water levels are high, and it has been noted that Southern Water are pumping again in St Mary Bourne. Their representative said this would be for approximately 3 weeks but that they would keep the Parish Council informed.

THE KINGS CORONATION.

The Kings Coronation celebrations will be discussed at the March Meeting.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

29th March 2023 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

DATES FOR 2023

May 31st (AGM), July 26th, September 27th and November 29th