

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman  
Cllr Mr P Smail  
Cllr Mrs L MacGregor  
Cllr Mr A Milne  
Cllr Mr T Crutchfield  
Borough Councillor Mr S Carr  
County Councillor Mr T Thacker  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman.

### **WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mr A Milne declared an interest in the Village Hall.

### **TUFTON.**

Cllr Mrs L MacGregor reported:

- Potholes are still being reported, the verge is looking very untidy and needs cutting, there are also several road drains that need un-blocking. This will be reported to Hampshire County Council.
- Graffiti has appeared on the bridge over the A34. This has been reported to The Highways Agency.
- Tufton Residents keep asking if there is any update on the proposed permissive footpath? The Chairman will contact the Testbourne Estate.
- Residents are enquiring if there are plans to bring Super-Fast Broadband to Tufton. The Whitchurch Town Clerk will be contacted to see if there is any up-date.
- Planning Permission has been granted for the replacement fishing hut on land adjacent to the River Test at Tufton (23/02434/FUL). It was agreed that this was disappointing given previous similar applications being refused by TVBC
- An application to register a parcel of land adjacent to the River Test at Tufton Barns is being challenged as the land is registered as Communal Land on the deeds of the Tufton Barns when they were originally converted to dwellings. Details from Residents challenging the registration have been asked for so that the Parish Council can decide whether it is appropriate for support to be given.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER.**

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that he had sent a report to the Parish Council prior to the meeting – the Clerk reported that he had not received the report. Cllr Mr T Thacker could not recall what was in the report and would send it again the following day. Cllr Mr T Thacker briefly spoke about HCC £60 Million shortfall in the budget and that cut will need to be made in the service the County Council provides.

## **BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S CARR.**

Borough Councillor Mr S Carr had sent his report to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Mr S Carr highlighted the following points:

- Cllr Mr S Carr stated that he had spoken with the Chairman and a number of residents regarding a possible proposal to build 46 Houses at the Old Shooting School, Apsley which he had recently been made aware of.
- Cllr Mr S Carr reported that he has fought hard and achieved a zero rate for Hurstbourne Priors in the new Borough Plan, but unfortunately this has been overruled by the Regulation Team who have looked at the number of houses for Whitchurch stated that some of the development needs to be re-located to the Rural areas.
- The Government have announced that the NHS Trust will be given £900 Million to build a new hospital off Junction 7 of the M3 (Basingstoke). Consultation will open in December 2023. The proposed completion date is 2032.  
The consultation questionnaire can be found at [hampshiretogether.nhs.uk](http://hampshiretogether.nhs.uk)
- Under the new Liberal Democrat Cabinet, the decision has been taken to increase the Basingstoke and Deane Council Tax by 4.99%. The plan is to increase costs and use reserves. Cllr Mr S Carr worries that this will end with a large deficit.

The Chairman reported that the Recycling Site at Barton Stacy has put in another planning application and she will try to find out more information and report back to the Parish Council if a response is needed.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the September Meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PLAY AREA – A recent fund-raising event raised £1,193.75. The Chairman wished to thank all the residents involved.

NUMBER 76 BUS SERVICE – The Clerk reported County Councillor Mr C Donnelly has informed him that several users of the No 76 Bus Service have put in claims for compensation about the amount Stagecoach offer. Cllr Mr P Smail noted this and will watch with interest. Stagecoach have confirmed that they have sorted the staffing problem.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – The Clerk has registered Hurstbourne Priors interest in starting a Neighbourhood Development Plan with Basingstoke and Deane.

## **FINANCE.**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2023**

#### **INCOME.**

Play Area Fund Raising

**£**  
1,193.75  
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#### **EXPENDITURE.**

Eon Electricity

Pavilion – O + N

**£**  
50.70

R.N. Waterman	Wages - 0 + N	600.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	401.08
Deposit - Sewage Treatment Plant – Clanville Drain		6,811.27
Flow Right	Make Lytch Gate Safe	786.00
Mr M Page	Equipment Hire – Cricket Pitch	70.44
Wel Medical	Defib Battery – Village Hall	279.54
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	37.69
Helen Ford	Pavilion Cleaning	232.50
		<b><u>£9,269.22</u></b>

Bank Account Balance after above movements = £ 9,529.61

Working Capital = £4,147.13

### **RESERVES.**

General Reserves = £4,188.73  
 Play Area = £1,193.75  
 = **£9,529.61**

106 Money claimed and in the process for the Pavilion refurbishment = £20,756.85

### **2024/2025 PRECEPT.**

The Clerk produced a balance sheet showing the Estimated Results for the Year 2023/2024 and the Budget for the Year 2024/2025. Each item was discussed. It was noted that the cost of insuring the Pavilion has increased by £400.

The Parish Council agreed that the Precept will be set at £12,200 for the year 2024/2025. An increase of £400 to cover the increase in the insurance premium for the pavilion was agreed appropriate. Proposed by Cllr Mr P Smail and Seconded by Cllr Mr A Milne.

### **PLANNING.**

The Chairman was pleased to report that the Planning Application for Dairy Cottage has been settled and it is hoped that work will soon begin.

### **RECREATION GROUND.**

The Chairman has undertaken a Recreation Ground and Cricket Pitch Appraisal Document and gave the Parish Councillors a copy of the first draft.

REFUBISHMENT OF THE PAVILION – The Clerk confirmed that the application to Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council for the £20,756.85 106 Developer Money has been claimed. The Clerk has sent all the relevant paperwork to Mr Paul Martin the Officer in charge and the application has been signed off and payment is pending.

Three quotes are required to apply for grants, and these are in hand.

### **Quotations:**

ITEM	Details	QUOTE 1.	Quote 2.	Quote 3.
Sewage Treatment	Up-grade sewage	Clanville Draintech	N/A	N/A

Plant	system.	£14,190.15		
Pavilion – Internal	See Below	Rob Smith £	Flow Right £	
Pavilion Thatch	Re-Thatch	Raven Thatching Ltd £26,957.00	Scott Evans Thatching £	

**NOTE:**

Rob Smith and Flow Right have visited the site and have yet to put their final quotes in writing.

**WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN.**

**Pavilion - Internal**

1. Showers – Fit dividing screen and retain one shower tray.
2. Changing Rooms – Paint ceilings white.  
New Flooring
3. Club Room – Paint ceiling white  
New flooring
4. Kitchen – Paint walls
5. Metal Windows to the front of building – remove glass, refurbish frames and replace glass.
6. Treat exterior woodwork with color wood preserve.

**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.**

Clanville Drintech are due to start work any time and have been delayed due to the increase in the Ground Water levels.

LYCH GATE – Flow Right Builders confirmed that the majority of the roof timbers were rotten and needed replacing. Work has begun and will soon be completed on the repairs. A large amount of wood has been replaced, all wood has been treated for woodworm, replace timber fascia boards, re-felt and battened using breathable membrane, repair upright wooden panels. All the old tiles have been cleaned and used on the front and sides with new tiles placed on the rear. The Cost for the project including making safe after roof collapse £5,951.08.

The Chairman stated that she has written to the Portsmouth Estate to ask if they would consider making a contribution as the Lytch Gate was erected by the Portsmouth Family.

PLAY AREA – Quotes for equipment are being looked at by the fundraising team. 106 Development Money, Fundraising and Grants will be applied for in due course.

**FOOTPATHS.**

All the Parish Footpaths are Clear and Walkable.

**VILLAGE HALL.**

Cllr Mr A Milne reported that work on the Village Hall Roof has started. A new shed is to be erected at the rear of the Village Hall for the storage of the May Fair equipment.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR MR T CRUCHFIELD – Reported that with Cllr Mr P Smail they intend to compile a digital archive of the Village Photographs. When completed this will be available for purchase via a USB Stick to help fund raise for the Pavilion Project. The Parish Council thought this an excellent idea.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.