

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th of July 2022 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr T Lubman
Cllr Mr A Milne
Cllr Mr T Crutchfield
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Borough Councillor Mr S Carr

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Read - Chairman, Cllr Mr P Smail, County Councillor Mr T Thacker and Borough Councillors Mr John Izett and Mr G Falconer.

WELCOME.

The Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mr T Lubman gave a brief up-date on the bridge at Tufton. Cllr Mr T Lubman thanked Cllr Mr S Carr for his efforts in pushing the issue of the bridge forward. A new design has been approved (Parish Councillors have all been sent a copy of the design) by all parties concerned and Tufton Residents are also happy with the proposal. Work is due to start on site in October 2022.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S CARR.

Cllr Mr S Carr reported on the following issues:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are looking at how the increase in the cost of living will affect lower income families. The concern is that the rise in energy costs will see many households choosing between that or food. A 'cost of living' assistance fund has been created and help with applying is available through the Council.
- B&DBC have frozen the Council Tax and Car Parking Charges to help the 'cost of living' crisis.
- B&DBC are not happy with the Government figures for new housing and feel that 17,800 new dwellings in the Borough is excessive. Whitchurch Conservation Group may contact the Parish Council for support in getting the number of allocated new houses reduced.
- The Parish Council may be interested to read Regulation 18 in the Borough Plan Consultation due out this September – This covers Rural Sites around Basingstoke.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding a deal the County Council plan with the Government to combine the County and Borough Councils. Basingstoke and Deane are working with Hart and Rushmoor Borough Councils to protect their interests if this goes forward.
- Cllr Mr S Carr has been to Vitacress to meet the Team and tour the facility.
- 175 Ukrainian Guest are staying in the Borough. Anyone who would like to host a family are welcome to contact Cllr Mr S Carr to help with the process.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby thanked Cllr Mr S Carr for his report. Cllr Mr S Carr left the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Vice- Chairman signed the May Minutes as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – No further news to report.

DAIRY COTTAGE – The Testbourne Estate Office have reported that they have not received a copy of the Village Survey. The Vice-Chairman thought they had been sent a further copy.

REPLACEMENT BENCH – The Clerk produced a 'Glasdon' brochure on re-cycled benches. The Parish Council looked at the brochure and felt that the 'Lowther Seat' would sit nicely on the Recreation Ground. The bench can be ordered with an engraved plaque. The Clerk will get a price and email the Parish Councilors prior to placing the order.

The old bench has now been removed and the plaque has been retained as agreed.

ALCOHOL LICENSE – Cllr Mr A Milne stated that the Village Hall are still discussing the issue of holding an alcohol license. It was mentioned that it would be a lot easier to justify if the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground were combined. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby suggested that this is investigated. The Parish Council agreed.

Hirers of the pavilion who require an Alcohol License for an event can still apply to Basingstoke and Deane for a Temporary License. Other alternatives for a regular get together for residents will be explored.

FINANCE.

INCOME.

Insurance Premium Refund £ 78.79

Hire Fees £285.00

£363.79

EXPENDITURE.

Eon Electricity	Pavilion	£25.35
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R.N. Waterman	Wages	£225.00
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Eclipse Pest Control	Moles	£120.00
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TVBC	Grass and Hedge (DD Month)	£175.09
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Draintech Ltd	Cess Pit Emptying	£150.00
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£695.44

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS -
£1,239.40

RESERVES - General Reserves £10,000.00

Recreation Ground £ 2,781.50

Total : £14,020.64 In the Bank.

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

RECREATION GROUND.

The Clerk reported that Clanville Draintech are to meet on site to discuss options for the Pavilion wastewater and sewage.

The Company supplying the Cricket Practice Nets have been contacted to give the go-ahead to proceed. An up-date price is being formulated and due to the delay with the 106 Money allocation they may not be able to schedule the job until the autumn or early next year. The Clerk is waiting for confirmation.

FOOTPATHS

Apart from the Tufton Bridge footpath, all footpaths are clear and walkable.

Mr B Pearce will be asked to carry out some clearance work around the Electricity Sub Station as the bushes are starting to grow out on to the footpath.

VILLAGE HALL – Cllr Mr A Milne reported that Village Hall hirings are now back to pre-covid levels.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

28th September 2022 in the Village Hall.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby and Cllr Mr A Milne both gave their apologies for the September Meeting.