

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31st of May 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 P Smail
Cllr Mrs L MacGregor
Cllr Mr A Milne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr T Thacker

Apologies: Mr T Crutchfield and Borough Councillor Mr Sam Carr.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Cllr's Mrs C Read, Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby, Mr P Smail and Mr A Milne signed the Declaration of Office.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

The Parish Councillors signed and dated the Declaration of Interest forms.
Cllr Mr A Milne declared an interest in the Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES.

Cllr Mrs C Read proposed that Mrs Liz MacGregor be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby. All agreed.
Mrs Liz MacGregor signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

The Parish Council still have one vacancy. The Chairman hoped to fill the vacancy with a parishioner from the St Mary Bourne End of the Parish.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman reported on the Parish Council's year and the projects and tasks undertaken. These included:

- New Cricket Practice Nets.
- Refurbishment of the Benches on the Recreation Ground.
- Ongoing maintenance and plans for the refurbishment of the Pavilion are planned. Grants and 106 Development Money will be applied for to help finance the project. A new Sewage Treatment plant is required as the current system cannot cope with the infiltration of Ground Water.
- The replacement bridge at Tufton involved a lot of background work from the Parish Council but in the end a pleasing design was installed. The Chairman wished to thank Mr T Lubman for all the work he did on this project, his constant pushing eventually got the project finished after a very shaky start!

The Chairman wished to thank her fellow Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their continued support and hard work.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT.

HURSTBOURNE PRIORS PARISH COUNCIL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 31ST MARCH 2023

2022/2023

INCOME	£	
Precept – Basingstoke and Deane		11,800.00
Donations – May Fair		2,781.50
VAT Refund		Nil
Hire Charges – Recreation Ground		1,010.00
Parish Funding B&D. BC		747.40
Grants		3,000.00
Insurance Premium Refund		78.79
		<u>19,417.69</u>
PAYMENTS		
Insurance		3,468.37
General Administration		4,593.00
VAT on Payments		952.27
Village Maintenance		320.00
Defibrillator Pads and Battery		274.90
Section 137 - Church		100.00
RECREATION GROUND		
Pavilion - Running Costs & Maintenance		1,200.28
Parks and Open Spaces		9,591.42
		<u>20,500.24</u>
CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE		
Opening Balance 1 st April 2022		9,070.24
Add Income		19,417.69
		<u>28,487.93</u>
Less Expenditure		20,500.24
Balance at 31/3/2023		<u>7,987.69</u>

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION – AGAR 2022/2023

The Parish Council agreed to submit a Certificate of Exemption as the turnover was below £25,000. Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Read and seconded by Cllr Mr P Smail. All agreed.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/2023

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023 ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Parish Council.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Read and seconded by Cllr Mr P Smail. All Agreed.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2022/2023

The Annual Accounting Statement 2021/2022 was approved by the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs C Read and seconded by Cllr Mr P Smail. All agreed.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER.

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported that Highways plan to close the Harrow Way for re-surfacing from the 12th to 16th of June 2023. Tom has asked Highways to make sure that diverted traffic is not routed through the villages. Cllr Mr T Thacker also reported that he has spoken to Vitacress to make sure they have been fully briefed by Hampshire Highways.

As a result of the recent Borough Elections, Basingstoke and Deane are now under new management. There have been concerns voiced on the impact this will have on the Local Borough Plan.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr T Thacker for all his help over the last year.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mrs L MacGregor spoke about:

- Future proposed development in Whitchurch.
- The 40MPH Speed Limit on the blind bend by the Clock Barn and how dangerous it is when crossing on the footpath. This concern will be reported to Hampshire County Council.
- A suggestion that the turning onto Tufton Lane by the Beehive off the B3400 be made NO ENTRY except for Emergency Vehicles. This was discussed and it was felt that it would not stop Tufton Lane being used as a 'Rat Run'. However it was felt that better signage is required to make the junction and Tufton Lane a safer route.
- Dipper Barn – Residents of Tufton are concerned that the current planning application will lead to further development in the future.

The field adjacent to Tufton Lane used to have a Sycamore Hedge bordering the road, this has been allowed to grow into fully mature trees that are now causing problems and there is a fear that they will come down in high winds. The Electricity and Telephone Cables run through these trees and have been reported to the utility companies.

It has been noted that the Highway does continue past the Dipper Barn, although it is barely used.

It was noted that residents have until the 2nd of June 2023 to get their comments submitted for the Dipper Barn Planning Application.

- Cllr Mrs L MacGregor will attend Whitchurch Town Council Meetings when she can so that she can report back to the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Cllr Mrs C Read be elected Chairman and Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby be elected Vice Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the March Meeting as a true record.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR April and May 2023

INCOME.

BDBC	½ Precept and Grass Funding	£ 6,654.87
BDBC	106 Development Money	£ 6,083.44
	Refund for Bench	£ 808.00
		<u>£13,976.31</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Eon Electricity	Pavilion – A + M	£50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages – A + M	£550.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	£401.08
Streetmaster	Bench	£969.60
Bourn Sports	Cricket Nets	£12,325.50
		<u>£14,296.88</u>

VAT Refund submitted for £3,921.48

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS -
£572.74

RESERVES - General Reserves	£6,000.00
New Sewage Treatment	£1,000.00
Total	£7,000.00

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

MAY FAIR

The Chairman reported that the 2023 May Fair was a great success. The Parish Council will receive £2,528 from the proceeds.

RECREATION GROUND.

Cllr Mrs C Read was pleased to report that the services of a fully licensed sprayed has been secured to regularly treat the stinging nettles between the Recreation Ground and the orchard.

FOOTPATHS.

All footpaths are clear and walkable.

VILLAGE HALL. Report from Cllr Mr A Milne.

- Bookings are continuing to look healthy.
- The repair to the rot in two of the skirting boards in the alcove has been completed.
- There have been no further leaks from the roof.
- A quote to soundproof the wall between the Village Hall and the adjacent cottage of £7,000 has been received and is under consideration.

VILLAGE FUN DAY 24th JUNE 2023.

A lot of planning has gone into the Village Fun Day to be held on the 24th of June 2023. Tickets are £10 for an Adult and £5 for Children. There will be a BBQ, 'Honesty' Bar, Live Music and lots of planned entertainment. This is a fund-raising event towards the Pavilion Refurbishment.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

26th July 2023 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

The Chairman gave her apologies.