

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th January 2022.

The Clerk and Cllr Mrs S Sorby had both come in to contact with people who had been tested positive with Covid. It was decided to hold the meeting via the Zoom App.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read - Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Sorby
Cllr Mr P Smail
Cllr Mr T Lubman
Cllr Mr A Milne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman, County Councillor Mr T Thacker and Borough Councillor Mr Sam Carr.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Cllr Mrs C Read declared an interest in a planning application to remove a tree on her property.

Cllr Mr T Lubman declared an interest in a planning application that is due to be submitted for his property.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR SAMUEL CARR.

Cllr Mr S Carr sent his report to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

- The Chairman will speak to Cllr Carr to encourage him to put more pressure on the Planner regarding agreed floor level issues that have been raised with the St Mary's Hill site.
- Cllr Mr S Carr gave an up-date on the Basingstoke and Dean local Plan. Concerns were raised about the large number of houses planned for Whitchurch and the impact they would have on the environment and local resources and infrastructure

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER.

Cllr Mr T Thacker forwarded his report to the Chairman prior to the meeting.

- Cllr Mr T Thacker has informed the Local Highways Engineer that a poor repair job had been done on Tufton Lane from the B3400 and that he is not happy and would like answers on why this has not been done properly.
- Cllr Mr T Thacker's Devolved Budget Grant is available until the end of February.
- Vitacress have complained to Cllr Mr T Thacker that HCC Highways are not informing of road closures which affects their delivery vehicle routes. This has resulted in a lot of complaints from residents about vehicles visiting their site using the village roads.

- Cllr Mr T Thacker has been in touch with Hampshire Highways to ask for clear signage for HGV's and to enquire if there is a standard European sign to assist foreign drivers visiting the Vitacress Site.

TUFTON – Cllr Mr T Lubman

- The Chairman reported that there has been a further delay in the repair of the Footbridge. The Engineers report found that the bridge is a worse condition than first thought, the report has now been sent to new contractors. It is hoped that this will be presented to HCC with in the next few weeks. Cllr Mr T Lubman stated that he would still like to be kept in the loop on this issue. The Chairman will include him in all her correspondence
- Tufton Church needs repairs to the roof, estimates of £80,000 have been received.
- The Wi-Fi coverage is poor in Tufton, and Residents wondered if anything can be done to improve the service. The Chairman will forward details of a parishioner who may be able to advise to Cllr T Lubman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record. The Chairman will sign them in due course. Matters arising from those minutes:

SPEED LIMITS/DANGEROUS JUNCTION – The Chairman reported that she has put a piece in Hill and Valley about the Harroway/Champansford crossroads and the non-reporting of incidents which means that HCC Highways will not consider a speed reduction.

OLD ROAD LEADING TO DIPPER BARN – The overgrown hedge is to be reported to Highways.

DOG GATES – The broken 'Dog Gates' have been reported to the Testbourne Estate.

HIGHWAYS – Cllr Mr T Lubman reported that the Highways Issues he reported online have disappeared from the HCC Website and that he will report them again.

QUIZ NIGHT – The quiz Night has been postponed till October/November.

FINANCE.

CHEQUES AND PAYMENTS ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022

EXPENDITURE.

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| Eon Electricity | Pavilion – D + J | £28.00 |
| R.N. Waterman | Wages - D + J | £400.00 |
| Came and Company | Insurance | £3,173.21 |
| L Harris | Changing Room Door Locks | £185.00 |
| HBP Village Hall | Hire Charge | £40.00 |
| | | <u>£3,826.21</u> |

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS -
£1,496.98

RESERVES - General Reserves £12,000

SUMMARY

1st April 2021 to 26th January 2022.

INCOME.

| | £ |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance BFW from Previous Year | = 13,954.14 |
| Precept | = 10,000.00 |
| B&D Grant – Grass Cutting | = 740.00 |
| Hire Fees | = 365.00 |
| | 25,059.14 |

EXPENDITURE.

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| Administration | = 380.00 |
| CPRE Subs | = 36.00 |
| Hill and Valley | = 195.00 |
| Audit | = 620.00 |
| Clerk | = 2,000.00 |
| Recreation Ground | = 3,132.95 |
| Pavilion | = 1,365.00 |
| New Mower | = 500.00 |
| Village Maintenance | = 160.00 |
| Insurance | = 3,173.21 |
| | £11,562.16 |

Bank Balance £13,496.98

PLANNING

Planning applications received since the last meeting were briefly discussed. The Parish Council discussed the planning application for a Lagoon at Apsley at length.

The Clerk was asked to contact Basingstoke and Dean for an up-to-date list of the 106 Developer Money that is due to Hurstbourne Priors.

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP.

The Village Clean-up will take place the end of February or early March. Date to be confirmed.

VEHICLE MOVEMENT RECORDING EQUIPEMENT.

The Chairman reported that now things are getting back to normal after the latest recent Covid outbreak, the Parish Council should proceed with the hiring of the Vehicle Movement recording equipment. The proposed sites in the Parish for the equipment were discussed and will be confirmed once the order has been placed for the equipment.

Suggested sites included: The stretch of road to include the junctions on the B3400, Longparish Road, St Marybourne Road, Newbarn Farm, Tufton Hill and the Harrow Way/Chapmansford crossroads.

RECREATION GROUND.

Joining the pavilion to the main sewage – The Clerk will get up-to date costs for joining the main sewer.

VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Mr A Milne has reported that hirings are going well. A new picture of Tufton has been donated to the hall by Mr Smail Snr.

PAP Testing is due to be done, Cllr Mr A Milne asked if the May Fair had any equipment that needed to be PAP Tested. The Chairman will liaise with Cllr Mr A Milne.

Cllr Mr A Milne reported that he is having trouble locating the Village Hall water meter.

FOOTPATHS

All the footpaths are clear and walkable, and still a little muddy.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS S SORBY – Reported that the Flashing Speed Sign on the St Marybourne Road is not working. The Chairman will change the battery.

CLLR MR T LUBMAN – Reported that the Highway Code has changed to make it safer for cyclists. Cllr Mr T Lubman would like to know how Hampshire County Council are going to amend their Highways Policy to encompass the new laws. The Chairman will write to Mandy Ware at HCC.

CLLR MR A MILNE – Reported that Highways are lifting the 'cats eyes' on the B3400 and replacing them with LED units.

CLLR MRS C READ – Reported that Cllr Mrs S Sorby has informed her that she intends to retire from the Parish Council and will be putting this in writing. Cllr Mrs C Read thanked Cllr Mrs S Sorby for all that she has done for the village during her time as a Parish Councillor. This was seconded by the other attending Councillors.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that Mr Simon Conway is the new Managing Director of Vitacress and that she has been invited Vitacress to meet him.

Cllr Mrs C Read reported that she has received a proposal to run a small pub once a week in the Pavilion for residents of Hurstbourne Priors. Who will hold the Alcohol License will be investigated.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATES FOR THE 2022 MEETINGS

30th March

25th May

27th July

28th September

30th November