

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26th of July 2023 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr P Smail
Cllr Mrs L MacGregor
Cllr Mr A Milne
Cllr Mr T Crutchley
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman, County Councillor Mr T Thacker and Borough Councillor Mr Sam Carr.

WELCOME.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE.

Cllr Mr T Crutchley signed the Declaration of Office.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.

The Parish Council still have one vacancy.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mrs L MacGregor reported:

- Complaints about the potholes on Papermill Lane are still being received. Cllr Mr T Thacker has been to look at the potholes and has agreed that the lane is in a bad state. His stance was to keep reporting the potholes to Hampshire County Council.
- The concern about the 40MPH Speed Limit on the blind bend in Winchester Street by the Clock Barn has been reported to Hampshire County Council.
- Planning Permission has been granted for Dipper Barn. Residents wait for further planning applications for more development.
- The overgrown sycamore trees in Nunns Walk have been reported to Hampshire Highways.
- It has been suggested that Papermill Lane is made for Access Only during the Toad Mating season. It was thought it would be highly unlikely that Highways would agree to this.
- There are rumors that the Whitchurch Doctors Surgery is to move, but this has not been confirmed.
- Residents have asked if there is any up-date on the Mill Springs proposed development? Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will check the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Web Site and report back.
- Cllr Mrs L MacGregor reported that some of the Tufton Footpaths are overgrown and asked if there was any up-date on the proposed permissive footpath? The Parish Council were not aware of any up-date. Cllr Mrs L MacGregor and will liaise with the Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby signed the minutes of the May Meeting as a true record.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR June and July 2023

INCOME.

Funding from Vitacress and HBPC Re Nets	£ 4,000.00
Hire Fees and Deposits	£ 230.00
My Fair Donation	£ 2,528.00
	<u>£6,758.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Eon Electricity	Pavilion - J + J	£50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages - J + J	£550.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	£401.08
M Adams	Weed Spraying Rec Ground	£75.00
Kings Coronation Party		£292.66
Hill and Valley	Subscription	£270.00
P Reynolds	Audit	£205.00
Street Master	Bench	£969.60
Cricket Match Booking	Returned Deposits	£200.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	£69.09
Draintech Ltd	Cesspit Emptying	£350.00
Loos to Go	Toilets for May Fair	£432.00
		<u>£3,865.13</u>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS -
£3,465.61

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

Summary – 1st June 2023 – 26th July 2023

Opening Balance	= £ 7,572.74
+ Income	= £ 6,758.00
	= <u>£14,330.74</u>

- Expenditure = £3,865.13

Money in the Bank = **£10,465.61**

Funds due to the Parish Council:
VAT Refund £4,025.38

PLANNING.

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

Cllr Mr T Crutchley reported that the chimney on Dairy Cottage is leaning and looks dangerous, suggesting some underlying structural issue. Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will ask the Chairman to raise this with Mr Fortescue.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt Tilby will check with the planning application for the property that has recently had Velux windows fitted to see it made reference to the roof tiles being changed.

RECREATION GROUND.

CRICKET PRACTICE NETS – The Parish Council have been approached by the Youth section of the Whitchurch Cricket Club enquiring if they could hire the Cricket Practice nets on a regular basis. A fee of £15 per practice session has been agreed.

FUND RAISING EVENT – The recent fundraising event for the refurbishment of the pavilion was a great success and raised £1,429.32.

PLAY EQUIPMENT – The Clerk reported that Mr Brian Pearce has given the Play Equipment a make over and refreshed all the paintwork.

CRICKET BOOKINGS – So far one Cricket Match and one Party in the Pavilion has been cancelled due to the wet weather.

FOOTPATHS.

Apart from the issues raised in Tufton the Footpaths are Clear and Walkable.

VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Mr a Milne reported that the Village Hall have held their AGM. Total income for the previous year was £11,470. Energy costs have increased, and the Village Hall has healthy reserves.

Further inspection of the Village Hall Roof has identified a problem with the way the flashing has been installed this can easily be remedied to help prevent further possible leaks. It has been agreed that the sound proofing will be put back until this roof work has been completed.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR P SMAIL – Reported that there are still problems with the No 76 Bus Service. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Stagecoach and ask for dates, times and the reason a bus was cancelled over the last 12 months, under the Freedom of Information Act.

Stagecoach will also be contacted to invite a PR Person to come and speak to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mr P Smail reported that there has been a lot of interest raised recently about the history of Hurstbourne Priors and Tufton and suggested that a history evening is held.

After some discussion it was agreed that a mini local history talk/evening will be held before the quiz starts on the 11th of November 2023. Mr Smail Senior will say a few words and bring various old photographs and memorabilia.

CLLR MR T CRUTCHLEY – Reminded everyone of the Quiz Night on the 11th of November 2023 in the Village Hall.

It was noted that the bushes and trees around the substation need cutting back to make the path more accessible.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

27th of September 2023 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.