

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman, Cllr Mr t Crutchfield and County Councillor Mr T Thacker.

### **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 to Hampshire County Council. The majority have been repaired. The road repair by the Clock Barn has not yet been completed.
- Residents have asked if there is any update 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 asked if there was any update on the proposed permissive footpath? The Chairman reported that she has received positive vibes from the Testbourne Estate. On-going.
- Borough Councillor Chloe Ashfield has got involved with the proposed Mill Springs development and is pushing for a lower number of houses. Cllr Mr S Carr reported that Mill Springs is the preferred development site for Whitchurch, and everyone is keen to proceed. Basingstoke and Deane want 300 houses to fulfill the quoter. Cllr Mrs L MacGregor voiced the concerns raised by residents.
- Test Gin have announced plans for a Distribution and Visitor Centre. Concerns have been raised on increased traffic along Nunns Walk. Nunns Walk is already being used as a 'Rat Run'.

### **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:

- SOLAR FARM – Cllr Mr S Carr is keen to make sure that any potential Solar Farm does not impact on the ANOB and has been working with the Chairman on this issue. SSE have not yet put in the infrastructure for increased supply of electricity in Andover, a target date of 2027 has been set for completion. The Parish Council are submitting an OBJECTION to this planning application.

- Various Landowners are putting forward land for development between Andover, Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne. Cllr Mr S Carr stated that he feels very strongly that we must protect the wider countryside from further development.
- One such site is the Old Shooting School at Apsley – a proposed development of 46 houses. Cllr Mr S Carr has declared an interest in this project as he is on the Conservative Committee with the Landowner. Hampshire Highways are conducting a traffic survey on the B3400 adjacent to the site.
- Cllr Mr S Carr reported that he has fought hard and achieved a zero rate for Hurstbourne Priors in the new Borough Plan.
- Cllr Mr S Carr spoke at length about the proposed new Borough Plan that will be going out for consultation. The increase in house building will put a Burden on the infrastructure. With the Chairmans of Hurstbourne Priors and St Mary Bourne work will be done on Regulation 18 of the Local Draft Borough Plan.
- Cllr Mr S Carr suggested that Hurstbourne Priors do a Neighborhood Development Plan to safeguard the Parish for the future – this could be more focused in protecting the heritage, views etc. This was noted.
- Cllr Mr S Carr reported that he is involved with noise complaints from residents of St Mary’s Hill relating to the railway line. There are problems with the specification for the acoustic fencing.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Cllr Mr P Smail signed the minutes of the July Meeting as a true record. Matters arising from those minutes:

LOCAL VILLAGE HISTORY – Cllr Mr P Smail reported that it has been decided not to hold the Local Village History presentation on the same night at the Quiz in November. A separate event will be organized.

NUMBER 76 BUS SERVICE – The Clerk reported that he has spoken to the County Councillor Mr C Donnelly who is also asking for questions from Stagecoach on the unreliability of the No 76 Bus Service following complains form residents in Picket Twenty. Cllr Donnelly will liaise with Cllr T Thacker.

**FINANCE.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2023**

**INCOME.**

	<b>£</b>
BDBC 1/2 Precept	5,900.00
Hire Fees	160.00
VAT Refund	4,025.38
	<b><u>£10,085.38</u></b>

**EXPENDITURE.**

		<b>£</b>
Eon Electricity	Pavilion – A + S	50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages - A + S	550.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	401.08
Deposit Return	Hire of Pavilion	100.00
Brian Pearce	Painting of Play Area	330.00
Eclipse Pest Control	Moles	120.00
		<b><u>£1,551.78</u></b>

## SUMMARY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023 TO 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

<b>Income.</b>		<b>£</b>
BDBC	Precept	11,800.00
BDBC	Grass Grant	754.87
VAT Refund		4,025.38
Refund	Bench	808.00
Hire of Recreation Ground/Pavilion		420.00
May Fair		2,528.00
Cricket Nets	Grants/106	8,083.44
Fun Day	Fund Raising	1,306.01
		<b><u>£29,725.70</u></b>

### **EXPENDITURE.**

Clerk		1,800.00	
Bench		808.00	
Pavilion		541.14	
Recreation Ground		2,345.77	
Portable Toilets May Fair		360.00	
Admin: Hall Hire		120.00	
	Hill and Valley	270.00	
	Audit	205.00	
	Admin and OA	348.00	
Kings Coronation Celebrations		292.66	
Mower Service		360.00	
Cricket Nets : Grants	6,659.69	10,271.25	
	PC	3,611.56	(£4,000 Deposit paid in 2022/2023 total cost £13,695)
VAT		2,386.49	
		<b><u>£20,108.31</u></b>	

Opening Balance 1/4/2023	= £	7,987.69
Add Income	= £	29,725.70
	=	<b><u>£37,713.39</u></b>
Less Expenditure	= £	20,108.31
	=	<b><u>£17,605.08</u></b>

Bank Account Balance after above movements = £ 17,606.08

Working Capital = £6,606.08

### **RESERVES.**

General Reserves	=	£10,000.00
Sewage Plant	=	£ 1,000.00

### **PLANNING.**

Solar Farm

### **RECREATION GROUND.**

CRICKET BOOKINGS – Only one Cricket Match was cancelled this due to the wet weather. There were private bookings for Cricket and bookings for the Pavilion.

REFUBISHMENT OF THE PAVILION – Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council have confirmed the £20,756.85 106 Developer Money for the refurbishment of

the Hurstbourne Priors Cricket Clubhouse has been paid and is ready to be claimed. A quote of £26,957 has been received to re-thatch the Pavilion. The new Sewage Treatment Plant cost has increased to £14,028.18.

The Clerk has been in touch with Mr Paul Martin the Officer dealing with this case and has been asked to send quotes for the work to start the process of obtaining the money. Once all is signed off the Parish Council should receive the money in 6 – 8 weeks.

Clanville Draintech have confirmed that they can start work in October 2023.

LYCH GATE – Unfortunately the Lych Gate roof has come to the end of its life and is starting to collapse. Tony Burden from Flow Right Builders has cordoned off the Lych Gate and will return to remove the tiles to try and save as many as possible. Flow Right will provide a quote for repair.

PLAY AREA – The Chairman reported that Mr Andy Ross has offered to take on the refurbishment of the Play Area and will look at equipment and the cost involved. There is 106 Developer Money available for this project.

#### **FOOTPATHS.**

All the Parish Footpaths are Clear and Walkable.

#### **VILLAGE HALL.**

Cllr Mr a Milne reported that the Village Hall Roof problem is ongoing. Two quotes have been obtained and a further quote is required.

#### **PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.**

CLLR MRS C READ – Reported that a Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green adjacent to the road is looking sickly (Ref No. 21691525). This and concerns about a Poplar Tree (Ref No. 21691526) adjacent to the Bus Shelter has been reported to Highways. It was noted that the Village Green to not belong to the Parish Council.

Cllr Mrs C Read stated that she will get the Lengthsman to cut around the Electricity Sub-Station if the Land does not belong to the Parish Council.

CLLR MR P SMAIL – reported that sad news that Drian Dicker has passed away. Brian Dicker lived in Hurstbourne Priors in Dairy Cottage and was a Parish Councillor.

#### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

#### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.