

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th of March 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 Mr T Crutchfield
Cllr Mr T Lubman
Cllr Mr A Milne
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
County Councillor Mr T Thacker

Apologies: Borough Councillor's Mr Sam Carr, Mr John Izett and Mr G Falconer.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest recorded.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mr T Lubman reported that the replacement bridge over the River Test has been completed and there has been a lot of positive feedback.

Cllr Mr T Lubman reported again that the potholes in Papermill Lane are bad, they have been reported to Highways but there does not seem any movement in getting them repaired to a good standard. Papermill Lane was closed for three days while they worked on the bridge, but no work was carried out on the road surface.

The proposals for the building of 201 houses and a medical Centre the Tufton side of Whitchurch was discussed at length. Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish Parish Councils have submitted a joint response to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council objecting to the proposal. It was noted that there are several discrepancies in the Planning Documents.

Cllr Mr T Thacker stated that in his experience there is unlikely to be a big increase in traffic and that he will not be making any comment on the application as Whitchurch has to find more homes for residents.

The Parish Council acknowledged that more homes are needed but the proposed site is not suitable.

Cllr Mr T Lubman informed the Parish Council that he would not be standing for re-election in the May Elections. The Parish Council though this a shame and thanked him for all the work he has done during his time on the Parish Council.

CLLR MR T THACKER

Cllr Mr T Thacker reported:

- That he had a lovely day out at the official opening of the new bridge across the River Test at Tufton.

- Hampshire County Council have increased their part of the Council Tax by 4.99% to help with the increasing cost of Social Care.
- Hampshire County Council are in a critical financial position and are having to make up the shortfall in their budget from reserves. This can not continue. Reserves will be depleted within two years. The Government have been informed of the looming crisis.
- HCC Members Grants will be available from May 2023 and the Parish Council can apply for funding to assist with the cost of celebrating the Kings Coronation.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Mr T Thacker for his report. Cllr Mr T Thacker left the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

SPREADING ASHES AND COMMEMORATIVE TREE - The Chairman reported that the tree has been planted and a ceremony was held to spread the Ashes.

WEBSITE – The new website is online and under construction. The address is: www.hurstbournepriorsparishcouncil.org.uk

SOCIAL EVENING – The proposed Social Evening was cancelled and will be re-scheduled late in the year.

CLOCK BARN. The site visit to Clock Barn was most interesting. The current planning application for further accommodation is for the last remaining barn of the old building on the site.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT – 28th March 2023

INCOME.

HCC Grant form Cllr Mr T Thacker	£1,000.00
HBPCC Vitacress Grant – Nets	£2,000.00
	<u>£3,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Eon Electricity	Pavilion 2 Months	£50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages 2 Months	£550.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge (DD x 2 Months)	£350.18
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	£56.38
T. McDonald	Hedge Cutting	£70.00
M Widen	Share of H & V Leaving Gift – CU	£40.00
Bourne Sports	Deposit for Cricket Nets	£4,108.50
		<u>£5,225.76</u>

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE FOR WORKING CAPITAL AFTER ABOVE MOVEMENTS - £63.13

RESERVES –

New Sewage Treatment Plant £1,000.00
General Reserves £10,000.00

VAT Claim re-submitted for £1,705.63

PLANNING.

Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby raised the following Planning Issues:

- Work on the Dairy Cottage is imminent.
- Tree works are required to 4 trees on the Dairy Cottage site due to Planning Regulations regarding nitrates.
- Dipper Barn – Concerns have been raised regarding the access road, this is an adopted road and gives access to Testbourne Estate Land.

MAY FAIR

The Chairman confirmed that the May Fair will be held on Monday 1st of May 2023. Toilets are to be hired for the event.

RECREATION GROUND.

The Chairman reported that the Recreation Ground Committee have met, the refurbishment of the Pavilion was discussed at length. The project will include:

- Re-thatching the Pavilion
- New Showers
- Re-decoration
- New sewage plant
- New flooring.

The Cricket Practice Nets are being installed. The 'No Parking on the Grass' signs have been given to the PCC.

The Clerk visited Hampshire Records and managed to find the original deed documentation for the Recreation Ground and Pavilion. These are being looked over by Mr Glover.

FOOTPATHS.

All footpaths are clear and walkable.

The Chairman reported that Testbourne Estate may look favorably at the suggestion of a permissive footpath raised at the January meeting.

VILLAGE HALL. Report from Cllr Mr A Milne.

Bookings are continuing to look healthy.

The work to repair the rot in two of the skirting boards in the alcove is due to start soon.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR P SMAIL – Reported that the No 76 Bus Service is appalling and always being cancelled. The Chairman will write to the Bus Company highlighting that it is imperative that this service is reliable as we are a rural community and reliant on the bus service.

CLLR MRS S WYATT-TILBY – Wish to thank the parishioners who helped with the recent litter pick.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

31st of May 2023 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.