

HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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Councillors present:

Cllr Mark Thomas (Acting as Chair)
Cllr Louisa Russell

Cllr John Bentley
Cllr Jamie Williams
Lynn Hedger (Minute taker)

I02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

I02.1 Cllr Ian Kitson (Chairman) and Miriam Edwards (Clerk) gave their apologies for absence.

I03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

I03.1 There were no declarations of interest from Councillors on any items on the agenda.

I04. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

I04.1 The Clerk had circulated the signed Pecuniary Interest declarations to Councillors. Councillors were asked to update the Clerk with any changes prior to the meeting on 23rd May.

I05. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

I05.1 Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 31st March 2022, which were signed by the Chairman.

I06. ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

I06.1 Jubilee Orchard, Dines Close – Cllr Bentley advised that a survey would be designed and circulated to the local residents prior to the next meeting to gain their feedback on the idea of planting an orchard on the piece of open ground. Cllr Williams asked whether the proposal was for fruiting or just blossom trees – it was clarified that it would be fruiting trees with the emphasis on the local community picking and utilising the fruit.

I06.2 Potholes on access road to HTCC – Cllr Williams stated the importance of getting the drainage right to control the water flowing down the hill – he would produce a design which included gulleys from the bridge to the corner – these would have a secondary benefit of acting as speed bumps in addition to taking the water away. Once the drawing was complete, he would seek approval from all interested parties to include the residents along the road.

I06.3 Assistance for Ukrainian Refugees – no further action had been taken. Cllr Bentley would arrange a meeting for all parties that expressed an interest in helping prior to the next meeting.

I06.4 Stolen Drain Cover Replacements – the Clerk had written to County Cllr Kirsty North who advised that she was chasing replacements as a matter of priority.

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- 106.5 Dog Poo Bin at Bank Tree Triangle, Ibthorpe - Cllr Russell advised that those residents of the Horseshoe she had already spoken to did not see a need for an additional bin. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the person who originally proposed the idea to establish if she was still experiencing problems or whether it was just a problem during Lockdown with the increased number of walkers out.

107. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 107.1 Four members of the public attended the meeting.
- 107.2 Mrs Lynn Hedger gave an update on the Community Speedwatch group. Four sessions had been held since the previous Parish Council meeting in March with the following results:
- 38 cars reported for travelling at 35mph or more on the 30mph speed limit on the A343
 - the fastest vehicles were recorded as travelling at 43mph (an Audi Q3 and a Volkswagen Forester)
 - 18% of those vehicles reported were exceeding 40mph
- Mrs Hedger advised that she would be writing an article for the May edition of the Parish Magazine advising of results from the beginning of the year to date and including a plea for more volunteers for the roster.

108. PLANNING

- 108.1 22/00765/LBWN & 00761/FULLN - **Parsonage Farm, Upton** - Mrs Bethany Coin - change of use from barn (at rear) to dwelling and rebuilding of single storey building to create extension to barn. Cllr Williams commented that the Conservation Officer was supportive of the changed design of the rear elevation which had fewer windows and a reduced residential feel. The reduced garden size had also reduced the impact on the public footpath side of the property. The height of the fence contravened what was allowed in a Conservation Area and went against the recommendations in the Village Design Statement. The Planning Officer comments were still to be received. No comment.

109. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- 109.1 Cllr Bentley commented that the wood had been bought to fix the teenage shelter on KGV. The works would be carried out in the following few weeks.
- 109.2 Cllr Williams asked if any comments had been received regarding cleaning/maintenance needed on the cricket net on KGV. Cllr Bentley advised that he would check and report back. The feeling amongst the Councillors was that it was well used by the parishioners and was an asset to KGV.
- 109.3 A discussion was held about whether a sign was needed by the zipwire on KGV to confirm an age limit. It was agreed that an age limit was not appropriate, and no action was needed.
- 109.4 Cllr Williams advised that he would be felling a number of Ash trees and the residue could be burnt as part of the Jubilee beacon. He would liaise with Mr Wakeford about the beacon to include a possible revised location for it and update at May's meeting.

110. CLERK'S UPDATE & CORRESPONDENCE

- 110.1 The Clerk had circulated her report prior to the meeting.

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110.2 The vacancy for a councillor has been advertised locally using the noticeboards, social media outlets and the neighbourhood app. An article would also be included in the May edition of the Parish Magazine. The closing date for applications was 15th May and the application needed to consist of a 150-word statement as to why the candidate wished to be considered for the role.

III. FINANCE

111.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £38,631.83 including earmarked reserves of £17,578, leaving a £21,053.83 EOY balance.

111.2 The clerk had circulated the payments made since the last meeting. Cllr Russell agreed them as an accurate record.

TYPE	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BACS	4/4/2022	Mr J Bentley	46.99	SID battery
BACS	4/4/2022	Geosphere	67.20	Parish Online annual fee
BACS	4/4/2022	Tangley Parish Council	120.09	Quarter share SLR
BACS	4/4/2022	SLCC	144.00	Annual subs
		TOTAL	378.28	

111.3 The Clerk had circulated the end of year bank reconciliation. On 31st March the situation was as follows;

Income: £23,846.03

Expenditure: £22,090.31

EOY cash in hand: £31,360.11 (including reserves)

112 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

112.1 The **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed for 6pm on Monday 23rd May 2022** at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre followed by the **Annual meeting of the Electorate at 7.30pm**

Guest speakers - The HCC Countryside Service ranger - update on rights of way projects. Confirmation from the Tree Planning Officer from TVBC and the PCSOs as to whether they would attend in person or provide presentations.

County Councillor Kirsty North would provide a verbal report on her work during the previous twelve months and answer any questions.

The Clerk would advertise the meeting to encourage attendance and arrange refreshments.

The meeting concluded at 20:00 hrs.

Signed Chairman