

# HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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### **Councillors present:**

Cllr Ian Kitson (Chairman)  
Cllr Neil Hedger  
Cllr John Bentley  
Cllr Mark Thomas  
Clerk

### **67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

67.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jamie Williams and Cllr Louisa Russell.

### **68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

68.1 There were no declarations of interests relating to items on the agenda, or requests for dispensations, in accordance with the Council's code of conduct.

### **69. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

69.1 Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting (the annual parish council meeting which was held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022, and which were signed by the Chairman.

### **70. ACTIONS ARISING**

- 70.1 Repainting of Teen Shelter, KGV - Cllr Bentley to organise as soon as possible. Cllr Kitson had organised and laid the woodchip for underneath the zipwire
- 70.2 Locks Drove silt traps - clerk awaiting a map from Cllr Williams for locations.
- 70.3 Permissive path A343 Esseborne - the Chairman still attempting to contact Faccombe Estates re progress.
- 70.4 The clerk reported that the complaint about the state of the Netherton Valley road which had been received by a member of the public at the last meeting had been prepared ready to be submitted to HCC with various photographic evidence.

### **71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- 71.1 There was one member of the public present.
- 71.2 Representatives from Scottish & Southern Electricity Network attended the meeting to discuss how customers should prepare for any loss of network power through any reason but in particular during inclement weather. They were keen to ensure that anyone over 65, anyone with children under 5, or anyone with a medical condition signed up to the Priority Service Register. This applied to all residents with electricity in their homes, irrespective of who their supplier was. The PSR was a free service which highlights to the network provider those people who would need a little extra help in the event of power loss, particularly those relying on medical equipment such as medical beds, oxygen or stairlifts, and it being key that

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the network knows where they are, the level of vulnerability, and how they can be looked after during a storm situation. Leaflets were provided and would be circulated on noticeboards and social media.

It was also highlighted that mobile phones may fail to work during times of power cuts if masts were without power, and that modern landline handsets connected to electricity would also be useless. It was important that vulnerable residents should have access to a plug in basic analogue phone if they wouldn't have a neighbour or family member to check on them in such circumstances.

105 was the number given to use to report powercuts.

Advice was to ensure a powerbank was available to charge mobile phones.

The representatives also updated on pre-planned power cuts, which at the time were thought unlikely but should always be borne in mind were a possibility in the future. These would be well publicised in advanced through media and would be as a result of Europe stockpiling electricity which would cause shortages in the UK.

### **72. PLANNING**

- 72.1 22/03048/FULLN & 22/03049/LBWN - **Ibthorpe Manor Farm, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe** - rethatching of existing barn. This was a resubmission but the Ecology report still had issues with the bat survey. No comment.
- 72.1 22/02928/FULLN | **The Old Forge, The Dene, HBT** – raise roof of side extension to provide additional bedroom accommodation including two dormer windows. The Conservation Officer had expressed an objection owing to the two-storey extension causing excessive change to the fabric of the building. No comment.

### **73. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

- 73.1 Cllr Thomas wished to thank all who helped with the repairs to the Community Centre access road - Cllrs Kitson, Hedger and Bentley - plus the clerk's husband. The edge of the road against the riverbank had been repaired as well as the potholes, which had saved a great deal of money in labour charges. Cllr Thomas updated that it was intended to install some steps at the kissing gate on Footpath at the back of Parsonage Farm. Several people had slipped on the steep path. The landowner had granted permission. Cllr Thomas reported that the hedge at the back of the HTCC was still not cut by the adjacent landowner, possibly because there were often cars belonging to school staff parked there during daytime hours.
- 73.2 Cllr Bentley and Kitson reported on the zipwire on KGV - the additional woodchippings had been laid underneath although needed an extra rake over, and the chain would be shortened slightly in compensation.
- 73.3 Cllr Hedger updated on the Road Safety working party meeting - owing to other commitments there had only been 3 attendees, although others were still keen to attend when able. There was keen support for planting along the A343 to soften the visual effect, and one member would be liaising with the Horticultural Society to involve and recruit more members to assist with this. The challenge was always finance and subsequent maintenance, but Cllr Hedger would continue to get people together for more ideas. He would pursue the decluttering of road signage and follow up on the anti skid surfacing at The Square. The bollards at The Square had been replaced by HCC.

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- 73.4 Cllr Kitson had obtained the materials to deal with the sharp metal from old play equipment on the KGV, and would undertake repairs over the Christmas break. Cllr Kitson also wished to thank all members of the Parish Council and other volunteers within the Parish, for all their hard work during 2022, the majority of which meant that the precept was not spent on labour.

### **74. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 74.1 The clerk had reported that one allotment holder had moved out of the village, relinquishing their plot. The next person on the waiting list had been contacted, but failed to respond and enquiries confirmed they had moved away from the area. An email had been sent to the next resident, who was still living in HBT.

- 74.2 The clerk asked Councillors to consider a suggestion from the HBT5 race committee to install a defibrillator at the HTCC. The trustees of the community centre were happy to 'host' an external defibrillator and also cover the cost of installation and supply of electricity to keep the unit temperature at the correct level. The clerk explained that there was still funding left over from the donation from the Barber Chervet Trust, the majority of which had been used to purchase the new roundabout on KGV.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed that the use of the remaining Barber Chervet donation was appropriate to purchase a new defibrillator for HTCC. The clerk provided various options, and it was agreed to use the London Hearts quote of £1,211 for both cabinet and defibrillator, as the charity also donated towards part of the cost.

Councillors agreed on the proviso that the HBT5 race committee donate from the 2023 race towards a future defibrillator at the RBL in Ibthorpe, subject to permission to install one at the premises.

### **75. FINANCE**

- 75.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £52,303.36 including earmarked reserves of £34,461.90 (which included the balance towards the roundabout of £14,263.90)
- 75.2 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	23/11/2022	St Peter's Church	800.00	Churchyard maintenance grant
BACS	23/11/2022	Victim Support	100.00	Grant
DD	1/12/2022	TVBC	97.38	Grounds maintenance
BACS	1/12/2022	Mrs M Edwards	101.28	Website renewal fee
BACS	1/12/2022	Royal British Legion	50.00	Poppy crosses
BACS	1/12/2022	Cartridgesave	191.71	Replacement printer ink
BACS	13/12/2022	HMRC	149.20	PAYE - December

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BACS	13/12/2022	Mrs M Edwards	597.44	Salary - December
BACS	17/12/2022	HALC	117.60	Training Cllr Hedger
DD	19/12/2022	SSE	12.53	Upton defib electricity supply

- 75.3 Councillors held preliminary discussions regarding the 2023/24 budget which would be agreed at the January meeting, including whether to increase the precept which had remained at the same level for 5 years. The clerk advised consideration for the future when voluntary work may not be as prevalent, and it was accepted that the economic value of volunteering within the Parish was high at the time. Although there were reserves (savings) to absorb increased costs, this may not be the case in the future.
- 75.4 **RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed the pay increase for the clerk (agreed by the NJC for every local government officer in November 2022 and backdated to 1.4.22).

**76. NEXT MEETING**

- 76.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The meeting concluded at 20:58 hrs.

Signed .....Chairman