

HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 19th June 2023 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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Councillors present:

Cllr Ian Kitson (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Thomas (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Louisa Russell

Cllr Neil Hedger

Clerk

Borough Councillor Phil North

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jamie Williams & Cllr John Bentley

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22.1 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.

23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

23.1 Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting which was held on 15th May 2023, and which were signed by the Chairman.

24. ACTIONS ARISING

24.1 Wooden railings, Ibthorpe Road (Bridge Cottage) - HCC had been asked for an update, nothing forthcoming. Clerk to contact County Councillor North to progress.

24.2 New HBT village sign on B3048 Stoke Road at parish border – the clerk had been in contact with a company which produced bespoke signs and was waiting on a quote.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

25.1 There were four members of the public present.

25.2 Mr Wakeford from Parsonage Farming Ltd reporting that the boundary wall had collapsed onto the Test Way behind Parsonage Farm. The footpath had been closed to the public for safety but was due to be opened the following day after being cleared and made safe. Cllr Thomas advised that a right of way shouldn't be closed without the permission of the County Council.

25.3 Mr Wakeford also raised the annual issue of overgrown footpaths on Parsonage Farming Land. Apologies were given for not cutting back the public rights of way. Cllr Kitson offered to liaise with Mr Wakeford to assist with cutting, but the landowner would be lenient on walkers using the edge of the fields in the meantime.

26. PLANNING

Councillors discussed the following applications:

26.1 23/01493/FULLN & 23/01494/LBWN - Honeybere Cott, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe - replacement garage. Dr Watson commented in Cllr Williams' absence. He explained that the actual plans showed an expanse of brick wall onto the path to the

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side, which was contrary to Village Design Statement, and also degraded the thatched cottage. Cllr Williams had emailed in prior to the meeting expressing concern over the domestic nature of the windows, although on the basis that the windows could only be seen from the dwelling itself there was no material consideration for an objection. The plans mentioned timber cladding opposed to the brickwork described and it was felt that TVBC should condition the materials to be used with the PC commenting as such. Dr Watson felt there could also be a conflict with the flat roof. Councillors unanimously felt that if the design was inconsistent with the VDS, then the Council should object.

- 26.2 23/01449/FULLN - Esseborne Manor, HBT - Conversion and extension of hotel to create nine residential units, and provision of nine car parking spaces on disused tennis court. Cllr Phil North explained that the previous application was withdrawn because of various issues and that the Test Valley policy comment was visible online, listing all the issues and policies, elements on nitrates, affordable housing, etc. Councillors agreed that Cllr Williams should be contacted to write to the Borough Council, expressing the council's objection.
- 26.3 23/01419/FULLN & 23/01386/LBWN - Horseshoe Cottage, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe - repair and maintenance work to 3 no weathered chimney stacks to included raising the height of stack 1. No comment.
- 26.4 23/01303/TREEN* - Rookery House, The Hill, HBT - T1 - Unknown species - Raise crown up to 1.5m above ground level. No comment.
- 26.5 Cllr North updated on traveller/gypsy incursions the previous week in Augusta Park, Andover and the associated antisocial behaviour and criminality as a result. He also reported that the Netherton Valley travellers had appealed to the Secretary of State regarding refusal of planning permission to remain on site. No enforcement action would be taken until the appeal was heard.

* In the case of Conservation Area notifications, the Local Planning Authority does not have the ability to refuse these works. In the event that there are justifiable reasons to oppose the proposals then the Council will have to make a Tree Preservation Order before the expiry of 6 weeks from when the notification was received.

27. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- 27.1 Cllr Hedger updated that seven speedwatch sessions had been held since the last meeting. He had written to nine companies for ten lorries using the A343. Stobart had been the only company to reply, asking if any signs were in place stating the unsuitability of the road. There were no such signs, with the road being an 'A' road, and the concern being that HGV drivers were not using the designated route of the A34/A303 to travel south.
- Cllr Thomas asked whether there was any value for having a banner on the railings at The Crescent, politely asking HGVs to use alternative routes and whether it would have any effect. Cllr Hedger stated that every company written to so far were all from north of Birmingham, big businesses using the easiest route. Cllr Kitson witnessed early morning HGVs using the A343, which were exiting Portway Business Estate.

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- 27.2 Subsequent to Mr Wakeford's update on footpaths being impassable in places, Cllr Thomas mentioned overgrown footpaths. There had been no direct complaints, but the weather conditions had increased the speed of growth and many paths were proving tricky to negotiate. He thanked Cllr Kitson for cutting back the Ibthorpe Rd/Windmill Hill junction, improving visibility.
Cllr Thomas also mentioned the success of the Annual Parish Meeting in May and thanked all involved.
- 27.3 Play equipment safety inspection – there had been nothing disconcerting or flagging as high risk on KGV. All comments by the inspector had been low risk. The old roundabout, zipwire and teen shelter were returned as requiring attention every year, and that improvements were required to bring them up to modern day standards. The clerk was waiting for a meeting with TVBC to talk about Community Infrastructure Levy grants and Community Asset funding, especially in light of Vernham Dean's latest playground equipment installation, bought with this type of funding.

28. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 28.1 The clerk had received a query from a resident, a Riparian owner living adjacent to the river, who felt their efforts to clear the weed would cause clogging issues. Mr Edwards, the 'River Shepherd', had raised a suggestion about utilising sheep in the dry riverbed within the village curtailage, as had been done in the past. Some sections would naturally be difficult to fence but much could be managed in this way. The question should be asked of Cllr Williams for his expert view, and also to seek the views of the Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust regarding the watercress & winterbourne projects.
- 28.2 Another resident had raised a suggestion about utilising Dean Rise field as an additional allotment garden. There was a short waiting list for allotment plots, but councillors agreed that the clerk should seek the views of the community as well as those residents surrounding Dean Rise field for their opinions.
- 28.3 The clerk put forward a suggestion for a bench by the new roundabout and councillors agreed that a gravel hardstanding should be considered for it, to make mowing easier. Cllr Williams had offered to make a more rural structure out of logs.
- 28.4 The clerk had ordered new pads for the defibrillator in HBT by the Rural Business Hub. The Upton and HTCC defibrillators were all within date and all three were being checked on a monthly basis as per the requirements of the ambulance service.
- 28.5 Grant application received from St Peter's Church for churchyard maintenance for £1000. This was an increase of £200 from 2022/23, and an increase of £500 from 2021/22. RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to award £800 as per the previous year.
- 28.6 Grant application received from Victim Support for supporting victims of crime within the Parish with personal safety equipment. They had supported 9 residents in the previous year. RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to award £100 as requested.

29. FINANCE

- 29.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £13,655.87 in the Treasurer's Account and £18,651.00 in the savings account, including earmarked reserves of £22,889.
- 29.2 The clerk had circulated the payments made since the last meeting. Cllr Russell agreed them as an accurate record.

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TYPE	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
BACS	16/5/2023	Mrs M Edwards	100.21	APM Refreshments
BACS	16/5/2023	Mrs M Edwards	645.60	Salary - May
BACS	16/5/2023	HMRC	161.40	PAYE - May
BACS	18/5/2023	HTCC	70.00	Hire charge for Coronation
DD	22/5/2023	SSE	12.33	Upton phone box elec supply
BACS	28/5/2023	Mr J Bentley	132.68	Playground repairs
BACS	28/5/2023	Mrs M Edwards	35.51	Stationery
BACS	28/5/2023	Business Stream	40.37	Allotment water rates
DD	1/6/2023	TVBC	111.54	Grass cutting
BACS	2/6/2023	PlaySafety	180.00	Annual play equip inspection
BACS	14/6/2023	HMRC	168.16	PAYE June
BACS	14/6/2023	Mrs M Edwards	645.60	Salary June
DD	19/6/2023	SSE	12.53	Upton phone box elec supply
		TOTAL	£2,315.93	

30. NEXT MEETING

30.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 17th July 2023.

The meeting concluded at 20:20 hrs.

Signed Chairman