

# HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 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

Cllr Louisa Russell

Cllr Jamie Williams

Clerk

### 101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

101.1 There were no apologies for absence received from the Parish Councillors. Cllrs Kirsty and Phil North gave apologies owing to Borough meetings.

### 102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

102.1 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.

### 103. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

103.1 Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting (the annual parish council meeting which was held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and which were signed by the Chairman.

### 104. ACTIONS ARISING

104.1 The actions list was updated:

### 105. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

105.1 There were 3 members of the public present.

105.2 There was a complaint regarding the pothole outside Gaydon House just inside the Ibthorpe Road at The Square. It was confirmed this had been reported online. Also all the way to Ibthorpe was also in a bad state of repair. The resident was happy to report online.

### 106. PLANNING

106.1 23/00344/LBWN | **Upper Ibthorpe Farm, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe** | Mr & Mrs T Coles | - conversion and adaption of North Barn with ancillary domestic garage and store and associated landscaping.

106.2 23/00363/FULLN | **Upper Ibthorpe Farm, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe** | Mr & Mrs T Coles | conversion and adaption of North and West Barns to two dwellings and East Barn to ancillary domestic garage and store with associated landscaping.

Cllr Williams set out the key changes in the latest applications. In the past, the plan had been to create a 'courtyard' of dwellings within the old farmyard. The latest application was making use of the west and northern barns of the quad, thought to be the most historic, to convert into houses, with the east side shelter providing

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ancillary space for the development. One conflict on the application was whether the modern barn would be demolished or retained for farming – that information was not on the application.

With regard to the design, the Parish Council had always been comfortable with the black clad horizontal timber and slate roofing. A significant amount of slate had been in barn conversions in the parish, and was thought the most relevant material to use the area as opposed to thatch which was not a viable roofing method.

Historically, there had been concern with the lighting scheme, particularly skylights, which were fewer in number and smaller on this application, however there was no lighting scheme on the application.

With regard to the scale and degree, there was no issue with this as the consideration should be about a compliant style of preserving an asset. The visual and other impacts were far less in scale.

Cllr Williams felt there was nothing in the application which warranted comment by the Parish Council, and proposed support for the application as it was felt that every aspect of the application was what the Parish Council and the Village Design Statement aspired to in terms of quality and design.

There had been one objection from a resident who had made no comment regarding the design but had concentrated on a historic footpath with an application for reinstatement. As this was not a valid complaint on the application regarding material consideration, the Parish Council would not be working against that resident's complaint.

Dr Watson of the Village Design Statement working group commented that the development was appropriate and utilised the structure, noting that the Conservation Officer would consider the timbers, etc). In terms of design and visual, he agreed that weatherboard and slate were appropriate and preferable. His only comment was the lighting and highlighted the importance of dark skies. The only comment from the VDS perspective would be the use of the ancillary garaging area and whether that retained a farm or industrial look, as the CO was promoting industrial but he would prefer to see weatherboarding.

Councillors unanimously agreed to support the application, on the proviso that the Planning Officer consulted with the Parish Council regarding the lighting design.

- 106.3 23/00459/LBWN | **Lime Cottage, Horseshoe Lane, Ibthorpe** | Pam Krist | Insertion of limecrete floor to ground floor after lifting existing clay tiles, replacement of clay tiles once complete. Listed Building Officer will be visiting. No comment.
- 106.4 23/00546/TREEN\* | **Chestnut Cottage, The Dene, HBT** | Mrs M Edwards | T1 - Yew - Trim branches to give roof up to 1m clearance, reduce crown by up to 1m and trim southern branches overhanging neighbouring property by up to 2m. No comment.
- 106.5 23/00705/TREEN\* | **Limestone House, The Dene, HBT** | T1 Leylandii - fell. No comment.

\* 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.

**107. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

107.1 Cllr Hedger updated on the latest Speed Watch sessions which began at the beginning of March following the Winter sabbatical. Several sessions had been cancelled due to adverse weather but the results were:

- 5 sessions held
- 55 cars reported for speeding – 3 of which also had an out-of-date MOT
- Most caught (14) between 4pm and 5pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Fastest speed recorded – 46 mph by a Land Rover Discovery and BMW 120
- 16% were travelling at 40mph or higher (this is going down)

One new member had joined the team.

The new village 'gates' on the A343 at the start of the 30mph speed limits had been installed by HCC but were not quite right, the name and speed signs had been affixed too low. He had reported this to HCC to adjust them to the agreed specification.

Cllr Hedger had reported the damaged bollard at The Square. There was grave concern that the bollard had been some 18" back from the kerb and yet still been severely damaged. The bollard had been removed and the pavement fixed with tarmac in the interim. There was a discussion surrounding the level of danger to pedestrians at the 's' bends on The Square, including the suggestion of raised kerbs, road narrowing, etc. Cllr Hedger stated that the County Council knew that the road was unsafe for lorries but that it was still not enough evidence to ban lorries from using it as an alternative route. He would be using the website to highlight the issues further including uploading videos of HGVs on the bends from the perspective of the residents living there, with some additional analysis of usage, and the inefficiency of using the A343 as opposed to the A34. The Speedwatch group would be adding 'lorry watch' to their sessions, and there would be subsequent communications with companies to encourage drivers to avoid the villages.

107.2 Cllr Bentley updated regarding the community orchard – a resident had offered to plant 9 fruit trees in the area behind the cricket net on KGV. These could be added to in time, and she would arrange for the school to maintain the trees.

107.3 Cllr Kitson thanked the team for planting 420 trees on the Dene Green bank on 18<sup>th</sup> March, as part of the road safety project. He also wished it to be minuted that Vinoth Kumar from the Family Shopper had kindly provided volunteers with hot drinks and snacks on a very wet and miserable morning. **Clerk to write to Mr Kumar.**

He also reported that he would be replacing 7 bollards at the HTCC car park the following weekend.

Cllr Kitson also thanked Cllr Williams for cutting back the overgrowth around the edge of KGV field.

**108. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

108.1 The £500 grant from TVBC towards the Coronation celebrations had been agreed and would be received into the bank account imminently. The clerk would be increasing advertising of the event.

108.2 187 children had been identified to receive a commemorative bookmark (130 from the Parish and an additional 57 not resident in the Parish who attended the primary school).

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- I08.3 A resident had reported a sharp increase in dog poo on KGV, either abandoned in bags or not picked up at all. **Clerk to organise the 2023 campaign to request responsible dog ownership.**
- I08.4 Five new marine-grade padlocks had been purchased for the KGV bollards, which would hopefully fare better in inclement weather.
- I08.5 The contractor for the new roundabout on KGV had been in touch and hoped to start installation by the end of March.
- I08.6 A complaint had been received about overgrown hedges on property boundaries along Church Street towards the school, particularly high up which forced large vehicles to move out into the centre of the road and cause a danger to oncoming traffic. **Clerk to write to owners of affected properties.**
- I08.7 SLR post in Upton had been hit. Cllr Kitson offered to concrete it back in the following weekend.
- I08.8 The clerk reported that the matter of a lease with HCC was still not resolved regarding the tennis courts being used by the school as a playground during school hours and in term time. Cllr Williams suggested a licence to occupy for a peppercorn rent which would cover non-exclusive use. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Williams.
- I08.9 A report of damage to the wooden railings adjacent to the pavement at Bridge Cottage had been received, and this had been reported to HCC. A councillor noted that there were railings around it that day, so had perhaps been repaired. **Clerk to check on progress.**
- I08.10 The clerk wished to thank Cllrs Kitson and Bentley for repairing the safety surface under the slide and swings on KGV which had been reported by concerned parents after the heat of the previous summer had caused the surface to shrink and expose cut-off metal posts from the old play equipment.

**I09. FINANCE**

- I09.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £45,439.12 including earmarked reserves of £22,987 (£14,263.90 to be paid out for KGV roundabout when complete).  
A forecast to the 31<sup>st</sup> March predicted approximately £8108 left in general reserves.
- I09.2 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	27/2/2023	Mrs M Edwards	439.29	Back pay (Apr-Jan)
BACS	27/2/2023	HMRC	164.31	Additional PAYE (Apr-Jan)
BACS	27/2/2023	Mrs M Edwards	26.45	Stationery
BACS	28/2/2023	Mrs M Edwards	109.95	Replacement padlocks KGV
DD	1/3/2023	TVBC	97.38	Grounds maintenance
BACS	5/3/2023	TVBC	1020.58	Dog bin emptying 2022/23
BACS	16/3/2023	Mrs M Edwards	645.60	Salary - March

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BACS	16/3/2023	HMRC	161.40	PAYE - March
BACS	16/3/2023	Business Stream	13.15	Allotment water rates
BACS	16/3/2023	Community Heartbeat	250.80	Replacement defib battery HBT
DD	20/3/2023	SSE	12.33	Upton phone box elec supply
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2,941.24</b>	

**110. NEXT MEETING**

110.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

The meeting concluded at 20:16 hrs. Signed .....Chairman