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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18th September 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 Jamie Williams (via video, not forming part of the quorum)

Cllr John Bentley

Clerk

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

41.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Neil Hedger, County Cllr North & Borough Cllr North.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

42.1 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. Cllr Williams & Cllr Kitson had links to Lower Wyke Farm but the Council made no comment or vote on the planning application for the solar farm.

43. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

43.1 Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting which was held on 17th July 2023, and which were signed by the Chairman.

44. ACTIONS ARISING

44.1 Wooden railings, Ibthorpe Road (Bridge Cottage) – Repaired by HCC. Complete.

44.2 New HBT village sign on B3048 Stoke Road at parish border – response received from HCC re costs to replace with a bespoke style. Awaiting confirmation from HCC as to whether they will replace it with 'like for like'.

44.3 Play equipment upgrade (zipwire and teen shelter) – Cllr Bentley attended a TVBC meeting regarding funding where they had advised that economic benefit of playground tourism can be cited in applications for funding. Various funding options would be opened later in the year although payments would not be made until 2024. The wooden teen shelter was disintegrating, as was the platform on the zipwire, although the brakes on the zipwire itself were serviced 2 years before. For project register.

44.4 Dean Rise field – additional allotments – the clerk had received some negative verbal feedback regarding the proposal, including concerns over privacy, security, parking. There were 6 members of the community on the waiting list for an allotment plot at Ibthorpe. Councillors agreed that the work and cost involved to set up a new allotment garden in Dean Rise was not justified at this time.

45. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

45.1 There were 3 members of the public present. No actions were raised.

46. PLANNING

Councillors discussed the following applications:

- 46.1 23/02285/FULLN | **Summerhouse at rear** | Swift Cottage, Ibthorpe. The Conservation Officer had no concerns, the application was of very low impact and there were no objections from any residents. No comment.
- 46.2 23/02135/LBWN & 23/02134/FULLN | **Conversion, alterations and extension of agricultural building to residential and re-instatement of opening in listed walled garden to the south of the site** | Cob Barn Bank Tree Farm, Ibthorpe. The applicants had submitted another pre app with several amendments, following the due process of trying to find the least contentious scheme in a sensitive location. For consideration by the Parish Council, the extension had been reduced in size, with pitched sedum roof, a new roof for the original barn in lightweight slate, which was agreeable under the Village Design Statement as it was already in use in the parish. The outbuilding size had been marginally reduced to single story, and although not small, was not obscenely large. The extension had been moved so it no longer formed part of the view from the road. Highways would need to deem the access as viable. Dr Watson of the Village Design Statement working party, commented that the scale and design and how it fitted with the values of the VDS must be commented on. He was concerned that there was no recognition or reference of the VDS as a supplementary planning document having being consulted, and comments on material, particularly the roof, were completely contrary to VDS recommendations. It had been claimed to have reduced the skylights to 4 but all the plans had 5 plus one added to the extension, so no apparent change to light pollution. The scale of the ancillary accommodation was not in the 'subsidiary' category and almost the same size as the extension to the barn itself in size. Cllr Williams commented that TVBC were likely to be more supportive of the revised application so the Parish Council should be more specific in its objections to light pollution, the scale of the outbuilding and the roof. Both Cllr Williams and Dr Watson would submit robust objections, including concerns that the size of the ancillary building becoming an additional dwelling in time.
- 46.3 23/02273/TREEN * | **T1 - Sycamore - Fell** | Ibthorpe Manor Farm, Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe. No comment.
- 46.4 23/02195/TPON * | **T1 - Lime - Reduce height by up to 9m, remove dead and damaged wood, thin crown by up to 30% and reshape canopy** | Field End The Dene HBT
23/02196/TREEN * | **T2 - Lime - Reduce the height of the tree by no more than 6m to leave a finished top height of no less than 14m above ground level , T3 - Lime - Reduce the height of the tree by no more than 6m to leave a finished top height of no less than 12.5m above ground level** | Field End The Dene HBT. No comment.
- 46.5 23/02000/FUL | Installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic array, with associated infrastructure, security fencing, CCTV, associated cable route, private and

DNO substations, landscaping and onsite biodiversity net gain. | Land At Lower Wyke Farm Lower Wyke St Mary Bourne

This was a contentious application for a solar farm at Lower Wyke (a Basingstoke & Deane planning application) which had been brought to the Parish Council's attention by neighbouring Parishes.

Councillors agreed that there was no obligation nor feeling to comment as the application was unlikely to affect the parish. If PC decided it wanted to, it could be the same as anyone else, even though not in our area. This did not preclude individuals commenting personally. Dr Watson commented that the company had offered St Mary Bourne Parish Council £29k for a 40 year lifetime, which was felt to be very derisory.

- 46.6 Netherton Valley traveller site. A planning appeal was to be heard at the start of October regarding the application to reside permanently. Adverse possession for the common land had been made by the applicants, which the Parish Council and adjoining landowners had objected to, which had been accepted by the Land Registry and referred to tribunal without being granted. The matter had become complicated and a tribunal was likely to cost in excess of £70,000. The Parish Council wished it to be noted that their objection was in order to protect Common Land within the parish and from precedents being set.

* 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.

47. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- 47.1 Cllr Russell reported that complaints had been raised to her regarding building work noise in the Horseshoe – early starts by builders and constant construction noise. Councillors agreed that this was not a matter for the Parish Council to tackle.
- 47.2 Cllr Kitson reported that he had topped Dene Green and would do same to the boundary undergrowth at KGV the following weekend. Cllr Kitson also wished to thank Cllr Thomas for tackling the complaint about a shelter just off the public footpath at the top of Doles Wood. He had tidied the site of litter. If the problem of trespass continued to be a nuisance with litter and fires, the matter would be reported to the landowner.

48. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 48.1 RESOLVED: Councillors unanimously agreed to grant £500 to the Pop In & Play project, which had been submitted by Rev Julie Howell.
- 48.2 The clerk updated that the annual insurance policy was due for renewal at the end of September. Councillors agreed to the quote from BHIB insurers for the 2023/24 year.
- 48.3 The clerk had received a letter from a resident who had written to Kit Malthouse MP regarding the poor state of the roads in HBT. The update was that the road surface at The Square and The Hill in HBT was likely to be repaired in 2025/26.

49. FINANCE

- 49.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £8207.56 in the Treasurer's Account and £18,694.93 in the savings account, including earmarked reserves of £22,889.
- 49.2 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	18/7/2023	St Peter's Church	800.00	Churchyard maintenance grant
DD	21/7/2023	SSE	12.53	Upton defib elec supply
DD	1/8/2023	TVBC	111.54	Grass cutting
BACS	3/8/2023	Red76	38.40	Payroll Apr-July
BACS	3/8/2023	Business Stream	117.99	Allotment water rates
BACS	8/8/2023	HMRC	161.40	PAYE Aug
BACS	8/8/2023	Mrs M Edwards	645.60	Salary Aug
DD	21/8/2023	SSE	12.33	Upton defib elec supply
DD	1/9/2023	TVBC	111.54	Grass cutting
BACS	8/9/2023	HMRC	168.16	PAYE Sept
BACS	8/9/2023	Mrs Miriam Edwards	645.60	Salary Sept
BACS	8/9/2023	Geosphere	324.00	Website provider
BACS	8/9/2023	Red76	9.60	Payroll August
BACS	11/9/2023	Mr G Edwards	89.54	Bus shelter repair materials
BACS	11/9/2023	Mr D Sullivan	52.50	Lengthsman
BACS	18/9/2023	Mrs M Edwards	66.00	Bus shelter repair materials
BACS	18/9/2023	Travis Perkins	90.60	Bus shelter repair materials

50. NEXT MEETING

- 50.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 16th October 2023.

The meeting concluded at 20.40 hrs.

Signed Chairman

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Signed Date