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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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Councillors present:

Cllr Mark Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr Neil Hedger

Cllr John Bentley

Clerk

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

115.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Ian Kitson (work) and Councillor Louisa Russell (pre-planned unavoidable family visit). Councillor Jamie Williams was committed with the lambing season.

115.2 RESOLVED: Absences unanimously approved by councillors.

County Councillor Kirsty North and Borough Councillor Phil North were unable to attend owing to other meetings.

116. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

116.1 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.

117. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

117.1 Cllr Hedger proposed, Cllr Bentley seconded, and councillors unanimously agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting which was held on 18th March 2024, and which were signed by the Chairman.

118. ACTIONS ARISING

118.1 Repairs to climbing frame balustrades. Councillors Bentley and Thomas had repaired these in advance of the May safety inspection.

118.2 Clerk to contact HCC to ask to fill the channels in to preserve the integrity of the riverbank at Ibthorpe. Still no update from HCC as to when this would be looked at. Cllr Thomas had placed sandbags to try to stem the flow of water onto the road owing to a report of some near misses with cars swerving around the puddles. Further sandbagging would take place if the river levels continued to rise as a result of the ongoing wet weather.

118.3 Planning application to remove hedge on A343 for pylon repairs. Clerk updated that she had formally thanked Balfour Beatty for overturning the decision to remove the hedge.

118.4 A resident mentioned more rubbish had appeared in the shed in Doles Wood, with cans scattered everywhere. Cllr Williams updated that the land was bought by the Woodland Trust. The rubbish was cleared by Cllrs Thomas and Kitson and numerous bags of rubbish removed.

119. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

119.1 There were three members of the public present. There were no matters arising.

I20. PLANNING

- I20.1 24/00696/FULLN | Increase height of chimney stack | **Lime Cottage Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe**. The Conservation Officer had submitted a no objection report. The increase was to comply with insurance and safety of the thatched roof. No comment.
- I20.2 24/00679/DDCA * | Remove dead Oak tree trunk | **Brookside Farmyard Church Street HBT**. Granted prior to the meeting, but with an instruction by TVBC to plant a replacement tree of the same variety.
- I20.3 24/00666/TPON * | TPO.TVBC.0076 T1 - Hornbeam - Re-pollard & reshape with a finished height of 4m and spread of 3m. T2 - Beech - Reduce overextended lateral limbs by approx 3m, reduce height by approx 2-3m. | **20 Dean Rise HBT**. No comment.
- I20.4 24/00774/FULLN | Two storey side extension | **3 Lower Doiley Cottages, Doiley Bottom, HBT**.

* 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.

I21. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- I21.1 Cllr Hedger updated on the Speedwatch results for the 4 sessions held since the last meeting. He explained how there was no way of comparing session results owing to being held at different times of day and days of week. Data from the speed indicator device would be able to give better analysis, but Cllr Bentley was still researching how to obtain this. He felt that people definitely seemed to respond to the flashing light of the SID.
The team had one new volunteer and the possibility of a second. The sessions were sustainable at the time but subject to availability.
- I21.2 Cllr Thomas reported that the cricket net was repaired and cleaned and now pegged down to protect it from the next storm.

I22. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- I22.1 The clerk updated on the Community Asset Fund application for the replacement zipwire and teen shelter. Additional evidence had been submitted on request of the Borough Council and a response was awaited.
- I22.2 There had been an allotment enquiry from a 17 year old resident (4th generation HBT). Because it wasn't possible to allow him to jump the queue of residents on the waiting list for a plot, there had been two offers of informal sharing of plots which the parish council fully supported to encourage younger people to get involved.
- I22.3 The Lengthsman scheme via HCC had been confirmed for two more financial years.
- I22.4 Annual Meeting of the Electorate – a similar number to the previous year of groups and businesses had agreed to attend with information stands. Councillors agreed that an all-households leaflet drop would be beneficial to ensure everyone knew about the meeting. Clerk to arrange leaflets to be printed.

I23. FINANCE

- I23.1 At the end of the 2023/24 Financial Year, the bank balance stood at £24,665.75 which was on track with the forecast.

The internal auditor was due to visit on 2nd May, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return would be considered by councillors at the Annual Parish Council meeting on 20th May prior to submission to the external auditors. The clerk anticipated one issue with the annual return (of nil) to the Charity Commission (as trustees of the King George V playing field) as there had been issues with logging on which had not been resolved.

- 123.2 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £3,787.98 in the Treasurer's Account and £18,834.43 in the savings account, including earmarked reserves of £20,231.20.
- 123.3 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	27/3/2024	Geosphere	30.24	Parish Online mapping
DD	3/4/2024	SSE	7.00	Upton defib elec supply
BACS	5/4/2024	HTCC	363.00	SWIFTS annual hire charge
BACS	8/4/2024	Tangley Parish Council	146.79	SLR quarterly maintenance fee
BACS	8/4/2024	Hamp Assn Local Councils	379.00	Annual HALC & NALC subs
BACS	8/4/2024	Red76 Tax	9.60	Payroll service
BACS	8/4/2024	HTCC	324.50	PC meetings hall hire
BACS	14/4/2024	Mrs M Edwards	659.20	Salary April
BACS	14/4/2024	HMRC	173.68	PAYE April
		TOTAL	£2,093.01	

124. NEXT MEETING

- 124.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council was due to be the annual meeting held on Monday 20th May 2024, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting of the Electorate.

The meeting concluded at 20:08 hrs.

Signed Chairman