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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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Councillors present:

Cllr Ian Kitson (Chairman)
Cllr Mark Thomas
Cllr John Bentley

Cllr Neil Hedger
Cllr Louisa Russell
Clerk

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 21.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Jamie Williams (work commitments).
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the absence.

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 20th May 2024, and which were signed by the Chairman.

24. ACTIONS ARISING

- 24.1 Cllr Thomas updated regarding a bench by Murrle Cottage, Church St. Conversations were had with the owner of the field behind, and the trustees of the cottage. There were concerns about gathering teenagers and ownership of the land. Further consultation to be undertaken.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 25.1 There were three members of the public present.
25.2 There had been a visit from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to the River Swift at Ibthorpe. They were satisfied there was no invasion of non-native species, but there was concern about fertiliser run off and algal bloom. Grants were available for obtaining advice to deal with these issues. The banks were very degraded and should be repaired. There was also information forthcoming about bankside testing.
25.3 Mr Wakeford, estate manager at Parsonage Farming wished to thank Cllr Kitson for cutting the footpaths on their land.

26. PLANNING

- Councillors discussed the following applications:
26.1 24/01165/CLPN | Application for lawful development certificate for proposed erection of single storey outbuilding (Poolhouse) | **Hurstbourne Manor HBT**.
Cllr Williams had suggested having a meeting with the planners, over the concern surrounding permitted development and understand their plans.

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- 26.2 24/01185/TREEN | T1- magnolia grandiflora - Reduce by 1m T2- Locust - Reduce by 2m T3- Acer negundo - Reduce by 1.5m T4- Carpinus betulas - Reduce by 2.5m T5- Fraxinus ssp - Reduce 2m | **Dene House The Dene HBT.** No comment.
- 26.3 24/01249/TREEN | T1 - Weeping Ash - Fell | **Upton House Upton.** No comment
- 26.4 24/01300/AGNN | Application to determine if prior approval is required for agricultural building | **Lockes Drove Farm Lockes Drove Pill Heath.** No comment at this stage.
- 26.5 The Oaks, The Dene – complaint had been received by the clerk regarding the building of a large stable block being built without planning permission. The TVBC Enforcement Officer had visited at the end of May and advised the owner that they had 28 days to submit a planning application. There were no grounds to stop the work continuing in that time, and the stable block was complete.
- 26.6 Homelea, Ibthorpe Road, HBT – complaint submitted regarding lack of planning permission for reparation works, as well as the original work which had also gone ahead without permission. Awaiting update from the Enforcement Officer.

27. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES

- 27.1 Cllr Hedger updated that he would begin to organise resurrecting Speedwatch at the end of the month.
- 27.2 Cllr Hedger also reported that the road outside The Old Police House, The Dene, HBT, had been damaged when the recent water leak opposite was being dealt with, believed to be as a result of water bubbling out of it. He would register the damage online.
- 27.3 The Square, HBT – surveying had been carried out in the previous week, with surveyors seen marking the kerbs. It was hoped that it was a precursor to resurfacing works which were badly needed.

28. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 28.1 A report had been received about a white van at the old telephone exchange at the top of the hill. Cllr Kitson had seen a van most weekends and there was a lot less rubbish than there had been.
- 28.2 The Horticultural Society's kit for the Flower Show (marquees, gazebos, tables, etc) had been stored at Lower Farm for some years, but the owners had asked to reclaim the barn by the end of the year. A suggestion was to install a purpose-built structure on the concrete base by the play equipment on KGV field where a pavilion had stood in the last century. Further enquiries would be made regarding planning permission, costings, and other considerations, for further discussion.

29. FINANCE

- 29.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £13,190.56 in the Treasurer's Account and £18,876.04 in the savings account.
- 29.2 The clerk had circulated the payments made since the last meeting. Cllr Russell agreed them as an accurate record.

| TYPE | DATE | PAYEE | AMOUNT | REMARKS |
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| BACS | 20/5/2024 | Mrs M Edwards | 122.66 | APM refreshments |

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| DD | 30/5/2024 | SSE | 7.26 | Upton phone box elec supply |
| DD | 3/6/2024 | TVBC | 118.22 | Grass cutting |
| BACS | 5/6/2024 | Red 76 Tax | 9.60 | Payroll service |
| BACS | 11/6/2024 | Mrs M Edwards | 659.00 | Clerk salary June |
| BACS | 11/6/2024 | HMRC | 173.88 | PAYE June |

30. NEXT MEETING

30.1 The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was due to be held on Monday 15th July 2024.

The meeting concluded at 19:55 hrs.

Signed Chairman