

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre.

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### Councillors present:

Cllr Mark Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr Neil Hedger

Cllr Louisa Russell

Cllr John Bentley

Clerk

### **105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

105.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Ian Kitson, Jamie Williams and County and Borough Councillors North.

### **106. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

106.1 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.

### **107. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

107.1 Cllr Russell proposed, Cllr Hedger seconded, and Councillors agreed and approved the minutes of the last meeting which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and which were signed by the Chairman.

### **108. ACTIONS ARISING**

108.1 Ditch at bottom of Windmill Hill – still to be cleared.

108.2 Access road, HTCC – Cllr Williams had arranged the potholes to be filled on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### **109. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

109.1 There were three members of the public present.

109.2 Dog poo issue raised – excessive amount on the track behind the Family Shopper, and the arable field behind Dene Green bungalows. It was highlighted that this was an ongoing problem in every parish and signage often became 'invisible' after time. A reiteration on social media and other media of the problem and appealing to dog walkers to pick up would be revisited.

### **110. PLANNING**

110.1 **26/00679/LBWN** | Removal of external paint to all elevations | **Homelea, Ibthorpe** – planning permission was given in 2017 for various works. The impermeable paint was affecting the dampness of the walls. Proposal was to use the Doff method of superheated steam used to lift the paint which would be the correct conservation approach. Lime mortar to be used for any repointing needed. No comment.

110.2 **26/00589/FULLN** | Erection of new dwelling in the front garden of **1 Blagden Cottages The Dene HBT**. Approval was given with conditions in 2022, after numerous refusals. The new application was to improve the parking arrangements and redirection of the porch

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door. Landscaping on the pavement edge changed to be hedging rather than close-board fencing. Nothing objectionable, no comment.

- 110.3 **26/00552/TREEN\*** | T1 - Western Red Cedar - Lift crown by up to 1m over woodshed, and up to 2m over neighbouring property boundary, and reduce crown by up to 1.5m | **The Old Malt House Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe.** No comment.
- 110.4 **26/00566/DDTPO** | Linear group of dangerous trees (TPO.TVBC.1013) at rear of property. T1 - Lime - Fell. T2 - Lime - Remove damaged Limbs. T3 - Lime - Remove damaged limbs | **Limestone House The Dene HBT – decided prior to the meeting: no objection**

\* 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.

### **111. COUNCILLORS' UPDATES**

- 111.1 Cllr Hedger updated that with the improved weather, Speedwatch patrols had increased.

### **112. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

- 112.1 Adoption of the IT Policy  
RESOLVED: Councillors reviewed and agreed the policy which was required under a new declaration added to the 2025 edition of the Practitioner's Guide by the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP), which clarifies data compliance requirements that parish and town councils must meet when completing their Annual Governance and Accountability Returns. This assertion specifically focused on digital and data compliance, requiring councils to demonstrate they had proper governance frameworks in place for their digital presence, data protection practices and IT management.
- 112.2 The clerk updated that the Hampshire County Council funded Lengthsman scheme had been renewed for 2026/27 but with increased hourly rates by the nominated contractor of £36.50 per hour (£1000 total per council per year) equalled 27 hrs which would be approximately 3.5 days but if they sent two people, that would only mean 1.8 days
- 112.2 The clerk updated that an artist from Longparish had visited HBT and been shown around by the clerk. The artist had offered to paint an illustration map of the village with interesting places and properties. She would be selling them at the fete and online in due course and all profits would be donated to the Horticultural Society.
- 112.3 A resident of The Rank at Dene Rise had offered to replant the planters on the brick bus shelter.
- 112.4 Two donations totalling £400 had been received for the Trees for Life planting project on KGV.
- 112.5 The Community Asset Fund grant had been confirmed, and the clerk was waiting for confirmation of the draw down on the S106 funds for the purpose of finishing the new-build houses on Dene Green.
- 112.6 The clerk and Cllr Thomas had met a member of the Test and Itchen Invasive Non-Native Species Project, regarding vegetation in the river. She was due to carry out an inspection in July.
- 112.7 A resident had complained about the size of the trees on the bank (owned by HCC) in Dean Rise, and whether they would cut them back. The clerk updated that she had contacted HCC some years ago with the same complaint and they had declined to carry out any works. Another request would be submitted.

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**113. FINANCE**

- 113.1 On the day of the meeting, the bank balance stood at £807.36 in the Treasurer’s (Community) Account and £22515.92 in the savings account, with earmarked reserves of £17462.20 .
- 113.2 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	17/3/26	SSE	94.80	Disconnection fee
BACS	17/3/26	Greenbarnes	452.58	Noticeboard pinboard
BACS	17/3/26	Lloyds	4.25	Bank charges
BACS	19/3/26	NEST	51.70	Pension contributions
BACS	24/3/26	Miriam Edwards	19.49	Noticeboard glue
BACS	31/3/26	St Peter’s	500.00	Grant
BACS	13/4/26	Miriam Edwards	711.40	Clerk’s salary April
BACS	17/4/26	Estelle O’Reilly	22.00	Plants for The Crescent railings
BACS	17/4/26	Tangley PC	159.54	SLR maintenance
BACS	20/4/26	Lloyds	4.25	Bank charges

**114. NEXT MEETING**

- 114.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council which would be the Annual Meeting was due to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The meeting concluded at 20.12 hrs.

Signed ..... Chairman