

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday  
25<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chair  
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chair  
Cllr Mr P Smail  
Cllr Mrs L MacGregor  
Cllr Mr A Milne  
Cllr Mr T Crutchfield  
Borough Councillor Mr S Carr  
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

**WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr Mr A Milne declared an interest in the Village Hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY.**

The Parish Council still has one vacancy.

**BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S CARR.**

Borough Councillor Mr S Carr reported on the following issues:

- The Liberal Democrat led Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are looking to change the way the bins are collected, and it is being proposed that the black/grey bin will be collected every fortnight rather than weekly. It is planned to implement this by September 2026.
- The new Government are looking at Planning Policy and propose a wide range of changes. There will be a consultation on the new National Planning Policy in the coming months. Cllr Mr S Carr will liaise with the Chair before submitting a reply.
- Basingstoke and Deane will be asking Government for clarification on what happens to the Borough Plan if changes are implemented as the next Borough Plan is nearing completion. It is also not clear if Neighbourhood Development Plans will hold much weight if the Government changes the National Planning Policy.
- The 'House Builders Act' is to be reviewed in the Autumn of 2024.

**ST. MARY'S HILL.**

- The Planning Enforcement Officer has informed Clean Slate that they must rectify the problems with the Acoustic Fence – the date of the enforcement was 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, and they have until October to put this right (Clean Slate have lodged an appeal). Other issues raised by the Enforcement Officer regarding landscaping are being dealt with by the developer.
- Cllr Mr S Carr reported that St. Mary's Hill residents have complained to him about recently received Maintenance Contracts, it has been noted that they are all different and vary in the fees charged. Cllr Mr S Carr reported that he is trying to get Basingstoke and Deane involved and this is not a Parish Council matter.

- St. Mary's Hill residents are asking for a footpath from the development to St. Mary Bourne. Discussions with Vitacress are taking place, but they have stated that it is a working site and there are issues that need to be addressed. The Chair reported that she is working with Vitacress to see if a solution can be found. Cllr Mr S Carr will see if there are any grants available from Basingstoke and Deane for fencing if this is required as part of any agreement. The Chair shared correspondence from a Resident of Cressington regarding the Footpath, Southern Water and Speeding. The Chair is to arrange a meeting with Vitacress and the Chair of St Mary Bourne Parish Council to discuss these issues.

#### TUFTON WARREN.

- A large site for proposed development at Tufton Warren was discussed at length. The Parish Council had major concerns:
- Access to the proposed development is off the slip road to the A34
- A large proportion of the proposed site is on the Flood Plain.
- There is not the infrastructure to support this proposed development. The medical facilities and the schools in Whitchurch are full to capacity.
- The Chair will forward the details of this proposed development to the Testbourne Estate Land Agent.
- There is already a large number of houses proposed in Whitchurch over the coming years and this will no doubt put a strain on this Market Towns facilities.
- Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby will draft a response from the Parish Council

#### MILL SPRINGS.

Cllr Mr C Carr spoke about the allocation of homes at the proposed Mill Springs Development and felt that the proposed 185 dwellings may not meet housing allocations.

#### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT APSLEY.**

The Chair spoke about the working draft received from Southern Planning regarding the proposed development at Apsley. This was distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Parish Council discussed the documentation that had been supplied. It was noted that the scheme is for self-build dwellings, the layout has a high density and is very suburban in feel. It was not felt that the design was in keeping with the vernacular of Hurstbourne Priors.

At the date of the meeting there has been no Pre-Application submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Planning.

The Parish Council agreed that they did not feel that Hurstbourne Priors would be improved by addition of more houses. The Parish Council would not be making comment at this stage as they felt there was insufficient information and no plans of size, type, artist impression on the visual aspect or layout. The Parish Council were also concerned about connecting such a large number of homes to our struggling sewage system.

The Parish Council agreed that the information provided should be shared with Local Landowners and neighbouring Parish Council's.

## TUFTON – Cllr Mrs L MacGregor.

TUFTON LAND GRAB – Land Registry have not progressed the claim. The claimant has been informed by The Basingstoke and Dean Enforcement Office to remove the gate, hedge and railway sleepers.

- Residents of Tufton have written to Basingstoke and Deane about their concerns on the proposed 185 dwellings at Mill Springs.
- Residents would like to know the volume of traffic on Nunns Walk and have asked if measuring equipment can be installed. The Clerk reported that this is Hampshire Highways issue, and he will ask for this to be put on the list.
- A very large HGV was seen on Tufton Lane that would have gone over the new bridge. Hampshire Highways need to tackle the signage on Tufton Lane as a matter of urgency.
- Volunteers from the Whitchurch Walkers have strimmed the railway line. It was noted that the way to keep the footpaths open is to walk them regularly.
- The new Fishing Hut has now been finished.
- The road drains in Tufton still needs attention. A drain sucker machine has yet to come and blast the drains.

## FINANCE.

### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE AND JULY 2024

#### INCOME.

	<b>£</b>
May Fair	5,294.52
	<b><u>£5,294.52</u></b>

#### EXPENDITURE.

		<b>£</b>
Eon Electricity	Pavilion	28.90
R.N. Waterman	Wages	600.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	389.68
P Reynolds	Audit	215.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	60.70
Hiscox	Insurance	215.36
		<b><u>£1,509.64</u></b>

Bank Account Balance after above movements = £17,716.84

Working Capital	=	£6,228.57
General Reserves	=	£5,000.00
Play Area	=	£1,193.75
Pavilion	=	£5,294.52
	=	<b><u>£17,716.84</u></b>

## PLANNING.

Work on a Horse Chestnut Tree at Fellows Cottage was discussed and will be looked at in detail before the Parish Council make comment.

Work on Dairy Cottage has still not started, and concerns have been raised about a leaning chimney and the state of the thatch. It was noted that Basingstoke and Deane Planners have delayed the start of the project.

### **PAVILION.**

The Clerk reported that he has sent in an application for the Community Infrastructure Fund 2024/2025 project proposal asking for a grant of £50,000 towards the Pavilion refurbishment.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council aim to advise all applicants if they have been invited to submit a full application by the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2024.

The Chair reported that further investigation on the Pavilion Roof has indicated that the roof woodwork is not as bad as first thought. However, the uprights on the Lytch Gate do need major repair.

The Parish Council Fun Day is to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September on the Recreation Ground. Lots of fun events are being organized, there will be a Bar and a Hog Roast. A band will be playing in the evening.

### **VILLAGE HALL.**

Cllr Mr A Milne confirmed that the Village Hall Committee have agreed that they will no longer be using an independent Auditor to verify the accounts.

The new shed for the May Fair equipment is still in discussion, the Village Hall will pay for the shed and charge the May Fair rent.

### **FOOTPATHS.**

The majority of the footpaths are wet and overgrown due to the high rain fall we have experienced over recent months.

### **CRIMES.**

There have been several crimes committed in the last few weeks. The Police are aware and the PCSO will be making more frequent visits to the Parish.

A handbag left on the seat of a car was stolen after smashing a window, Gloves and Money were taken from a car after smashing a window and an incident of a van driver taking items out of a skip.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### **DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS.**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November