

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 2024 in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Hurstbourne Priors at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllr Mrs C Read – Chairman
Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby – Vice Chairman
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
Members of the Public – Mr M Smith

Apologies: County Councillor Mr T Thacker.

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 have one vacancy.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

Mr M Smith reported:

- Testbourne Estate are still looking at the request for the new permissive footpath to run parallel to Tufton Lane.
- A section of the existing permissive footpath alongside the B3400 will be closed for three days so that repairs can be carried out on the wooden bridge, signs will be erected at both ends of the footpath. The Chairman will send a note to residents to warn them.
- The 'Toad' season has now almost finished, it has been a busy year. The Chairman expressed concern re the 'Toad' warning signs still being in place after they were stolen last year. This year different fixings and 'antitheft' grease have been deployed.
- There was no news to report on the Dairy Cottage site.
- Stiles have been lowered on the Testbourne Estate to make them easier for walkers to negotiate.
- Highways are shutting Tufton Lane to repair the potholes. Highways have put up notices warning of the closure.

The Chairman thanked Mr M Smith for coming and giving an up-date on Testbourne Estate news.

TUFTON.

Cllr Mrs L MacGregor reported:

- Potholes are still being reported, the verge is looking very untidy and needs cutting, there are also several road drains that need un-blocking despite report several times. The issue with the blocked drains has been

an ongoing problem since 2016. It was noted that the Lengthsman is due in Tufton in May 2024.

- The Graffiti has not yet been removed from the bridge over the A34.
- The issue of confirming the registration of the communal land in Tufton is ongoing. Hampshire County Council have still not responded. A letter has been sent to Kit Malthouse MP to make him aware of the situation and the lack of action from the County Council. Cllr Mr S Carr will take on this matter and will liaise with Kit Malthouse MP and County Councillor Mr T Thacker.
- The road mirror has been installed.
- Development in Whitchurch – Cllr Tracey Woodruff the Chairman of Whitchurch Town Council will go to speak at the Planning Meeting if it is called to Committee. Cllr Mr S Carr stated that he is keeping an eye on this issue and confirmed that it will be brought to Committee.

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MR S CARR.

Cllr Mr S Carr reported:

- Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are in Pre-Election mode at present.
- The flooding in the Bourne Valley is now under control after a long period of rain. There has been a lot of over-pumping over the winter. Southern Water are looking at the problems experienced and aim to put in a plan to make things better in the future.
- Many complaints have been received from residents of St Mary's Hill regarding problems with the development. Cleanslate, the developer, does not seem to be sorting out the issues and it has now been raised with the Enforcement at Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council. Issue raised vary for problems with the Acoustic Fencing, the fencing of the Village Green, entrance gates, drainage issues and landscaping. The Parish Council will write a letter to Cllr Mr S Carr supporting the residents' complaints. Cllr Mr S Carr will keep the Parish Council informed of progress on these issues.
- Local Plan – Regulation 18 has been completed and gone through. The Plan is now back in the 'Black Box' until after the elections when work will begin on responding to the comments received during the consultation.

Planning related discussion

- Cllr Mrs C Read and Cllr Mrs S Wyatt-Tilby attended a briefing organized by Mr Henry Du Val to present his plans for 40 self-build homes on the Apsley Estate. It was noted there will be no CIL or 106 monies from this development for Hurstbourne Priors. Part of the presentation was the intention to provide leisure community space with a pavilion.

It was noted that each plot will be sold for self-build but will not include plans, but will contain specifications for materials etc. The plots will be of different sizes to allow for a variation in the size of the dwellings. There were no visual images of how the proposed the development would look or sit in the landscape as there are no plans for the dwellings.

It was agreed that this sort of development was not in keeping with the site of Hurstbourne Priors as a Parish, it's location would interfere with the 'green belt' between Andover and the villages in the valley as well as Whitchurch. Mr Du Val had stated at the meeting that this was part one

of a development which would continue along the old railway side of Apsley Lane. The Parish Council agreed not to make a final decision until more details were forthcoming from Mr Du Val and his developers.

Cllr Mr S Carr will work with the Parish Council on this proposal as there seems to be many questions that will need answering as the project progresses.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The Chairman signed the minutes of the January meeting as a true record.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Clanville Draintech to inform them that the new sewage treatment is making a constant whirring noise which is disturbing the peace of the churchyard and cricket pitch.

AFTER NOTE:

Clanville Draintech have confirmed that the Whirring noise is normal and indicated that the Sewage Treatment Plant is working correctly.

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2024

INCOME.

| | £ |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 106 Money – Pavilion | 10,216.91 |
| Vat Refund | 2,999.80 |
| | <u>£13,216.71</u> |

EXPENDITURE.

| | | £ |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Eon Electricity | Pavilion – F,M,A | 76.05 |
| R.N. Waterman | Wages - F,M,A | 900.00 |
| TVBC | Grass and Hedge Cutting | 601.62 |
| Balance Payment | Treatment Plant – Clanville Drain | 4,216.91 |
| Flowright | Make Lytch Gate Safe | 2,605.08 |
| Business Stream | Pavilion Water | 55.18 |
| Hiscox | Insurance | 107.85 |
| Hill and Valley | Subscription/Grant | 284.00 |
| TVGM Ltd | Mower Service | 220.00 |
| Mrs C Read | Easter Egg Hunt | 99.73 |
| | | <u>£9,166.42</u> |

Bank Account Balance after above movements = £8,247.73

Working Capital = £2,053.98
General Reserves = £5,000.00
Play Area = £1,193.75
= **£8,247.73**

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Applications to discuss.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Planning Enforcement have been notified of two additional static caravans that have been sited at a property on the B3400 within the Parish. There has been no planning application submitted to site the static caravans.

RECREATION GROUND.

REFUBISHMENT OF THE PAVILION – The Clerk confirmed that the balances owing to the contractors for the new Sewage Treatment Plant and the refurbishment of the Lytch Gate were settled as soon as the 106 Developer Money was received.

UP-DATE ON QUOTES.

| ITEM | Details | Quote 1. | Quote 2. |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Sewage Treatment Plant | Up-grade sewage system. | Installed | Fully Funded by 106 Money |
| Pavilion – Internal | See Below | Rob Smith £26,900.00 | Flow Right £28,000.00 |
| Pavilion Thatch | Re-Thatch | Raven Thatching £26,957.00 + £5,000 Contingency | EE Sharp & Sons £29,360.00 + £5,000 Contingency A contract has been signed and work will commence in April 2025 |

The Clerk has spoken to the Rob Smith Builders and Flow Right about their quotes. Both do not have the skills to tackle the windows and have priced for a sub-contractor. The Clerk will contact local companies to get a quote for the refurbishment of the metal windows.

LYCH GATE – Further cosmetic work needs to be completed on the wooden panels is in hand.

PLAY AREA – Further fund raising is planned. The Chairman would like to get a sub-committee to take this on.

CRICKET TEAM – The Cricket Team wants to fit a ‘vermin skirt’ to the Cricket Square. It has been suggested that the Cricket Team approach Vitacress for a grant as the Parish Council cannot help with funding on this occasion.

FOOTPATHS.

All the Parish Footpaths are Clear and Walkable, but still muddy!

VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Mr A Milne reported that in light of recent price rises the Village Hall Management Committee at their latest meeting decided that the charges for the hire of the Village Hall needed to be increased.

The hire charge for the Parish Council Meetings will increase from £10 per hour to £12.50 per hour. The increase will start in May 2024.

In addition, any fund-raising activities held in the village hall that are for village amenities, such as the Pavilion or Recreation Ground, will be charged a flat fee of £12.50.

Cllr Mr A Milne reported that the Village Hall Accounts have been certified and forwarded to the Charity Commission.

Cllr Mr A Milne reported the sad news that Mr Les Burrows has passed away. All Parish Halls have been offered a free framed picture of the King and Hurstbourne Priors has applied for one.

The purchase of the new shed for the storing the May Fair equipment at the rear of the Village Hall has been agreed and a decision will be made ahead of the division of funds raised next month.

MAY FAIR

The Chairman confirmed that despite the recent wet weather and high groundwater levels Hurstbourne Park have said that parking can be in the 'church' field as this is dryer. It is sincerely hoped that the May Fair will go ahead on May Bank Holiday Monday.

A recent article in the Hill and Valley reported that the May Fair Committee have undertaken a review on the distribution of proceeds of the May Fair in consultation with villagers.

The May Fair Committee have unanimously agreed that the proceeds from the May Fair will be distributed as follows:

- Church 45%
- Recreation Ground 45%
- Village Hall 10%

The Parish Council thought this excellent news. The money received will all go towards the refurbishment of the Pavilion.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MRS S WYATT-TILBY – Reported that after conversations, emails and a site visit, Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council will not empty the bins on the Recreation Ground as they are on private land. After looking at the problem it has been decided that:

- Signs will be erected asking users of the Recreation Ground not to put dog waste in the open bins on the Recreation Ground but to please use the Black Wheely Bin

Basingstoke and Deane have agreed in principle to place a Litter Bin by the Bus Shelter at Drury Close on the Longparish Road.

CLLR MR P SMAIL – Reported that despite the Postcode for St Mary’s Hill being RG28 7GE, parcels are still being delivered to Hurstbourne Priors properties on the Longparish Road who’s Postcode is RG28 7SE.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

29th of May 2024 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS

29th May

31st July

25th September

27th November