

Minutes of the Hurstbourne Priors Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 31st January 2024 in the Hurstbourne Priors Village Hall 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
County Councillor Mr T Thacker
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk
Members of the Public – Mr Msmith and Mr M Holdaway

Apologies: Borough Councillor Mr S Carr.

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 and Mr M Holdaway stated that they worked for the Testbourne Estate and spoke about the following issues:

- Details on the proposed new permissive footpath were requested. The Chairman and Cllr Mrs L MacGregor gave a brief history for the request, safety for walkers is paramount and the proposed new permissive footpath would certainly help. The Chairman reported that all the documentation and map had been sent to Mr Fortescue and that she would send a copy to Mr M Smith.
- The existing permissive footpath will be shut for one day on the 6th of March 2024 to allow maintenance work to be carried out.
- The 'Toad' season is upon us, and the 'Toad' warning signs will soon be deployed. Despite the signs vehicles still speed along Tufton Road.
- The planned work for the Dairy Cottage site is due to go out for tender.
- Additional signage and the repair for the weak bridge at the top of Tufton Lane was briefly discussed.

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, and a few gullies need digging out. This has been reported to Hampshire Highways and is in their program of works.
- Graffiti has appeared on the bridge over the A34. This has been reported again to The Highways Agency.
- Recent correspondence on the issue of registering communal land at the Tufton Barns indicated that this will not be legally possible.

- Concerns about the water quality of the River Test has been raised by Tufton Residents due to the over pumping of sewage by Southern Water at St Mary Bourne. Letters of concern are being sent to Kit Malthouse MP. The Chairman suggested that resident's writ direct to Southern Water with their concerns and that she would forward the email address to Cllr Mrs L MacGregor,
- Cllr Mrs L MacGregor reported that she now has the road mirror. The Clerk will arrange for Brian Pearce to install the road mirror.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MR T THACKER.

Cllr Mr T Thacker's report for distributed to the Prish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Mr T Thacker briefly re-caped on the HCC £60 Million shortfall in the budget and that cut will need to be made in the service the County Council provides. HCC will be increasing their part of the Council Tax Bill by 4.99%.

The January storms have caused havoc on the County Roads, flooding buy excessive road surface water has been a major problem. Substantial repairs are needed to many roads as they are degrading. Many villages have experienced flooding as rivers and streams burst their banks.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

FINANCE.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

INCOME.

	£
106 Money – Pavilion	6,871.27
	<u>£6,871.27</u>

EXPENDITURE.

		£
Eon Electricity	Pavilion – D + J	50.70
R.N. Waterman	Wages - D + J	600.00
TVBC	Grass and Hedge Cutting	401.08
Stage Payment	Treatment Plant – Clanville Drain	6,000.00
Flow Right	Make Lytch Gate Safe	2,500.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water	55.18
Hiscox	Insurance	107.85
Gallager	Pavilion Insurance	2,488.63
		<u>£12,203.44</u>

Bank Account Balance after above movements = £4,197.44

Working Capital	=	£2,003.69
General Reserves	=	£1,000.00
Play Area	=	£1,193.75
	=	<u>£4,197.44</u>

PLANNING.

There were no new Planning Application to discuss. The Chairman gave a brief up-date on the proposed development of the Old Shooting School.

RECREATION GROUND.

REFUBISHMENT OF THE PAVILION – The Clerk confirmed that new Sewage Treatment Plant has been installed. £6,871.27 of the 106 Money has been received, a further £10,216.90 is being processed.

HUMAN BONES UNEARTHED WHEN INSTALLING THE NEW TRATMENT PLANT. When the digging the hole for the new Sewage Treatment Plant human remains were found. Work stopped immediately and the Police were called. After many visits by the relevant Authorities and a constant Police presence it was agreed that work could continue. The earth was not allowed to be taken off site and the bones were placed back in the ground when back filling occurred.

FUNDING – The Chairman reported she has put together a comprehensive document that explains all the expenditure for the refurbishment of the Pavilion and future running costs. This has been submitted to the May Fair Committee with a request for additional funding.

UP-DATE ON QUOTES.

ITEM	Details	QUOTE 1.	Quote 2.	Quote 3.
Sewage Treatment Plant	Up-grade sewage system.	Installed	Fully Funded by 106 Money	
Pavilion – Internal	See Below	Rob Smith £26,900.00	Flow Right £	
Pavilion Thatch	Re-Thatch	Raven Thatching £26,957.00 + £5,000 Contingency	EE Sharp & Sons £29,360.00 + £5,000 Contingency	

LYCH GATE – Further cosmetic work needs to be completed on the wooden panels on the up-rights. Flow Right have stated that they do not have the necessary skills to carry out this part of the refurbishment. A carpenter has been contacted.

PLAY AREA – Nothing to report – further fund raising is planned.

FUND RAISING EVENT.

The Chairman confirmed that there will be a fund-raising event on at the Pavilion on September the 7th 2024.

FOOTPATHS.

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

VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Mr A Milne reported that work on the Village Hall Roof has been completed and to date there have been no more leaks. Quotes for the new shed for the storing the May Fair equipment at the rear of the Village Hall are being sort.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS.

CLLR MR T CRUCHFIELD – Reported that he and Cllr Mr P Smail have had a bit of a re-think regarding the compile of a digital archive of the Village Photographs. Cllr Mr T Crutchfield reported that he has a friend who is a Historian, and he would be happy to help put together a book on the history of Hurstbourne Priors and give a presentation to the village. The book could be sold, and the presentation could raise funds for the Pavilion Refurbishment. The Parish Council thought this an excellent idea.

Cllr Mr T Crutchfield reported that on several occasions there has been a lot of rubbish on the Longparish Road when the Bin Lorry visits. The Clerk will report this to Basingstoke and Deane.

Cllr Mr T Crutchfield reported that dog mess is becoming a serious problem in the village. Dog Pooh bags are being discarded all over the village. The Chairman will again write to Basingstoke and Deane about this problem.

Cllr Mr T Crutchfield requested copies of the Footpath Map to distribute to new residents. The Clerk will get the maps to Cllr Mr T Crutchfield.

CLLR MRS S WYATT-TILBY – Reported that there will be a Village Litter Pick on Saturday the 9th of March 2024.

CLLR MRS C READ – Reported that there have been many complains about the litter bins overflowing on the Recreation Ground. This was discussed. The Clerk was tasked with contacting Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council to request additional wheely bins for general rubbish that can be put out for collection on bin day. One additional wheely bin foe the Recreation ground and one for the Bus Shelter by Drury Close.

The open litter bins on the Recreation Ground can then be removed.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

27th of March 2024 at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

DATES FOR THE 2024 MEETINGS

27th March

29th May

31st July

25th September

27th November