West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC), Councillor Jennie Newell – Vice Chair (JN) and Councillors Lucia Homer (LH), Karen James (KJ), and Nigel MacPherson (NM). Also: Neil Carpenter (Clerk/RFO) – (NC) and one member of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.05p.m. There being no minute 88/22 listed on the agenda the minutes commence from 89/22.

89/22 Apologies for absence

Received from Councillor Deborah Hook (DH), TVBC Councillor Ian Jeffreys (IJ) and HCC Councillor Nick Adams-King.

Councillors John Camilleri (JC) and Tim Koetser (TK) were absent at the start of the meeting - both joined later in the proceedings.

90/22 Declarations of interest

None.

91/22 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **13th June 2022** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

92/22 Public Forum

FC wished it minuted her appreciation of the consistant attendance, and participation, at Parish Council meetings of the member of public present, Bunny Mavro.

93/22 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (TVBC)

Councillor Jeffrey joined the meeting during minute 100/22. His report is minuted here as per the agenda.

Councillor Ian Jeffrey reported upon:

- the Test Valley Association conference;
- Military community support;
- another fly-tipping conviction;
- improved recycling collections;
- housing affordability in Test Valley: the average purchase price of a house in Test Valley now stands at ten times average earnings;
- Test Valley Borough Council has submitted a bid for £20 million for levelling-up funding;
- new licencing requirements for persons looking after animals for financial gain.

Having given his report FC thanked IJ following which TVBC Councillor Ian Jeffreys left the meeting to attend another meeting.

94/22 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (HCC)

Councillor Nick Adams-King sent his apologies for absence. FC asked NC to publish Mid Test Matters on the Parish Council's website.

95/22 Neighbourhood Development Plan

As JC was not in attendance FC stated that this item be held over until the next meeting.

96/22 Planning

Application 22/01356/FULLS – Land opposite Brightside Cottage, Red Lane, West Tytherley SP5 1JY – the deadline for comment had passed.

There were no other planning applications to consider.

97/22 West Dean Playground

Cheque of £250.00 payable to West Dean Parish Council for the Parish Council's contribution to the playground in West Dean as per the 2022/23 budget: approved unanimously.

At this point Councillor Tim Koetser joined the meeting.

98/22 Street lighting (Public safety)

(i): Relating to a previous request from West Dean Club for the Parish Council to fund the repair to the existing lighting, or the provision of new lighting, outside West Dean Club which illuminates the passageway between East Dean Road and Hillside Close used by residents to access Hillside Close, as well as West Dean Club, from West Dean village centre. FC outlined the background to this request. The current lighting is situated on the property of West Dean Club which is owned and managed by Dean Hill Park.

At this point Councillor John Camilleri joined the meeting having been delayed by transport disruption.

Following a discussion it was agreed that residents should apply directly to Hampshire County Council to request provision of street lighting in Hillside Close. A letter drop to inform households in Hillside Close will be arranged.

(ii) West Tytherley School have installed additional lighting to illuminate the crossing of the lane from the school to the dining hall opposite. The school has requested a donation from the Parish Council, towards the cost, to the PTA fund. Following a discussion this was refused by a majority vote by show of hands. FC to speak to the PTA.

99/22 Finance

Cheque for West Dean Parish Council – ± 250.00 (approved in minute 97/22). NC reported no progress from TSB bank in updating our account authority details.

100/22 Councillors reports

JN reported -

A site inspection for the defibrillator has been booked,

Funding for toilet twinning has been coming in.

DH reported (via FC) -

The Funding for Families notice has been posted on noticeboards.

TK reported -

Jamie Bowditch (with others from The Pigeons football team) have installed a new picnic bench on the recreation ground at no charge to the community. The Parish Council unanimously expressed their grateful thanks for their kind and generous work.

Two trees on the recreation ground require removal. A quote of £540 to do this has been received from a contractor. It was suggested Peter MacPherson may do this work at little or no cost (NM to enquire).

The new astroturf is wonderful.

KJ reported -

Footpath FP5 viewing points – some effort has been made to clear vegetation but not enough. FC and KJ to advise the landowner.

Footpath FP10 (Norman Court Sawmill to Dean Road) has three trees across it, impeding access.

Footpath (Wiltshire) FP9 – requires clearing, landowner unknown.

LH reported -

Hampshire County Council have a new highways tracker.

At this point IJ joined the meeting. His report is detailed within minute 93/22(above).

NM reported -

Lengthsman has been in hospital but is catching up with his work schedule.

FC reported -

Attending the Association of Local Councils networking meeting.

Attending the Test Valley Association AGM at Stockbridge.

Attending the Hampshire Association of Local Councils Executive meeting.

Attending the Armed Services flag raising ceremony in Romsey.

FC outlined welfare visits to elderly in the parish – the Stay Cool campaign.

JC reported -

NDP: still awaiting finance information.

Joint Planning Committee (with West Dean Parish Council) : JC will contact Alan Bannister to progress, and will draw on local's experience.

101/22 Parish Councillors

FC was pleased to see TK at this meeting.

The attendance requirements over the past year have been satisfied by all councillors.

LH tendered her resignation from the Parish Council.

FC praised LH for being an excellent councillor during her 7 years on the Parish Council. It was agreed by all present that she would be missed.

A councillor is needed to take over LH's trees and highways brief.

NC to advertise for a councillor.

102/22 Parish Clerk

Following the end of the trial employment period a letter will be drawn up in due course.

103/22 Relocation of the Platinum Jubilee oak tree

Subsequent to another site visit FC reported that the oak sapling will be moved to another location on the recreation ground closer to the play area. Jamie Bowditch (manager of The Pigeons football team), residents of nearby houses in Thorngate and the parents of children who were enjoying the play area at the time of the visit were consulted and all were satisfied with the proposed new location.

The relocation of the oak tree sapling was agreed unanimously.

104/22 Any other business

Item **98/22** was discussed further. JC to establish exactly what West Dean Club are asking of the Parish Council.

Resilience – it was proposed to advertise for volunteers within the community to progress the resilience plan.

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

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