

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC), Councillor Jennie Newell – Vice Chair (JN) and Councillors John Camilleri (JC), Deborah Hook (DH), and Karen James (KJ).
Also: Neil Carpenter (Clerk/RFO) – (NC) and four members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.02p.m.

109/22 Apologies for absence

Received from TVBC Councillor Ian Jeffreys and HCC Councillor Nick Adams-King. Councillors Tim Koetser (TK) and Nigel MacPherson were absent.

It was noted that this meeting had been brought forward by one week in order to consider an urgent planning application (item 117/22).

110/22 Declarations of interest

None.

111/22 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **11th July 2022** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on **8th August 2022** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

112/22 Public Forum

113/22 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (TVBC)

Councillor Jeffrey sent his apologies for absence. The latest issue of Mid Test Matters will be put onto the Parish Council's website. FC is pressing for a printed version of Mid Test Matters to be produced for parishioners without access to the internet.

114/22 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (HCC)

Councillor Nick Adams-King sent his apologies for absence.

115/22 Public Correspondence

- white gazebo in the field opposite Brightside Cottage: NC reported work has started on the construction of the new hay store and the applicants were keen to complete construction.
- damaged fence on recreation ground bordering Thorngate: FC stated this had been damaged for some time, but it is the responsibility of the householder (NC to confirm). FC to task TK with progressing repair.
- Correspondence was received voicing concerns (height and style) about the recently installed fencing located on the rear boundary of properties on North Lane. These concerns have been relayed to TVBC (planning).

116/22 Neighbourhood Development Plan

JC distributed several printed copies to the clerk and certain Parish Councillors. NC was informed that the funds for the NDP were ring-fenced within the general bank account. NC to produce a detailed account of payments relating to the NDP to present at the next meeting. NC understood from Alan Bannister (NDP group chair) that almost all of the allocated NDP funds have been spent.

117/22 Planning

Application 22/02141/FULLS – Yew Tree Barn, Yew Tree Lane, West Tytherley:

Erection of an agricultural building which comprises of the retention and alteration of an existing unauthorised site structure.

JC outlined the history behind this application for a new building of the same size and in the same location as a partially-constructed barn. The applicant claims the building is to fulfill an agricultural need for a local farmer to house 100 to 200 ewes.

Following a discussion a vote was taken by show of hands. The decision, by majority vote, was **NO OBJECTION**.

118/22 Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointment

To comply with legislation the Parish Council must approve the continuation of the Parish Council to opt-in to the Smaller Authorities Audit Appointment scheme.

A vote was taken. This was approved unanimously.

119/22 Finance

To approve:

- Invoice: West Tytherley Village Store (goods supplied to NDP celebration) – £102.75
- Invoice: Alan Bannister (NDP office paper and printer ink) – £95.66
- Invoice: Business Stream (Pavilion water supply) – £19.05

Also:

- Invoice from Mr. Eastwood (cutting of recreation ground grass) - £376.00

All of the above were approved.

Mr. Eastwood to be paid by cheque No.1069, the other payments via BACS.

120/22 SSEN grant for LPG generator and provision of emergency equipment

FC reported SSEN have granted the Parish Council a grant of £20,000 - the maximum available. Thanks were expressed to FC and JC for their work in submitting the grant application. It was noted that 40% of submissions by Parish Councils did not receive a grant.

It is imperative that the Parish Council set up a project team, to be comprised of volunteers from both the Parish Council and the community, in order to progress the project which must be completed within 12 months to secure the grant. The councillors present agreed that JC be project manager and produce a document outlining the project's setting up and governance. Cooperation with neighbouring Parish Councils will be explored – FC to contact Rob Scoones (East Tytherley P.C.) and Jeff Hatcher (East Dean P.C.).

121/22 Councillor reports

FC reported

- A rosebush has been purchased as a gift for former long-serving councillor Lucia Homer.

- A new councillor is needed to replace Lucia, either by means of an election or by co-opting. Lucia has indicated she would be happy to act as mentor.

JN volunteered to take on the Highways brief. DH volunteered to take on the Trees brief. FC will assist if required.

- Yet another electrician has been asked to install the defibrillator.

DH reported

- no progress regarding the costs of repairing the war memorial steps. Some of the work could be undertaken by the lengthsman. DH will seek quotes from other builders. FC stated there was no grant funding available for the war memorial.

JN reported

- The toilet-twinning plaque will be moved to a more suitable position in the pavilion.

- Winterslow Youth Club needs more volunteer helpers.

- The proposed car boot sale in Winterslow has been cancelled.

JC - nothing to report.

KJ reported

- Footpath FP5 - through the grounds of the Old Rectory – the access to the viewing points by the lakes has been cleared by a parishioner. The steps are in a “dodgy” condition, walkable with care, but needed to be attended to by the landowner who has been asked several times.

...(minute 121/22 continued)

- Footpath FP3 – across Coggan’s field – FC related the latest correspondence (dated 1st September 2022) from the solicitor representing the Coggan family:

“As the Parish Council will be aware, we act for the Coggan family in respect of the obstruction of Footpath 3.

Following the failed attempt to open a second footpath across our client’s land, we formally requested that the County Council fulfil its statutory duty to open the definitive line so as to prevent the ongoing trespass on our client’s land.

To date the County Council has failed to secure the removal of the obstructions and we have therefore requested the courts to commence the necessary procedure for an order to achieve this.

Pending the resolution of this process, my clients will permit the public to continue to use the current walked line as a gesture of goodwill to the Parish. This arrangement will be kept under review and cannot be considered to be open ended and in the event of unreasonable delay in the process of opening the definitive line across our client’s land, may be revoked”.

[END]

FC thanked the many villagers who have assisted the Parish Council with the appeal to the Inspector on this matter.

- Footpath FP10 - (Norman Court Sawmill to Dean Road) - still partly blocked.
- Footpath FP12 – (Frenchmoor to West Dean) – overgrown in places.
- Action required re footpaths 5, 8, 10 and 12.

122/22 Any other business

FC urged everyone to support The Black Horse public house in West Tytherley. JC stated the Asset of Community Value does not have long before expiry. FC to check with Steve Duckworth (who was the ACV lead), and TVBC (Legal and Governance).

123/22 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 10th October 2022 commencing 7.00pm at King Edward’s Hall, West Tytherley.

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 8.07pm.

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