

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC) and Councillors John Camilleri (JC), Karen James (KJ), and Nigel MacPherson (NM).

Also: Neil Carpenter (Clerk/RFO) – (NC) and eleven members of the public.

The meeting opened at 7.36p.m.

14/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Vice-Chair Jennie Newell and Councillor Tim Koetser.

Note : due to an oversight by the clerk the apologies were not conveyed at the meeting.

15/23 Declarations of interest

KJ declared an interest in item 24/23.

16/23 Approval of Minutes

Matters arising: none.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **13th January 2023** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

17/23 Public Forum

18/23 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (Test Valley Borough Council)

Councillor Jeffrey was not in attendance.

19/23 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (Hampshire County Council)

Councillor Nick Adams-King was not in attendance.

20/23 Planning

22/03077/FULLS (Coles Pond Farm) – JC had visited the property and spoken to the applicant. JC was satisfied that this application reduces the impact compared with the previous application and recommended “No object”. A vote was taken; it was agreed unanimously to send a “No object” response to Test Valley Planning.

FC commended the applicant for consulting with neighbours and others.

23/00234/FULLS – Black Horse P.H. West Tytherley: Construct hardstanding to the front of the property to provide additional parking spaces for two vehicles (Retrospective) [Comment date 03.03.23] – JC stated this contravenes NDP policies HD3 (Trees) and EL3 (Trees and hedges) – in particular the removal of the holly tree. FC commented that the removal of the holly tree had caused much anger locally. It was noted that the construction of the two parking spaces has, in fact, reduced the parking capacity on the original parking area by one vehicle thus giving a net increase of only one parking space which, in turn, will only marginally improve parking provision. A vote was taken and an “Object” submission was agreed by Chair’s casting vote.

[minute 20/23 continues...]

Glebe Farm West Dean: Development of four houses each of four to five bedrooms
- FC thanked all who attended the meeting held in West Dean on January 30th 2023.
JC outlined the proposal as presented. The applicant is seeking to revise the granted planning permission that currently exists. Views from several members of the public were aired. Since then JC has discussed, with the developer, the possibility of revising the proposal so it falls within NDP policy, such as providing community-led housing. Feedback regarding our concerns will be sent to District Councillors Ian Jeffrey and Alison Johnston who sit on the Test Valley Southern Area Planning Committee.

21/23 Finance

The following were noted:

- Incoming payment of £102.02 from West Dean Parish Council for their share of the repayment to Groundworks UK as noted in minute 8/23 (£139.89 minus £37.82 resulting from cheque 001070 [minute 131/22 refers] being voided by the clerk of WDPC).
- Payment of £4,232.80 to Parish Clerk (salary of £529.10 per month for 8 months from May 2022 to December 2022 inclusive). Paid by BACS on 15th January 2023.
- Payment of £200.00 to Parish Clerk (office allowance of £25 per month for eight months from May 2022 to December 2022 inclusive). Paid by BACS on 15th January 2023.

The following payment was approved:

- Clerk's expenses of £18.48 for 8 x 1st class stamps plus 16 x 2nd class stamps.
[2 x 1st class stamps plus 6 x 2nd class stamps used to date to be returned to clerk].

Summary of current bank accounts at 12th February 2023 :

Main account balance: £39,718.47 of which £20,000 is ringfenced for the resilience project; "Millenium" account: £7,551.75; "Third" account: £1,242.84.

22/23 Parish Councillor vacancies - update

Vacancies for Parish Councillors were posted on village noticeboards, the Parish Council's website and on the West Tytherley Facebook page, however no applications were received by the advertised closing date of 10th February 2023.

23/23 Resilience Project

JC gave an update on progress relating to the purchasing of equipment and it's storage. The main generator will need hardstanding which may require planning permission – advice from Test Valley Borough Council's Environmental and Planning Officers will be sought. The ownership of equipment and future liabilities, for example the maintenance and insurance of equipment, have, to date, not been determined.

A member of the public read out a letter raising several concerns including the question of assumed funding from third parties. JC apologised for failing to consult with the King Edward's Hall Committee during the grant application process.

NC to write to the secretary of the King Edward's Hall Committee to clarify various concerns raised.

24/23 (i) Election of a representative of the Parish Council to be a trustee of King Edward's Hall

(ii) WTPC nominations for the King Edward's Hall committee.

It was reported that Trustees of King Edward's Hall can be voted upon only at the King Edward's Hall Committee AGM.

A representative from each of the Church, West Tytherley C.E. School and the Parish Council, to become members of the King Edward's Hall Committee, may be nominated to join the King Edward's Hall Committee at its forthcoming AGM.

Since KJ had declared an interest in this item the Council had no quorum therefore this item will be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

25/23 Any other business

FC reported that the issue with Footpath 10 has been dealt with.

The issues with Footpath 5 and Footpath 9 were in the hands of Hampshire County Council.

26/23 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 13th March 2023 commencing 7.30pm at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley.

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 9.35pm.

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