

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC), Councillor Jennie Newell – Vice-Chair (JN) and Councillors Karen James (KJ), Tim Koetser (TK) and Nigel MacPherson (NM).

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

The meeting opened at 7.08p.m.

1/23 Apologies for absence

Received from Councillor John Camilleri and HCC councillor Nick Adams-King.

2/23 Declarations of interest

None.

3/23 Approval of Minutes

Matters arising: the intended EGM to review finance and the forthcoming precept was not held due to the unavailability of suitable dates.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **12th December 2022** as circulated to members were approved unanimously, and signed.

4/23 Public Forum

5/23 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (Test Valley Borough Council)

Councillor Jeffrey was not in attendance. The latest issue of Mid-Test Matters has not been issued to date.

6/23 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (Hampshire County Council)

Nick Adams-King was unable to attend and had sent his apology for absence.

7/23 Planning

22/03076/FULLS (Coles Pond Farm) – the applicant was in attendance and set out the measures taken within the proposal to minimise any adverse effect on the character of the current listed building including reducing the height of the extension and using sympathetic building materials. FC outlined the process taken by the Parish Council and will ask JC to visit the applicant to take on the additional information which would be taken into account should the application be resubmitted.

22/03205/FULLS – Buckholt Stables, Buckholt Lane: Retention of overnight accommodation for shooting parties with associated parking and landscaping.

JC recommended “No object” as previous environmental concerns have been met. After further discussion a vote was taken. By majority vote it was agreed to submit a “No object” response.

[minute 7/23 continues...]

22/03308/TREES – 8 Beales Court West Tytherley: Oak – reduce height and spread by 3 metres. FC pointed out that the oak in question was in fact within the property of Mr. Bowditch – FC to visit. No response to be submitted.

22/03338/TREES – Pragnells Cottages West Tytherley: Norway Maple – remove rubbing and crossing limbs and remove deadwood; Ash – Sever climbing plant and strip of climbing plant, clear ivy to ground level; Sycamore – Prune to clear building by up to 3 metres, sever climbing plant and strip of climbing plant, clear ivy to ground level. After a discussion a vote was taken. It was unanimously agreed to submit a “Support” response.

20/01903/FULLS – Glebe Farm, West Dean: Pre-Application: The developer wishes to revise the approved scheme granted for the construction of one large detached dwelling to be amended to be the construction of four dwellings each of four to five bedrooms. A public meeting between a representative of the developer and local residents has been arranged for Monday 30th January commencing 7.00pm at St. Georges Hall in West Dean which will be advertised locally and on Facebook.

8/23 Finance

To note:

- Payment to the Information Commissioner’s Office of £35.00 by direct debit;
- Payment of £40.91 to Southern Electricity by direct debit for pavilion’s electricity supply;
- With reference to minute 164/22: the authorised payment of £139.90 to Groundworks UK was amended to £279.79 to expedite full payment of the outstanding amount to Groundworks UK rather than submitting two separate part-payments from WTPC and West Dean Parish Council (WDPC). Consequently WDPC are to repay their share amounting to £139.89 to WTPC.
- Summary of current bank accounts.

All of the above were duly noted and agreed.

9/23 Parish Council budget and precept for 2023-24

The report presented by NC was reviewed. NC proposed no change to the parish precept. Following a discussion in which it was stated that the precept had not been raised in several years and increased expenditure in the forthcoming year is expected, in particular on the recreation ground, it was proposed that the parish precept be raised by 2%. This was agreed by a unanimous vote.

10/23 Resilience Project

It was noted that Andy Page is now chair of the Village Hall Committee.

The initial Resilience Plan produced by JC dated 2nd January 2023 will be put on the Parish Council website.

The report can be viewed on the Parish Council’s website at:

www.wtparishcouncil.org

11/23 Councillors' reports

- JN, in answer to a question on potholes in North Lane, stated there had been no further follow up. The majority of the road surfaces in West Tytherley and along Dean Road are in poor condition with many potholes. JN reported conversing with former councillor Lucia Homer and will meet with her presently.
- FC reported raising the issue of potholes several times with Hampshire County Council and Nick Adams-King. Lain water near Coles Pond Farm did not emanate from the pond, it flows down the lane. The lay-bys outside the village shop and the village hall need clearing of leaves; NM stated the lengthsman can do only limited work on the highway.
- TK reported the fallen trees on the recreation ground have been removed and thanked Paul Blackmore for doing this. The damaged fence on the recreation ground adjoining Thorngate has sustained further damage; three panels are down. A quote is awaited from Jamie Bowditch to install close-boarded fencing.
- NM reported the lengthsman was still under the weather.
- KJ reported many footpaths required work to be undertaken by landowners. A stile on FP3 was not useable by walkers with dogs. The footpath adjacent to Heatherdean has several hazardous fallen branches from trees on an adjacent property - FC to speak to the property owner.

12/22 Any other business

NC reported that Deborah Hook confirmed her resignation as Parish Councillor immediately after the close of the previous Parish Council meeting held on 12th December 2022.

13/22 Date and time of next meeting

Following a discussion on the start time of Ordinary Parish Council meetings it was agreed unanimously to amend the start time of future meetings to 7.30pm. It was also agreed unanimously that in 2023 Ordinary Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of each month save on a month where the first or second Monday of said month is a Bank Holiday in which case the meeting will be held on the third Monday of said month.

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

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Draft minutes. To be signed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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