

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 16 th NOVEMBER 2015
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: Community Hall
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MRS DINAH MURDOCH (DCM)
	: MR MARK THOMAS (MT)
	: MRS LOUISA RUSSELL (LR)
	: MR MARK BETTERIDGE (MB)
CHAired BY	: MR DAVID SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR DAVID BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	: CLLR TIM ROLT (HCC) : CLLR PETER GIDDINGS (TVBC) : 4 PARISHIONERS

85. Apologies

- 85.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Jamie Williams.
Note: Councillor Mark Betteridge gave advance apologies for the next parish council meeting scheduled for 21st December.

86. Public Participation

- 86.1 A resident had expressed concern over the unexpected siting of a footpath finger post by HCC on a private bridge crossing near Riverside Cottage and Murre. Councillors agreed to discuss this matter later under agenda item 10 (Councillors' reports).

87 Actions arising

87.1

It was noted that the goal mouth areas on the football pitch were in need of repair. Cllrs David Sullivan and Jamie Williams agreed to make the necessary arrangements. DS & JW to action. Carried forward
An email request submitted by Rupert Conder to consider making repairs to the posts and railings in Church Street was discussed by councillors. It was agreed to register the maintenance project with TVBC under the parish council's list of S106 project requests for funding. JW to action. Carried forward
Allotments: to replace the entrance gates and posts. DS to action quote. Completed Cllr Sullivan reported that a new farm gate and 2 posts could be installed at an approximate cost of £200. Councillors approved the repair.

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The Clerk asked councillors to start considering any new project plans they would like to put forward for consideration under the 2016/17 budget planning cycle that the parish council would start to review at the next parish council meeting. All cllrs to action. In progress.
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Proposal for Riverside footpath: Councillors discussed the proposal and agreed that that further investigation should be carried out. MT & DS to action. In progress.
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88. Minutes of meeting 19th October 2015

- 88.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19th October 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

89. Declarations of interest

- 89.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch declared a personal interest in any discussions on the Riverside footpath and agreed she would not take part in any vote or decision on the matter.

90. Community Speed Watch (CSW) report

- 90.1 Rupert Conder presented his latest report to councillors:

See appendix 1 for details of report.

- 90.2 Councillors reported that the community survey was showing strong support over the outstanding need to improve the safer route to school at its junction with the A343. All initiatives over the last three years that had been raised with HCC Highways had been turned down on safety or cost grounds. Councillor David Sullivan asked if the council was interested in re-opening a proposal to create new public footpath from a point opposite the old church hall passing to the rear of properties in Ibthorpe Road, emerging in the Square opposite the George & Dragon public house. It was agreed to convene a site meeting to view the line of the alternative footpath and crossing. **DS & MT to action.**

91. Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre (HTCC) quarterly report

- 91.1 The first HTCC quarterly report would be presented at the December parish council meeting.
- 91.2 Susie Hoare gave a brief verbal update to the meeting:
- Bookings were progressing well with many regular bookings in place
 - A good number of children's parties had been taking place and these had encouraged additional bookings from visiting parents.
 - New community centre signs were ready to be installed at the entrance to the access road.

92. Correspondence

- 92.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
- HCC Highways have issued a draft notice of road closure for resurfacing in 2016/17 from A343 junction with The Square through Upton and Vernham Dean to the Wiltshire border near Fosbury;
 - Letter for English Rural Housing Association confirming that - **the existing statutory exclusion from the Right To Buy of English Rural's properties will be continued under the new Act;**

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- The Department of Health has awarded The British Heart Foundation £1m to make public access defibrillators and CPR training more widely available in communities across England. Applications opened 1st October 2015 and will close in March 2016. Cllr Mark Thomas agreed to investigate a bid for a free public access defibrillator, CPR training and cabinet on behalf of the parish. **MT to action.**

93. Planning Applications

93.1 The following planning application discussed:

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the actions documented below would be taken:

15/02652/FULLN	31 Oct 15	Erection of conservatory, provision of dormer window in front elevation, replacement roof-light at side and the addition of three roof-lights at rear. Mr and Mrs J Bass. Tree Tops, Lockes Drove, Pill Heath, Andover. No Comment.
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94. Councillors' reports:

- 94.1 Councillors Louisa Russell and Mark Betteridge had nothing further to report.
- 94.2 Councillor Mark Thomas reported back on the consultation work on the Riverside footpath:
Informal consultation had taken place on the possible promotion of the Riverside Cottage footpath as a means of keeping dog walkers and dogs away from the primary school and children's play areas on KGV playing fields, whilst providing improved access to the popular Doles Wood area for all walkers.
Given the initial concerns raised by land and property owners, Councillors David Sullivan and Mark Thomas agreed to investigate an alternative route that could be fenced off behind the play areas and linking up with the Riverside footpath via the small paddock to the rear. **DS & MT to action.**
- 94.3 Councillor Murdoch asked if any progress had been achieved on the provision of a cargo net for the children's play area. Cllr Sullivan and Betteridge confirmed that to date the sources they had approached were unable to help. Cllr Murdoch reported that the goal mouths on KGV playing fields were still in need of repair. Cllr Sullivan reported that work was in hand and an appropriate source of top soil had been located.
- 94.4 Councillor David Sullivan reported that remedial work was required to the track across Dene Green to repair ruts. Cllr Sullivan would investigate a supply of 'planeings'. **DS to action.**

95. Clerk's report

- 95.1 The Clerk reported that he was pursuing, with the support of Cllr Rolt (HCC), an explanation from BT/HCC implementation team over the limited improvement delivered by the superfast broadband phase 1 project within the parish.
- 95.2 Testing of the new village and parish council website was nearing completion and it was hoped that the updated site could be made public within the next month.

96 Next meetings and forward plan update

96.1 The next ordinary Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st December 2015 in **the Community Hall** at 7.30 p.m.

Forward plan agenda items:

- Budget setting for 2015/16 – to finalise budget plan, projects and a three year rolling financial plan.

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- Community Survey report

97. Disbursements – 16th November 2015.

97.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Expenditure	Amount
1163	D R Baker	Salary Nov	£ 131.38
1164	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£ 87.60
1165	D R Baker	Consumables	£ 312.92
1167	Murdoch Farms Ltd	November maintenance	£ 90.00
1168	R Scull	Allotment hedge cutting	£ 45.00

Total authorised £ 666.90

Part II

In accordance with Standing Order 11 Councillor David Sullivan declared the public parish meeting closed and councillors then went on to consider the following items in a closed session:

98 Initial report on the community survey returns.

98.1 Councillor Mark Thomas presented an initial report on the first 50 responses received through the community survey up to the 13th November 2015. The report was split into 3 parts:

- Three slides showing the ratings of community facilities & services
- Three slides showing a demographic breakdown of the responses and the weighted average of the services & facilities recorded by residents' responses.
- Listings of all the comments recorded against each survey question.

98.2 All councillors were encourage to read through the detail of the report as preparation for determining an action plan, a list of project initiatives and priorities and the likely impact on budget plans over the medium term financial covering the next 3 years.

All Cllrs to action.

98.3 Cllr Mark Thomas and the clerk would produce the final community survey report once the survey closed on the 11th December. The report would be circulated in time for discussion at the next parish meeting on 21st December. **MT & DB to action.**

99 Budget Planning for 2016/17

99.1 The Clerk presented the budget planning report. The requirement was to agree a budget, set a precept and prioritise project plans for 2016/17 set within the context a three year rolling financial plan. The Council was invited to consider a proposal to set the 2016/17 precept at £14,850. The council was expecting to run a balanced budget over the medium term financial period covering the next 3 years.

99.2 The community survey had identified a number of potential new projects that councillors were being asked to consider. Some of the most popular requests that fell within the remit of the parish council to consider were:

- Dene Green – landscaping and track repairs
- Improvements to children's play equipment on KGV playing fields
- Support for a 'Social Club' and teenage amusement
- Public BBQ facility on the KGV playing fields
- Provision of a public access community defibrillator within the parish

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- A recycling centre
 - A permanent SLR sign in Hbt
 - More evening events in the community hall
- 99.3 Councillors were invited to submit details for new projects that they would to see included in the 2016/17 budget plan to the clerk. **All Cllrs to action.** The clerk would then attempt to cost any new plans for inclusion in the budget as preparation for the December parish council meeting. **DB to action.**

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date:.....

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Appendix 1

Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Speed Watch Report to Parish Council November 2015

The implementation of 40 mph buffer zones at each end of the village on the A343 seems to have had a slight effect on reducing the speed of traffic entering the 30 mph zone. It is felt that the 40 mph zone on the North end of the village may be a bit too long to optimise its impact.

We held the SID for most of the last month, but only managed one monitoring session when we did not record any numbers although some vehicles were exceeding the limit. I have now returned the SID to St Mary Bourne.

Although there is some enthusiasm for continuing the CSW, the problem of running a schedule and fetching the SID from SMB have led us to consider that a permanent SID mounted on the Dean Rise pole would be more effective. It is suggested that this could then be 'manned' from time to time and reports of speed violations generated. It is recommended that it is mounted on a swivel so it could be turned to face traffic either from the North or from the South. The SID could either be solar powered or connected to power on the mains. Currently we are getting quotations for both configurations.

There are two road matters outstanding, namely:

1. Build-out of the East side of the pavement to link with the Southern central traffic-splitter island near the Garage.
2. It has been reported that the surface of the bridge is developing cracks probably due to the number and weight of HGVs. As Highways will wish to be able to continue to use the A343 through the village as an emergency diversion route, it is recommended that a weight limit is imposed on the bridge until it is strengthened and repaired.