

# **West Tytherley, Frenchmoor & Buckholt Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley**

Present: Councillor Fiona Collier – Chair (FC), Jennie Newell – Vice-Chair (JN) and Councillors John Camilleri (JC) and Karen James (KJ).

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

The meeting opened at 7.36p.m.

### **27/23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Tim Koetser and Nigel MacPherson. HCC Councillor Nick Adams-King (NAK) gave advance notice of his late attendance.

### **28/23 Declarations of interest**

KJ declared an interest in item 35/23 so will not participate in this item.

### **29/23 Approval of Minutes**

Matters arising: none.

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

### **30/23 Public Forum**

### **31/23 To receive a report from Councillor Ian Jeffrey (Test Valley Borough Council)**

Councillor Jeffrey was not in attendance.

[Note: Councillor Nick Adams-King arrived during minute 35/23 – his report is minuted here].

### **32/23 To receive a report from Councillor Nick Adams-King (Hampshire County Council)**

NAK referred to grants available from HCC for local groups to hold events to celebrate the forthcoming coronation of King Charles III (FC stated the Parish Council will support the Village Hall Committee in obtaining a grant). The closing date for applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

NAK reported on progress repairing potholes: at present they are being repaired faster than new pothole reports are being received though there is still a backlog. NAK urged all to keep reporting, including him in the correspondence, and to use the “track my report” facility on the HCC website. NAK also gave updates on HCC’s speed limit policy and the ongoing issue of excessive sewerage charges imposed by Aster Housing on it’s tenants. NAK vowed to continue to seek to resolve this matter with Aster Housing.

### **33/23 Planning**

23/00494/TREES – Heatherdean, West Tytherley: to fell two willow and reduce the height of a third willow by up to 3 metres. The applicant, who was present, explained that the two pussy willow trees were in poor health and the third willow needed to be trimmed to avoid excess effect of winds; the applicant planned to plant replacement trees. After a short discussion it was decided that the council will not be applying for a tree preservation order.

Glebe Farm West Dean: update from meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at West Dean Village Hall: JC reported the developers were amenable to discuss, with the local community, options to include the construction of smaller dwellings and self-build housing and the setting up of a trust, funded by the householders, to maintain the surroundings including the woodland within the site boundary.

### **34/23 Finance**

To note:

- Payment of £1058.20 to Parish Clerk (salary for January and February 2023);
- Payment of £50.00 to Parish Clerk (office allowance for January and February 2023). Both were paid by BACS on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

The above payments were noted.

Summary of current bank accounts

- not to hand at the meeting.

[Later, for information only, details as at noon on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023:-

Account balances: “Main” account £38,591.79 (of which £20,000.00 ringfenced for the Resilience Project); “Millenium” account £7,551.75; “Third” account £1,243.46].

To approve:

- Payment of invoice from Mr. M. Eastwood to the value of £366.00 for the mowing of the recreation ground and roadside verge plus two strims of the banks to the rear of the recreation ground. Due to the extremely dry weather only 14 of the 18 scheduled cuts were undertaken during the 2022 season.

This was approved.

To consider and approve the renewal of Mr. M. Eastwood’s contract for the 2023 season: FC wished to see the details before approving, therefore this will be held over until the next meeting.

### **35/23 Resilience Project – update**

The members of the public who were part of the Resilience Group have withdrawn from the Resilience Group meetings, leaving only JC and NM in the group. Without any representation from the public this leaves the running of the group in the hands of the Parish Councillors.

JC outlined progress to date regarding equipment storage, the location of the main generator and consideration to extend radio coverage to include West Dean (dependent on cost).

The Village Hall Committee has yet to confirm their agreement to use King Edward’s Hall as the resilience centre.

**36/23 West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council's nomination for a representative to be a member of the King Edward's Village Hall Committee**

A vote by show of hands was taken. JC was nominated as representative of the Parish Council on the King Edward's Village Hall Committee.

**37/23 Public Correspondence**

Request from the clerk of West Dean Parish Council to use our lengthsman to repair the West Dean Parish Council's noticeboard on West Dean village green, and, on the West Dean recreation ground, to repaint the goalposts, to repair the rope on the play tunnel and to replace the roof plank on the play train.

It was stated that the lengthsman had been off work for a period of time and is, at present, dealing with outstanding tasks. After discussion it was agreed that the lengthsman could, subject to his availability and any expenses for materials being met by West Dean Parish Council, undertake the tasks requested.

**38/23 Election of Parish Councillors on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

NC gave a brief outline of the procedure and notable dates for councillors seeking re-election to the Parish Council.

**39/23 Councillor's reports**

JN is keeping track of progress regarding the potholes in North Lane.

KJ reported footpath FP8 is partially blocked between Red Lane and Pugs Hole.

JC will be unable to attend the King Edward's Village Hall AGM on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

FC reported that the Village Hall Committee has decided to take on difibrillator training at the Village Hall therefore FC has cancelled the arranged training offered by the South & Central Ambulance Service.

**40/23 Any other business**

None.

**41/23 Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 commencing 7.30pm at King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley.

Being no further business FC closed the meeting at 9.02pm.

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