

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 21 January 2008
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: Church Hall
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MR D JOPSON (DJ)
	: MRS D MURDOCH (DCM)
	: MR R A HAIGHTON (RAH)
	: MISS D MILLER (DM)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	MR TREVOR WHEELER
	MR RUPERT CONDER

1. Apologies

1.1. Councillor Mrs Jenni Miller

2. Public participation

2.1. There were no public questions

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

3.1.

The clerk was requested to write to Richard Foster to request a full set of the Charity's rules. Completed
The clerk was instructed to set the investment policy as an agenda item for the January parish meeting and to place this item on the forward plan for annual review. See agenda Item 10.4
A concern was raised regarding the safety of horses using a section of the Ibthorpe road where the road surface was too smooth and represented a hazard particularly in wet conditions. The clerk was instructed to write to the HCC highways department regarding the Council's concern. Completed

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4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 17 December 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch declared a personal interest in planning application 07/03443/FULLN and in agenda item 10.2 and took no part in the discussion of those topics.
- 5.2 Councillor Debbie Miller declared a personal interest in planning application 07/03407/FULLN and took no part in the discussion of that topic.

6. AGAS report

- 6.1. A report on latest developments was submitted by Rupert Conder – see appendix 1 for report details.

7. Tennis court extension – progress report

- 7.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch gave a progress report on the school tennis court extension project:
- Waiting for improved weather conditions before work on painting new line markings could be started
 - Goal posts and basketball backboard had been delivered and would be installed as soon as court markings were completed
 - Footpath between rear of the school and the car park extension had been completed.
- 7.2 It was reported to the Parish Council that the school were extremely delighted with the extra space and play area provided by the tennis court extension.
- 7.3 Councillor Dinah Murdoch also reported on the latest meeting regarding the development of a new village hall. Following the recent rejection of the main lottery bid for funding of the build phase of the project, discussions had taken place on how best to proceed. An investigation would take place into alternative less costly plans – it was hoped to consider a modular approach to building a replacement for the existing pavilion. This would start with a simple hall and changing facilities and then later on add facilities for the play group. New architects would be engaged and these ideas would be developed and would be reported to the next annual parish meeting in May 2008. The Parish Council were keen to formally recognise all the hard work put in by the village hall development team and in particular for the leadership provided by Leopold Antelme.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.

9. Councillor Reports

- 9.1 Councillor David Jopson reported the following planning applications had been received. The council went on to discuss each application in turn.
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the following actions would be taken:

07/03490/FULLN	19 Dec 07	Erection of replacement conservatory Yew Tree Farm, Ibthorpe, Andover, Hampshire Mr and Mrs Trewby – No comment
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07/03407/FULLN	27 Dec 07	Erection of rear/side extension to provide family and breakfast room, erection of retaining wall and provision of under ground oil tank. Blakes House, Village Street, Upton Andover. Mr and Mrs Greville-Williams - No comment
07/03337/FULLN	11 Jan 08	Addition of porch to rear door and alterations to garage to provide additional living accommodation including the addition of dormer windows Pill Heath Farm, Common Road, Pill Heath, Andover Sir Desmond Pitcher – No comment
TPO	15 Jan 08	Confirmation of TPO on Pill Heath Farm, Common Road Pill Heath Andover.
07/03443/FULLN	18 Jan 08	Change of use of car showroom (Building A) to service station shop and change of use of (Building B) from service station shop to car sales together with external alterations to proposed shop including replacement roof, revised fenestration and levelling of access Dene Garage, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mr C Danks – No comment

- 9.2 Councillor Alan Haighton reported that some no parking bollards had been retrieved by police and placed in safe storage.
- 9.3 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that she had received a letter from the junior football team outlining the success they were having running the new team and thanking the parish council for their support and interest. It was suggested that they should produce a write up for the parish magazine.
- 9.4 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report
- 9.5 Councillor David Sullivan had nothing further to report

10. 3 Q Financial report

- 10.1 3 Q Financial report was presented to the meeting. It was noted that total cash and investment had been reduced to £25,869 pounds which reflected the money used to fund the school tennis court extension. This would be recovered once the £10,000 grant from TVBC could be claimed against expenses incurred.
- 10.2 Annual review of regular contracts – there were 3 regular contracts in excess of £500 pa that required review. Following discussion it was agreed to maintain the current suppliers as Councillors were satisfied that value for money was being achieved.
RESOLVED: Councillors approved that the 3 suppliers should remain contracted for 2008/09.
- 10.3 Annual review of fees and charges – these were reviewed and councillors agreed to maintain all charges at their current levels for 2008/09.
RESOLVED: Councillors approved to maintain all charges at their current levels for 2008/09.
- 10.4 Annual review of investments – as directed by the external auditors, Councillors discussed and reviewed their investment policy for 2008/09.
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to maintain the Council's current investment of £20,000 in unit trust shares which was selected to generate a secure source of annual income.

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11. Management of a casual vacancy

11.1 Councillors were briefed on the process required to advertise and resolve a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. It was noted that a formal resignation was expected in March when a councillor planned to move away from the area. Informal soundings would be conducted by Councillors to identify any potential candidates who might be interested in joining the Parish Council.

12. Next meeting and forward plan update

12.1. The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18 February 2008 in **the Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.

13 Disbursements – 21st January 2008.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount
564	HAPTC	£ 155.00
565	Church Hall hiring	£ 120.00
566	R Scull	£ 825.00
567	Southern Electric	£ 61.77
568	HbT Primary School	£ 256.50
569	Audit Commission Fee	£ 158.63
570	Fields in Trust	£ 35.00
571	Ansley's Construction	£15,000.00
572	R Scull	£ 36.00
573	HCYBA	£ 100.00

Total authorised: £16,474.90

Meeting closed 8.55 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date:.....

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Appendix 1

ACTION GROUP AGAINST SPEEDING THROUGH HURSTBOURNE TARRANT (AGAS) REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN JANUARY 2008

1. Andover Airfield Planning Development number 07/01951/OUTN. There has been little change from last month's report, TVBC is still waiting for revised documents from Goodman and TESCO on Noise Assessment, HGV Traffic and the ability of the redesigned roundabout to cope. In spite of rumours to the contrary, this development is not a "done deal".

Thursday 16th January 2008. David Jopson and Rupert Conder attended a briefing for Parish Councils.

Thursday 7th February 2008 - STOP! Alliance Public Meeting 7.30pm John Hanson School. Please make an effort to attend as you will be told the new developments.

Monday 25th February 2008 - Northern Area Planning Committee Meeting at The Lights at 5pm. Note that this meeting date may change. There are concerns over lack of representation at this meeting.

The developer's estimate is 1660 HGVs and total traffic of 5,523 vehicles per day; of which at least 248 HGVs and 1,353 light vehicles /cars per day would use the A343. This increase of over 30% would result in a higher risk of traffic accidents and rises in air pollution, in light pollution, in vibration damage and noise pollution; yet the developer has made no risk assessment of the impact on HBT.

Did the earth move for you twice in the last three weeks? For anyone living beside the A343 it did, due to the traffic diverted off the A34 and this may be something like we will experience daily if this development goes ahead. Make a mental image of the added danger that this traffic would have to the School crossing point in The Square! The A343 has few passing places and will not be able to sustain the increase in traffic. If this development is allowed to go ahead without a routing agreement to prevent HGVs serving the site from using the A343, the increase in traffic will inevitably lead to serious accidents. Any routing agreement will, however, be difficult to monitor and enforce and probably be applicable to Tesco juggernauts, from which, under a new Tesco policy, Tesco is now removing the branding.

12.2. You will have noticed that the noise of an HGV driving past you 10 metres away is 100dB, even at 50m it is 94dB. The World Health Organisation recommended limit for uninterrupted sleep is 30dB, (or 45dB behind a closed window). It is planned to operate the Megashed throughout the night, so if we don't stop the traffic from this development going through HBT, HBT residents will get little sleep!

12.3. TVBC has been asked to insist that a proper risk assessment is made of all the roads that might be used by traffic visiting the site, especially the A343, and that a routing agreement to prevent HGVs going to/from the site using the A343 except when the A303 (East of Amesbury) or the A34 (South of Newbury but North of Bullington Cross) are closed by the police due to an accident.

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12.4. The Warehouse development may reduce the number of high quality jobs available as the increase in traffic volume without adequate infrastructure development will inevitably lead to a detrimental impact on the supply chain of existing businesses, which may move from the area as a result, leading to a diminution in the quality of employment available with consequent socio-economic impoverishment problems in the area.

12.5. If you are concerned that this development would increase the danger to your children, damage your way of life with additional light, noise, vibration and air pollution and may reduce the value of your property, please write to TVBC Head of Planning and/or email our councilor Peter Giddings at: CllrPGiddings@testvalley.gov.uk stating the reasons why you object to the development, attend the meetings and ensure that you have signed the petition which is available in the village Post Office/shop.

12.6.

12.7. It is recommended that HBT PC resolve to join the STOP Alliance.

2. **Traffic Calming Project**. Our issues have been recorded on the Test Valley community aspiration log for the Test Valley Hampshire Action Team (HAT) to consider in March. HCC is hoping to provide 30 mph roundels on the entrances to HBT on the A343 this year.

Surface dressing the A343 from The Square northwards is not yet in the plans. The reason for the hatching is being investigated, but HCC indicated that are unlikely to get the hatching removed to address a perceived accident problem as it may risk reinstating a genuine accident problem that has been successfully solved in the past. The danger to the residents on the North West side of the road was increased when the hatching was painted, as it "pushed" the traffic closer to that side of the road and allows it to go faster due to the separation. There is no hatching to allow cars to turn into The Rank, at which place cars both exiting and entering HBT are going much faster, so the risk is higher. As the area of The Rank is not suitable for such hatching, it would be sensible to install a squeeze point to slow the traffic entering the village and discourage overtaking when only a short distance before a blind junction and the exits from the garage.

The safety audit on the school crossing point on the A343 determined this be the best available place given the constraints of the road layout. The speed of the traffic and the lack of visibility from the crossing point on the South East side are a cause of considerable concern. Three proposals have been put forward that may be considered at the next HAT:

a. Two mini-roundabouts. These would slow the traffic significantly since traffic on the A343 would not have priority on entering the chicane, but once in the chicane would be able to flow freely though it;

b. A 20mph zone. With the Ibthorpe Road frequently restricted by traffic exiting from it, sooner or later vehicles halted on the A343 round the blind bend are likely to cause a serious accident. It is the inevitability of a serious accident occurring and that no one appears to be prepared to implement preventative measures until it happens that causes frustration. It is hoped to establish who is

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ultimately responsible for refusing to implement sensible road safety measures.

c. Pushing the SE crossing point kerb out. By pushing the kerb out visibility for pedestrians at the crossing point would be enhanced and drivers would also be able to see the pedestrians waiting to cross more easily. The width of the road would not be restricted unduly as the majority of the traffic swings wide of the kerb at that point.

All these points have been readdressed to HCC and a response is awaited.

3. Speed Indicator Device/ Speed Limit Reminder. David Jopson and Rupert Conder attended a demonstration of the DFS700 Traffic Safety System. This system displays the vehicle speed to encourage the driver to keep within the speed limit. It also records details to provide information about the speed of vehicles. Four other parishes (Vernham Dean, Tangley, Smannell and St Mary Bourne) indicated that they would be interested in sharing a system with HBT. A further 20 parishes indicated that they would also be interested in acquiring a system. It was therefore decided to make a coordinated approach for funding to HCC through district councils. Each system costs about £2,545. There would be an extended warranty cost after a year but no maintenance cost. The Speed Data Analysis could be used to reinforce any request for more robust speed reduction measures. The DFS700 could be fixed to a telegraph pole or even be freestanding on a tripod. David Jopson agreed to look into alternative sources of funding.

4. Signage. HCC has again been reminded that they have been asked that some traffic signs be repositioned as they are no longer suitably located, being hidden by trees or telegraph poles and that others be cleaned and/or repaired (Defect report number 1322230). Action is still awaited.

5. Accidents in HBT. No further accidents have been reported since a light lorry damaged a car and three bollards outside Andrew and Maggie Russell's house. AGAS has suggested to HCC that The Square be reduced to a 20 mph zone.

6. School 20mph limit. The contract has been awarded and engineers are expected to visit HBT soon. Signs should be erected in the next few weeks. Mrs Joyce Jones has agreed the proposed locations for the signs.

7. Hi-Viz coats. Children and parents walking them to and from school are again reminded to wear high-visibility jackets.

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7. STOP MAGASHEDS www.stopmegasheds.co.uk

Objections - you still have time to object for the first time or to send in your objections to the Revised Plans to Head of Planning at TVBC - **a second letter from you will count** - so please write it! . Look at the website for help in writing your letter - does not have to be long but it does have to be clear as to what exactly you are objecting to.

Join the STOP! Alliance - by combining as one voice we will have more clout and credibility. Email: alliance@stopemegasheds.co.uk to join yourself, your family, your neighbourhood, your group, your business. Together we can put a stop to the MEGAShed!

Our TVBC Councillor needs to hear from YOU! Our TVBC Councillor, Peter Giddings, would like a clear reason for your objections to the Megashed. Please email, phone or post a letter to him. His email address is cllrPGiddings@testvalley.gov.uk

Have you signed the STOP! Petition? If not, please download the Petition form from the Home page of the website, sign it yourself and get others to sign and hand it in to STOP! c/o Rectory Cottage, Monxton or email info@stopmegasheds.org.uk to arrange collection. Please continue to collect signatures until the planning meeting the date of which is yet to be announced.

Feasibility report proposals

- 1. The kerb on the A343.** The kerb on the A343, where the school children crossing has been sited, should be pushed out about eight inches to give pedestrians crossing the A343 at that point better visibility of oncoming traffic. A safety audit on this crossing will be carried out. It is possible that a post will be erected to protect those waiting on the pavement.
- 2. The sign in The Square.** No further action, but the signs might be moved as part of the safety audit.
- 3. Northbound Approach into and exit from the village.** A 30mph roundel may be painted on the road and a squeeze point may be constructed to emphasize the start and end of the more built up area.
- 4. Central hatching.** Removal of the central hatching on the A343 with a wavy central line and build-outs to break up the straightness of the road and improve the visibility from some driveways is being considered.
- 5. Reduction of the curb into Church Street.** Further discussion with local residents and local farmers is needed prior to re-alignment of the kerb into Church Street.