

# Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 21 July 2008
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: PAVILION
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MR D JOPSON (DJ)
	: MRS D MURDOCH (DCM)
	: MISS D MILLER (DM)
	: MR A HAIGHTON (AH)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	23 PARISHIONERS

## 1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Fliss Davis.

## 2. Public participation

Brian Wheeler raised his formal complaint regarding the lack of maintenance of Dean Rise open space areas. David Sullivan responded by confirming the area had been cleared and would be regularly maintained provided the access gate was left clear of parked vehicles to allow machinery to be used. David explained that the original intent was to provide an area suitable for dogs to be exercised and that it remained important for dog owners to exercise proper control over their animals to protect the safety of the children's play area.

## 3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

3.1

Safer route to School - A letter would be submitted to Martin Wiltshire re-iterating the Parish Council's concern and that a site visit should be arranged where interested parties and the Parish Council could review their concerns. DB to action - <b>completed</b> .
A further chaser to HCC to be issued on the 3 outstanding service requests – DB to action - <b>completed</b>
Councillors agreed that Rupert Conder be asked to draft a letter re-stating the PC objections to the Andover airport planning application – RC to action - <b>completed</b> .
Asset valuations - The clerk was asked to assess the impact the changes might have on the annual insurance premium and to investigate the additional cost of taking out a new for old insurance cover on contents and play equipment items. – DB to action -

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<b>completed.</b>
Planning application 08/01427/ADV N - Erection of an internally illuminated pole mounted double sided display unit. Dean Garage, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant Andover Miss Helen Groth – Objection to be submitted – DJ to action – <b>Not action taken as application was found to be for retrospective planning permission – the display unit had been installed some 2 years ago.</b>
Grass on the King George playing fields seemed rather long and she would chase up HCC for an additional cut – DCM to action - <b>completed.</b> A request for the grass to be cut on the upper play area in Dean Rise – DCM to action - <b>completed</b>
A request from Jan Caddie to hold a charity tea party on July 12 on the George V playing fields. DCM was action to contact Jan - <b>completed.</b>
A request had been received from Sue Scott (TVBC) to address the Council at its July meeting to provide information about a proposal to hold a school pageant in 2009 – DB to action agenda item - <b>completed</b>

#### 4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 16 June 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None.

#### 6 Proposal to hold a village pageant in 2009

- 6.1 Susie Scott, officer from the Hampshire Records Office gave a short presentation on the new community archive and heritage project that was being funded by HCC & IOW councils and lottery funding. Purpose was to encourage communities to explore their local history. The project would provide a free training programme on archive collections, conferences and roadshows to build awareness of the Records Service.
- 6.2 Hurstbourne Tarrant had been selected as one of 3 pilot areas to be considered for a creative event that would support an archival outcome, involving a local history group that represented a good cross section of the community. The event should contribute to the quality of life of the village. Initial thoughts were to hold a pageant event in 2009. Funding up to £5k could be secured provided appropriate criteria were met.
- 6.3 This opportunity was being brought to the Parish Council for consideration and it was hoped to identify a suitable way forward.
- 6.4 The proposal was opened to the public comment which identified general support from a number of speakers. It was noted that the existing village hall project was a high priority for the community and it would be important to co-ordinate any event within existing plans. It would be necessary to form a local history group with the required wide community involvement that should include the village school, church and community representatives. In terms of timescale for an event in 2010 was considered to be a better target.
- 6.5 Susie Scott took an action to assess if a 2010 timescale was acceptable to the community archive and heritage project. Mike Nash kindly offered to provide support to a local

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- history group if it could be convened. Mike Nash was asked to write an open letter in the parish magazine inviting expressions of interest in setting up a local history group.
- 6.6 Susie Scott was thanked for her presentation.

Note: Councillor David Sullivan gave his apologies for having to leave the meeting early. Councillor Dinah Murdoch took the chair.

## 7 AGAS report

- 7.1 Rupert Conder reported there had been a meeting held with Martin Wiltshire (HCC highways officer) and Karen Walton (Safer Route to school officer) to review public concerns over road safety issues following the implementation of the safer route to school scheme. Martin Wiltshire was asked to investigate additional proposals to improve the road safety of the current scheme.
- 7.2 Good progress had been achieved on reaching an agreement for the joint purchase of a Speed Indicator Device to be share with 2 other parish councils. Costs in the first year would be approximately £1000 which was in line with the budget plan.
- 7.3 See Appendix 1 for additional details.

## 8 Tesco Planning application – Andover airport

- 8.1 Councillor David Jopson reported that there was no significant change in the Tesco planning application and it was not expected to go to committee before 2nd half of August – date was still to be fixed.

## 9 BT removal of public phone kiosks in Hurstbourne Tarrant & Upton

- 9.1. An updated letter from TVBC had been received by the council extending the period of consultation until the end of August on the planned removal of 2 telephone kiosks from within the parish.

**RESOLVED:** - Following a brief discussion, councillors agreed to object to the removal of the 2 telephone kiosks sited at The Dene and at Upton. The clerk was asked to submit a letter of objection – **DB to action.**

## 10 Public usage and tennis court rental charges

Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that it was proving increasingly difficult to collect tennis court hire charges when used by the general public. Notices were ignored or were taken down by parishioners.

**RESOLVED:** - Councillors agreed to withdraw the current usage charge of £2/hr and that the running costs of the tennis courts would be funded through the council precept levy.

## 11 Correspondence and Councillor Reports

- 11.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
- 11.2 A letter from TVBC outlining HCC £1.1m 'Playbuilder Capital Fund' to develop high quality local outdoor play spaces invited expressions of interest from parish councils.
- RESOLVED:** - councillors agreed to place on the agenda on the 15 Sept 2008.
- 11.3 Planning applications:

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**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed the following actions would be taken:

08/01471/FULLN	19 Jun 08	Erection of replacement dwelling Tree Tops, Lockes Drove, Pill Heath, Andover Liquidty UK Ltd – <b>No comment</b>
08/01662/FULLN	10 Jul 08	Erection of porch to front 2 Hillside, Upton, Andover, Hampshire. Mrs Debbie Nisbet - <b>No comment</b>
08/01698/FULLN	16 Jul 08	Erection of a garden store/workshop The Old Saddlery, Church St, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mr and Mrs G England – <b>No comment</b>
E-mail	16 Jul 08	Development of 480 dwellings at Enham Alamein – Agenda item on 15 Sept 2008 – <b>DB to action</b>
E-mail	17 Jul 08	Planning policy – Grayshott PC concern over planning policy with regard to PC planning objections – Agenda item on 15 Sept 2008 – <b>DB to action</b>

- 11.4 Councillor Debbie Miller reported the BBQ had been postponed. An afternoon cream tea event had been well attended.
- 11.5 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report
- 11.6 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that the current service level provided by TVBC for cutting the grass on the King George V playing fields was poor and that this should be taken into consideration when the annual round of contract letting was next reviewed in January 2009.

## 12. Financial report for 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2008/09

- 12.1 David Baker presented the first quarter financial report for 2008/09. Key item to note was the substantial VAT refund due from 2007/08 of £6,240 had been successfully claimed and this had restored total cash and investments back to their expected levels. Overall spending was in line with budget plans but general maintenance costs associated with the playing fields and the pavilion were running slightly higher than expected.

## 13. Next meeting and forward plan update

- 13.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 15 September 2008 in the Pavilion at 7.30 p.m..
- 13.2 New agenda items agreed for 15 Sept:
- Review of Planning policy
  - Enham Alamein planning application for 480 dwellings
  - Bid for improved play areas
  - Conservation area review

## 14 Disbursements – 21 July 2008.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount
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603	F B Mew & Sons	£ 185.00
604	D R Baker	£ 50.94
605	Southern Electric	£ 140.61
606	Murdoch Farms Ltd	£ 82.25

***Total authorised:*** ***£458.80***

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 JULY 2008

### 1. Andover Airfield Planning Development number 07/01951/OUTN.

The Andover Advertiser reported last month that it was 'all systems go' regarding Highways and that minimum salary packages of £24k will be provided; however the highways authority has not given approval for the development. As Tesco pay levels in existing distribution centres are significantly lower and their past record at delivering the number of jobs they claim will be created is not good, the "rosy picture" Tesco paint is doubtful. The Northern Area Planning Committee is unlikely to consider the application before the second half of August.

Please keep up your support and consider what you have already achieved a partial ban on virtually all HGV movements along the A343 and a cap on the hourly number of HGVs leaving the site. We CAN get what we really want - a business park, not a lorry park!

2. Traffic Calming Project. . Following complaints about the increased danger at the A343/Upton Lane junction created by the Safe Routes to School project on 10<sup>th</sup> July David Jopson, Andrew and Maggie Russell, Rupert Conder and a representative from Vernham Deane Parish Council had a meeting with Martin Wiltshire, Karen Walton and Peter Courtney all of HCC to discuss ways of reducing the danger of accidents at the A343 and Upton Lane junction. The various factors – the speed of vehicles, the sharp blind bend, the restricted width of the road, the difficult turn for articulated lorries etc - generating this problem were discussed. It was noted that the width of the road has been narrowed further by the widening of the pavement introduced by the Safe Routes to School project and that the proposed "KEEP CLEAR" sign on the road outside the Russell's house in Upton Lane might even make the problem worse. It was agreed that HCC would put forward further plans to reduce the risk of accidents at this junction. HCC also agreed to look at a solution to reducing the risk at the Safe Routes to School crossing point on the A343.

HCC has stated that the central hatching on the A343 Newbury Road will be altered as previously discussed in the near future. By moving most of the hatching to the sides of the road, it will appear to "narrow" it as the separation will not be as wide. It will also provide more separation for pedestrians on the pavement from the traffic flow on the South East side and give better visibility for pedestrians, riders and drivers exiting from driveways on the other side.

The request for a more defined village boundary was discussed and has been noted, but is unlikely to be effected in the near future due to lack of funds.

3. Speed Indicator Device/ Speed Limit Reminder. David Jopson and Rupert Conder represented HBT at further meetings with representatives of Vernham Dean and Hatherden PCs to finalise the specification and procurement of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). It was agreed that:

- a. TVBC would be approached to administration the move of the SID, as there are Health & Safety and insurance issues associated with its positioning and movement. This has been done and a draft contract is being developed.
- b. Our original specification was for a sign that would flash to tell the drivers exceeding the speed limit that they are doing so, a recording device to collect evidence so that we can assist the police to target high risk/speed areas/times. It also should be easily portable (one man load), attachable to either a standard pole or a telegraph pole and robust enough to resist vandals. Unfortunately at a meeting with TVBC it was announced that only the Westercote SID is approved for use. The Westercote sign does not collect data

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- but merely counts how many times the sign has been triggered and the more sophisticated 3M sign is too heavy for an individual person to mount on a pole and therefore a hazard at the side of a rural road. TVBC also do not approve of such signs being attached to telegraph poles and must all be properly mounted on a standard pole.
- c. TVBC have been asked to distribute the number of times the device has been triggered in each location. This data could be used to ask the police to concentrate on areas where the speed limit is being infringed most often.
  - d. We have agreed, subject to TVBC availability to move the sign, that the SID would be allocated for two weeks at a time to each PC in turn; but can be reallocated on agreement between PCs to assist traffic calming on special occasions,
  - e. A fourth PC is still being sought to join the group to help defray the cost.
  - f. A firm commitment has been made to procure a device.
  - g. To be more effective in reducing vehicles speed we need to get as much publicity as possible and use BRAKE and Hampshire Road Safety to raise awareness by holding an official 'Launch' during Road Safety week in November, by inviting Media, Parish and TVBC councillors, Sir George Young MP and the Police to the launch and demonstration, possibly getting a celebrity to open, to get the three Primary Schools to get involved and to offer a prize for children to come up with a poster, car window sticker etc. HCC Road Safety Department has offered lots of free educational material and to meet us later in the month.
  - h. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, David Jopson will meet Robert Drew of TVBC to specify where HBT would like the SID posts to be positioned. Each post will cost £140.00 and it is recommended that we position them:
    - a. At the Dean Rise A343 junction where it could face either way,
    - b. On the Andover hill, just inside the limit sign and
    - c. In Ibthorpe, between the entrance to the village and the riding stable.