

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 17 th November 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)
	: MISS D MILLER (DM)
	: MR A HAIGHTON (AH)
	: MRS FLISS DAVIS (FD)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	RUPERT CONDER JOHN HOARE TREVOR WHEELER CLLR PAM MUTTON TVBC CLLR PAT WEST HCC

1. Apologies

1.1 None.

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

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Councillors agreed to make a donation of £50 to FWAG – DB to action - completed.

Councillors David Sullivan and Alan Houghton would inspect the top playing field area, Dean Rise. - DS & AH to action - completed.

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Councillor Dinah Murdoch requested that the George & Dragon public house should be raised as an agenda item at the next parish meeting. DB to action - completed.
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Condition of footways in Hurstbourne Tarrant - Councillors agreed that a new formal complaint should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of TVBC. – DB to action - completed.
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Councillors agreed that the risk register should be brought forward to the next parish meeting with councillors prepared to agree any changes as required. – DB to action - completed
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It was noted that 2 metal manhole covers were missing outside the rear and side of the pavilion. Councillor David Sullivan agreed to have these replaced – DS to action – Carried forward
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4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 20th October 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None.

Note: Standing Orders were suspended.

6 Tesco's planning application and AGAS reports

- 6.1 Rupert Conder presented his monthly reports on recent events relating to the Tesco planning application at the Andover old airport site and the AGAS project.
- 6.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to submit a letter to Martin Wiltshire HCC highways expressing the parish council's dissatisfaction with the lack of progress to address concerns on the safer route to school. This was particularly important, following several recent 'near miss' incidents, it was felt urgent action was required and a road safety audit should be carried out as an immediate priority – **DB to action.**

Note: Standing orders were re-instated

7 Discussion on the George and Dragon public house.

- 7.1 Councillor David Sullivan reported he had visited Graham Christy to brief him on the concerns of the parish council. Graham confirmed that a pub sign would be put back up on the front wall once redecoration was completed. There was no ambition to run the pub down and no likelihood of obtaining a planning change of use to a private dwelling. Graham encouraged parishioners to support the pub particularly on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

8 Correspondence and Councillor Reports

- 8.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
- 8.2 A request from the Hampshire County Youth Band Association (HCYBA) for a donation to support their work.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to make a donation of £100 to HCYBA – **DB to action.**

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8.3 A request from Royal British Legion football team for a donation to support half the cost of new football goal nets at a cost of £40.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to make a donation of £20 to RBL – **DB to action.**

8.4 Planning applications:

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the following action would be taken:

08/02458/FULLN	23 Oct 08	Retention of timber decking and balustrade fencing and additional landscaping Staggs Cottage, Windmill Lane, Ibthorpe Andover Mrs Jane Norton – No comment
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Councillors' reports:

- 8.5 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that Upton would be holding a winter party.
- 8.6 Councillor Alan Houghton reported that he had good feedback on the speed indicator signs and their positive impact in slowing traffic through the village. With regard to Dean Rise top playing field area, Alan had inspected the site and recommended that 2 signs be installed requesting no dog fouling and dogs to be kept on leads.
- 8.7 Councillor Dinah Murdoch had nothing to report.
- 8.8 Councillor David Sullivan reported that he had received a letter from Mr D Low providing details of 2 new permissive footpaths that had been created under a stewardship scheme that linked up with existing footpaths and created a circular walk in the Thunderer's Oak Wood and Lower Doiley Farm areas.
- 8.9 Councillor David Jopson asked if the Parish Council had made any representation to TVBC Conservation Area review regarding the water meadows. Councillor David Sullivan confirmed that he had written to TVBC on the matter. A short discussion took place on the risk of winter flooding and the clerk was asked to write to the Environment Agency requesting the Netherton arm of the river Swift needed riverbed clearance. – **DB to action.**
- 8.10 Councillor Debbie Miller had recently identified a new source of grant funding (Leader Fund) administered by SEEDA through the North Wessex Downs local action group. Funding was to be targeted at farmers, foresters and rural communities over a 6 year period. It was agreed that Debbie would get further details for the next parish council meeting and if appropriate the parish council would look to publicise the funding source through the parish magazine. – **DM to action**

Part 2 – Confidential business. – note: press and public were excluded

9 Freedom of Information Act 2000

It was agreed to set up a working party made up of Councillors Debbie Miller, Fliss Davis and David Baker (Clerk) to review the requirements of the new model publication scheme and to report back findings at the December parish council meeting. – **DM, FD & DB to action.** Councillor David Jopson would continue to manage the update work on the parish website – **DJ to action**

10 Annual reviews

- 10.1 David Baker presented a series of short reports on the following items:
- Annual review of subscriptions
 - Annual review of the clerk's salary

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- Risk Register
- Initial budget papers for 2009/10

RESOLVED: Annual review of subscriptions - subscriptions to Hampshire Association of Local Councils, Fields in Trust and Society of Local Council Clerks were approved for 2009. Clerk's salary was reviewed and it was agreed it would be calculated using national pay scale 2008 based on a contract of 20hrs/month in 2009/10. Councillors reviewed the risk register and it was approved. Following a discussion of the initial budget papers, amendments were made to the 2009/10 project list and priorities a revised budget plan was to be produced for final decision at the December parish council meeting. – **DB to action.**

11 Next meeting and forward plan update

11.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 15th December 2008 in the **Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.

11.2 Agenda items agreed for 15 Dec 2008

- Finalise 2009/10 budget and set the precept for 2009/10
- Findings to be reported back from the working party assigned to the new model publication scheme
- Details of the Leader Fund
- Dene Green lay-by quotations

12 Discussion on the state of the Dene Green lay-by

12.1 Councillors discussed the unsatisfactory state of the road surface of Dene Green lay-by adjacent to the bus stop. It was agreed that at least 2 quotes should be sought to cost the repairs necessary to make good the lay-by surface for consideration in the budget assessment for 2009/10.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a letter should be sent to HCC highways department to request clarification of responsibility for the Dene Green lay-by – **DB to action.** 2 quotations to be obtained for the repairs to Dene Green lay-by. – **DS & DM to action**

13 Disbursements – 17th November 2008.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount
617	Murdoch Farms Ltd	£ 111.62
618	D Jopson	£ 40.00
619	Jan Caddy	£ 20.00
620	FWAG	£ 50.00

Total authorised: £221.62

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

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Signed.....

Chairman

Date:.....

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Appendix 1.

ACTION GROUP AGAINST SPEEDING THROUGH HURSTBOURNE TARRANT (AGAS)

REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER 2008

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

A number of individuals from the village attended the STOP campaign meeting on 30th October at which it was reported that Tesco had challenged the Section 106 conditions which Goodmans, the developer, had agreed with the local Planning Authority. A number of other concerns were raised about the pollution and noise effects on the health of the children in schools sited close to the A303, the negative impact on other business and the significant traffic increase not only is it likely to cause significant congestion on the A303 but also on the A343 through HBT as Tesco had stated that there would be 300 separate suppliers to the Megashed, who would not be banned from using the A343 by the Section 106 agreement.

On 3rd November Goodman announced that it had terminated its contract with Tesco for the Andover Airfield site. A spokesperson for Goodman said: "This decision further demonstrates Goodman's commitment to the routeing agreement and restrictions which are considered necessary by Test Valley Borough Council to protect local roads. We are absolutely committed to delivering a high quality business park on our site and trust that the Council will soon be able to grant a planning permission - a prerequisite to enable us to market the site and bring forward a development which has been waiting to happen for the last twenty years. Tesco, or any other prospective tenant that seeks to come to our site, will still have the opportunity to take up occupation if they are willing to comply with the planning conditions and legally binding s106 agreement linked to a planning consent."

STOP think that this is quite possibly a tactic to remove the focus of objections, get the planning through and then bring Tesco back in when they can renege on the conditions. It would be very surprising if Goodman committed millions to a development without an anchor tenant and Tesco are a good one. Goodmans share price has plummeted from a 52 week high of Aus\$ 6.98 to Aus\$1 at the end of October and made the exceptional decision to suspend share dealings pending the finalisation of 'new capital initiatives'. This news casts doubt on their financial capability to follow through with their plans for the Airfield site. . What is not in doubt is that all the major components of traffic data supplied by Goodmans was from TESCO's which will now be worthless without them as a tenant. Goodmans have committed to sell off £500M AUS of their assets by 31st December, having planning permission in Andover would make the land a valuable asset.

The next few weeks will be interesting. This is NOT the end to the Planning Application for the Megashed; Goodmans will be continuing with the application. **The TVBC Planning Control Committee will be meeting at The Lights on 1st December at 5.30 p.m to consider the Goodmans Planning Application;** you are encouraged to attend

2. Traffic Calming Project. An update on the plans to reduce the risk of accidents at the A343/lbthorpe Lane junction and to look at a solution to reducing the risk at the Safe Routes to School crossing point on the A343 is now urgent, as is the alteration to the central hatching on the A343 Newbury Road. Helen Levy, who lives at The Cedars, wrote to HCC to report a serious incident involving herself and her son when taking her sons friend home to Bridge Cottage. She reported that: "there was a very large lorry travelling towards the T Junction at Period Plaster and at least 6 cars travelling towards lbthorpe also at Period Plaster. No one would give way at the new layout and this caused a jam. The cars then squeezed past and travelled on the pavement,

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one actually travelled along the pavement right up to Bridge Cottage where I had to push my 8 year old son out of the way of this oncoming car. She didn't stop or apologise for scaring us half to death and in fact she had a young boy in her own car. This is the second near miss we have had along this ridiculous pavement structure. In July I had to jump out of the way of an oncoming 4 wheel drive which mounted the pavement outside Gaydon House, again a speeding women that felt she didn't want to give way to oncoming traffic."

5.1. She added that: "this whole system is nothing short of completely dangerous. I understand there have been many complaints and you can add my two. Are you all waiting for a death before you come out and do something about this?? You very nearly had two deaths tonight if I hadn't reacted so quickly. We wanted a "SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL" this is clearly not and it has made the whole system a 100% worse."

On 17th October, Martin Wiltshire of HCC Traffic Management replied that: "The Safer Routes to School Scheme implemented in Upton Lane followed extensive consultation with the school, residents and Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council. The aim of the scheme was to improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the A343. Within Upton Lane itself the carriageway has been narrowed to allow a footway to be provided to assist pedestrians. In order to achieve this there was really no other option along Upton Lane other than to reduce the space available to vehicles. The Safer Routes to School Scheme was subject to a safety audit following its construction and no issues were raised concerning Upton Lane.

Nevertheless, following a meeting in July with local residents and representatives of Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council, the possibility of some minor improvements to the scheme at the junction of Upton Road/A343 will be investigated. The measures to be considered is the provision of an additional timber bollard on the east side of the A343 at the pedestrian crossing point and measures to reduce traffic speeds upon entering Upton Lane from the A343. These issues will be investigated at the earliest opportunity and we will send details of the proposals to the Parish Council once they have been prepared."

On 13th November, Martin Wiltshire stated that, due to a number of fatal accidents in the south of Hampshire, HCC Traffic Management's attention and funding has had to be focused there; nevertheless he is aware of the issues and has assured AGAS that he will address our problems when resources become available.

Our suggestions for the design for a more defined village boundary are still being considered.

3. Speed Limit Reminder Device. We have again had the Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) Device in HBT. We are grateful to Sir George Young Bt MP, our Member of Parliament, for sparing the time to 'open' the SLR on 7th November at our bus shelter in HBT. Anna Lloyd and Matthew Hancock from our Primary School were awarded prizes for their winning Road Safety Posters designs. A photograph of a very game Sir George Young standing in a damp ditch alongside the winners and an article was published in the Andover Advertiser. Cllr Robin Hughes presented a cheque on behalf of Hampshire County Council to enable the syndicate of parishes to purchase a second speed Indicator device. During the time that the SLR was in HBT, there was again a noticeable reduction in the speed of traffic entering the village from Newbury. When the additional posts have been installed, it is planned that both the SLRs will both be in one village at the same time. It is understood that all but one of the service checks have been completed by Southern Water and Transco and the contract for the posts has been signed.

When all the posts are in position and when the second SID has been procured, HBT should have the use of the SLRs for two weeks in every eight.