

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 20 October 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 DAVID ARKLEY

1. Apologies

1.1 Councillor Debbie Miller.

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

3.1

Trevor Wheeler was asked to identify any trees in the new parts of the revised conservation area that might warrant a preservation tree order request. – None were identified.
Councillor David Jobson commented that the pavement repair promised within the month of August had not been carried out – Request for service was submitted.
Councillors agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the legal expenses incurred by the STOP campaign – Completed.
Tesco's planning application - it was agreed that the parish council's objection would be resubmitted to the full Planning Control Committee – Completed

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Next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils to be held on 18 September. Councillors David Sullivan and David Jopson would attend and represent Hurstbourne Tarrant's concerns on planning matters - Completed.
Councillors agreed to adopt the kiosk in Upton – Completed.
TVBC (Environmental Services) were not meeting the contracted number of cuts of the grass on the King George V playing fields. A letter requesting service level improvement was to be submitted – Resolved.
Requirement to provide notice of firework parties. A reminder notice to be placed in parish magazine – Completed.
Councillors agreed to accept both the renewal premium and the 3 year discount scheme – Completed

4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15 September 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch declared a personal interest on two items of business under agenda Item 7 – Correspondence:
Item FWAG donation request;
Item: E-mail – Church Hall request for financial support.
Councillor Dinah Murdoch took no part in the discussions of these two items.
Note: Standing Orders were suspended.

6 Tesco's planning application and AGAS reports

- 6.1 Rupert Conder gave his monthly reports on recent events relating to AGAS project and the Tesco planning application at the Andover old airport site.
- 6.2 TESCO: The recommendation of the Northern Area Planning Committee (NAPC) not to approve the Tesco Planning Application has been sent with their reasons to the Planning Control Committee (PCC). The STOP campaign is planning to hold a meeting on a Saturday morning in Andover on 25th October. The Planning Control Committee meeting date has now been set as 1st December.
- 6.3 AGAS: An update on the plans to reduce the risk of accidents at the A343/Ibthorpe Lane junction and to look at a solution to reducing the risk at the Safe Routes to School crossing point on the A343 is still awaited.
- 6.4 For two weeks the Speed Indicator Device was in HBT and for much of the week after, there seemed to be a marked reduction in speed of traffic entering the village from Newbury. Funding for a second SID has been received and it will be obtained shortly.
- 6.5 Sir George Young Bt MP, our Member of Parliament, has been invited to the official 'Launch' of the SID on 7th November at 1 p.m. at the bus shelter in HBT. Our Primary School children have been invited to design Road Safety Posters. Two £20 book voucher prizes will be offered to children with the best poster. HCC Road Safety Department has offered to provide free educational material.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the bus shelter being cleaned and the area of surrounding grass would be cut. Councillor David Sullivan agreed to arrange for the work to be carried out. – **DS to action.**

Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

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7 Correspondence and Councillor Reports

7.1 David Arkley was invited to speak to the parish council on the 2 items of correspondence that he had submitted to the council.

- Item 1: A formal complaint regarding the parish council's donation of £100 to the Tesco STOP campaign. The complaint alleged maladministration and David Arkley requested contact details for both the internal and external auditors of the parish council accounts and the TVBC monitoring officer. David Arkley also requested under what piece of legislation was the donation payment authorised. The clerk reported that the payment was made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 – *Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised*.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to instruct the clerk to provide the contact information requested and a copy of the Section 137 legislation. – **DB to action.**

- Item 2: David Arkley gave details on the requirement to re-wire and to replace heating and lighting equipment within the church hall to meet safety standards at an estimated cost of £7,600. The church hall management committee had £5,500 available from its own funds to put towards the cost but was asking for contributions from the parish council, TVBC and the pre-school to cover the shortfall.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to place the contribution request on the agenda of the next parish council meeting where it could be discussed under the initial budget planning for 2009/10 – **DB to action.**

Note: Standing Orders were re-instated.

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

7.3 A request from Farming and Advisory Group (FWAG) for a donation to support their work.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to make a donation of £50 to FWAG – **DB to action.**

7.4 Planning applications:

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the following actions would be taken:

08/01738/FULLN	18 Sep 08	Erection of an agricultural dwelling Lockes Drove Farm, Lockes Drove, Pill Heath, Andover Mr James Arden Bruce Williams – No comment
08/02286/TREEN	19 Sep 08	4 Sycamore (G1) – re-pollard back to original pollard points. Fell 1 Ash (T2), 2 Elder (T3 & T4) and 2 dead trees (T1 & T5) Dalton House, Church Street, Hurstbourne Tarrant Mr and Mrs Meluish – No comment
08/02143/FULLN	25 Sep 08	Single storey extension to side to provide garage, w.c. and utility room and conservatory to rear. 7 Dines Close, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover, Hampshire Mrs Maria Wright – No comment
08/02395/VARN	4 Oct 08	Removal of Condition 8 of permission 07/02099/FULLN – which restricts the extent of the residential cartilage (Erection of a replacement dwelling and installation of Ha-ha together with associated works) Pill Heath Farm, Common Road, Pill Heath, Andover

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		Sir Desmond Pitcher and Lady Pitcher – No comment
08/02323/FULLN	8 Oct 08	Erection of conservatory Yew Tree Farm, lbthorpe, Andover, Hampshire Mr Trewby – No comment

7.5 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that Upton would be holding a children's Halloween party.

7.6 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report on roads. With regard to Dean Rise top playing field area, Alan reported there had been instances of dogs being exercised off lead and dog fouling had taken place.

RESOLVED: Councillors David Sullivan and Alan Haighton would inspect the area. - **DS & AH to action.**

7.7 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that TVBC (Environmental Services) lack of grass cutting had been resolved. 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.**

7.8 Councillor David Sullivan reported that he had attended TVBC exhibition regarding the Hurstbourne Tarrant Conservation Area review on Tuesday 14 October. The exhibition was well attended by parishioners and it provided details on the conservation area review and the changes that were being put forward. Comment forms were made available for parishioners to feedback to TVBC their views and concerns relating to the proposed changes. David also reported that the traveller family living at Doyley Bottom were to be moved on by Basingstoke & Dean BC on a date believed to be in October 2009.

7.9 Councillor David Jopson reported that as there had been no response to the reminder to TVBC to carry out repairs to the footway in Hurstbourne Tarrant. A new formal complaint should be submitted.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that a new formal complaint should be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer of TVBC. – **DB to action.**

8 Financial report for 2Q 2008

8.1 David Baker presented the second 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 remained in line with budget plans but general maintenance costs associated with the playing fields and the pavilion were still running slightly higher than expected.

9 Annual reviews

9.1 David Baker presented a series of short reports on the following items

- Risk Register
- Financial Regulations
- Standing Orders
- Healthy & Safety risk assessment report for the pavilion

Councillors accepted and discussed each report.

RESOLVED: 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**

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No changes were considered necessary to the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. However, it was noted that the National Association of Local Councils was expected to publish a new model set of Standing Orders within the next 6 months.

Annual risk assessment for the pavilion was accepted. 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**.

10 Next meeting and forward plan update

- 10.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 17 November 2008 in the **Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.
- 10.2 Agenda items agreed for 17 Nov 2008
- Initial budget review for 2009/10 – supporting papers to be circulated in advance.
 - Annual review of subscriptions
 - Annual review of clerk's salary in line with national pay agreement
 - Annual review of the risk register
 - Discussion on the George and Dragon public house.

11 Disbursements – 20th October 2008.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount
614	Came & Co	£ 1087.08
615	StopMegashed donation	£ 100.00
617	Murdoch Farms Ltd	£ 58.75
Total authorised:		£1245.83

Meeting closed 8.43 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 OCTOBER 2008

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

As you may have seen in the Andover Advertiser, a "GO" campaign has been set up to try to reverse the decision of the democratically elected Northern Area Planning Committee (NAPC). The recommendation of the NAPC not to approve the Planning Application has been sent with their reasons to the Planning Control Committee (PCC). The developer (possibly with considerable support from Tesco) is likely to appeal if the PCC also refuses the application.

The "GO" campaign has been trying to raise support, so we need the STOP campaign to start making their presence felt again and to reflect the true feelings of the majority. The STOP campaign is planning to hold a meeting on a Saturday morning in Andover on 25th October, and could do with a good crowd of folks to help man the stall and chat to Joe public.

The Planning Control Committee meeting date has now been set as 1st December, so the STOP campaign is gearing up for that. It is expected to be a re-run of the 1st September NAPC meeting with much of the same evidence and opinion being presented. It will be another occasion when your support is needed. If anyone knows any of the southern TVBC councillors on the PCC do drop them a line and let them know your feelings. The STOP campaign will be contacting the Parish Councils shortly and asking them to apply pressure. The STOP Campaign needs funds to get further legal advice, and your presence in Andover on 25th October.

Just to remind you of how this development would be likely to affect you:

- 5.1. The developer estimated that there would be a 30% increase in the traffic on the A343, which is already a dangerous single track road with few passing places with the likelihood of more accidents;
- 5.1. The A303 was not designed for the increased level of traffic, which would result in gridlock;
- 5.1. Traffic movement vibrations will impact on foundations of buildings in HBT;
- 5.1. The Vehicle Identification System would only ban Tesco vehicles over 7½ tons, which are not delivering "locally", and would not ban Tesco vehicles which are unbranded delivering to the site;
- 5.1. There would be a significant impact on the quiet enjoyment of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists;
- 5.1. Traffic on the A343 en route to Newbury would conflict with residential traffic in HBT;
- 5.1. Heavy construction traffic to and from the site would not be prevented from using the A343;
- 5.1. The environmentally minded would notice a large increase in carbon footprint and in 'food miles';
- 5.1. There would be an increased demand for local services including hospitals, dentists and doctors;
- 5.1. There would be an adverse impact on housing values;

Goodman are still at liberty to make changes to their application, so we need to keep watching the TVBC web site.

- 5.1. Please keep up your support.

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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 still awaited, as is the alteration to the central hatching on the A343 Newbury Road.

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

3. **Speed Indicator Device.** For the two weeks that the Speed Indicator Device was in HBT and for much of the week after, there seemed to be a marked reduction in speed of traffic entering the village from Newbury. Funding for a second SID has been received and it will be obtained shortly. The charge for TVBC to administer, move and maintain the two signs will be £1,440 per year split amongst the four parishes. It is planned to have both of them in one village at a time subject to enough sites being available. The order for the additional posts, two of which will be in HBT and one in lbthorpe, has been made. TVBC is waiting for the last service checks to be returned from Southern Water and Transco ahead of sending the instructions to erect the poles to the contractors. Once the order is sent it is likely that the work will be done within 4 weeks.

Sir George Young Bt MP, our Member of Parliament, has been invited to the official 'Launch' of the SID on 7th November at 1 p.m. at the bus shelter in HBT. Our Primary School children have been invited to design Road Safety Posters. Two £20 book voucher prizes will be offered to children with the best poster. HCC Road Safety Department has offered to provide free educational material.