

# Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 15 September 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)
	: MRS FLISS DAVIS (FD)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	RUPERT CONDER JOHN HOARE ANN MARIE LOMAX (TVBC)

## 1. Apologies

1.1 None.

## 2. Public participation

2.1 None.

## 3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

3.1

A letter of objection was to be submitted to TVBC regarding the proposed withdrawal of telephone kiosks in Upton and The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant – DB to action - <b>Completed</b>
Agenda items for the parish council meeting on 15 September were agreed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of planning policy re Parish Council planning objections</li> <li>• Enham Alamein planning application for 480 dwellings</li> <li>• TVBC/HCC bid for improved play areas</li> <li>• Conservation area review</li> </ul> DB to action – <b>Completed</b>

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A meeting to be arranged with David Irving (HCC Highways Manager Test Valley) to address formal complaint regarding lack of progress on highway repairs  
DB to action - **Completed**

## 4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21 July 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 5. Declarations of Interest

5.1 None.

## 6. Conservation area review – Presentation by Anne-Marie Lomax (TVBC)

Anne-Marie gave a short presentation as follows:

6.1 To discuss the reasons why the review is being carried out.

6.2 Process and preliminary timetable:

6.3 Publicity for the Review

6.4 Type of documents we've produced.

6.5 Brief explanation of possible changes to the boundaries

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. – **TW to action.**

Note: a public exhibition on the conservation review will be held on 14 October in the Church hall – all are welcome to attend.

Please see appendix 2 for detailed report.

## 7 AGAS report

7.1 Rupert Conder reported there had been a meeting held on 8 August with HCC to review again the parish's concerns regarding the safer route to school at the junction of Ibthorpe road with the A343. Councillor David Jobson commented that the pavement repair promised within the month of August had not been carried out – **DB to action.**  
Please see Appendix 1 for additional details.

## 8 Tesco Planning application – Andover airport

8.1 Rupert Conder reported that at the Northern Area Planning Committee, held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, had refused the Tesco application and that the application was now being referred up to a full Planning Committee for decision.

Please see Appendix 1 for additional details.

**RESOLVED:** - Councillors agreed to make a donation of £100 towards the legal expenses incurred by the STOP campaign – **DB to action.**

It was agreed that the parish council's objection would be resubmitted to the full Planning Committee – **DB to action**

## 9 Review of planning policy re Parish Council planning objections

9.1. Councillor David Sullivan reported that several parish councils within Hampshire had recently expressed concerns regarding the lack of weight attached to any planning application objections submitted by parish councils. This topic was on the agenda of the next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish Councils to be held on 18

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September. Councillors David Sullivan and David Jopson would attend and represent Hurstbourne Tarrant's concerns on this issue. - **DS and DJ to action.**

## 10 Enham Alamein planning application for 480 dwellings

Councillor David Sullivan led a brief discussion on the planning application that was being considered in the neighbouring parish of Enham Alamein for 480 new dwellings. Councillors agreed to take no immediate action beyond maintaining a watching brief on the situation.

## 11 TVBC/HCC bid for improved play areas

It was confirmed that the parish council had submitted an expression of interest in the HCC £1.1m 'Playbuilder Capital Fund' to develop high quality local outdoor play spaces. The Council was now waiting for TVBC to issue details of the bidding process for parish councils interested in applying for funding and approval of play space schemes.

## 12 Correspondence and Councillor Reports

- 12.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
- 12.2 A letter from BT provided details on two processes relating to BT telephone kiosks that were scheduled for removal:
- An adoption process for the kiosk shell at a cost of £1/kiosk
- A sponsorship contract which was costed at £500/kiosk/year to maintain the kiosk in full working order

**RESOLVED:** - councillors agreed to adopt the kiosk in Upton – **DB to action.**

- 12.3 Planning applications:

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

08/01685/CAWN 08/01682/FULLN	31 Jul 08	Demolition of existing bungalow Erection of 2 detached houses and a detached double garage Jasmine, Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe, Andover Mr James Ashby – passed to DJ – <b>Objection submitted</b>
08/02024/CAWN 08/02021/FULLN	14 Aug 08	Demolition of existing bungalow Erection of 2 detached houses and a detached double garage Jasmine, Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe, Andover Mr James Ashby – passed to DJ – <b>Objection submitted</b>
08/01891/FULLN	14 Aug 08	Provision of 2 conservation rooflights to garage Upton Dean, Upton, Andover Hampshire Mrs Annie Mihell - <b>No comment</b>
08/01784/FULLN	18 Aug 08	Erection of a single storey side extension to provide garden room together with 1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension over garage to provide additional bedroom, en-suite and dressing room Applebrook House, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mrs Bobby Jenkin - <b>No comment</b>
08/01738/FULLN	19 Aug 08	Erection of an agricultural dwelling Lockes Drove Farm, Lockes Drove, Pill Heath, Andover Mr James Arden Bruce Williams – <b>No comment</b>

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08/01924/FULLN	21 Aug 08	Erection of building for the storage and repair of helicopters The House, Bourne Park Estate, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Bourne Park Estate – <b>No comment</b>
08/02040/FULLN	3 Sep 08	Erection of extension to the side to provide kitchen and utility room 7 Hillside, Upton, Andover, Hampshire Mrs P Ryder – <b>No comment</b>

- 12.4 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report.
- 12.5 Councillor Alan Haighton reported that a new caravan had appeared at Doiley Bottom.
- 12.6 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that 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 – **DB to action**. The fan heaters in the pavilion were not providing an efficient source of heating, the cost of replacing the four wall heaters was estimated to be approximately £500. It was agreed that no further action was planned at present and the electricity usage would be monitored.
- 12.7 Councillor David Sullivan reported that he had attended at site meeting at Dines Close to be briefed on progress of the Affordable Housing development. House numbering was discussed and the lower site would take up the numbers of the demolished houses. For the upper site it was agreed the Dines Meadow would be an acceptable name.
- 12.8 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that there had been an incident of an air rifle being used in Upton which had been reported to the police. It was also confirmed that The Crown public house had closed.

## 13. Annual renewal of insurance policy – improved policy cover and discount options

- 13.1 David Baker presented details of the renewal premium for the parish council's insurance policy due on 28 September and the additional covers that have now been included as standard by Norwich Union. There was also a new offer of a 5% discount to any parish council entering into a 3 year agreement.

**RESOLVED:** - Councillors agreed to accept both the renewal premium and the 3 year discount scheme – **DB to action**

## 14. Next meeting and forward plan update

- 14.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 20 October 2008 in the **Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.
- 14.2 Forward plan item: Requirement to provide notice of firework parties. A reminder notice to be placed in parish magazine – **DJ to action**.
- 14.3 Agenda items agreed for 20 Oct
- Performance Monitoring – 08/09 Q 2
  - Annual review of Health & Safety
  - Annual reviews of Risk register, Standing Orders and Financial regulations

## 15 Disbursements – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

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Number	Payee	Amount
607	Ibthorpe Agric Engineering Co	£ 187.15
608	Wardfire UK Ltd	£ 82.14
609	F B Mew & Son	£ 446.00
610	A S Waite	£ 89.59
611	D R Baker	£ 300.00
612	Murdoch Farms Ltd	£ 176.75
613	P G Anthony	£ 45.00
<b>Total authorised:</b>		<b>£1326.63</b>

Meeting closed 9.05 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 SEPTEMBER 2008**

1. **Andover Airfield Planning Development number 07/01951/OUTN.** A meeting of the Northern Area Planning Committee on the Planning Application for a Distribution Warehouse development on the former Andover Airfield site was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. TVBC reported that it had received 2,307 letters objecting to the planning application and only 12 letters supporting it. Individuals with HBT addresses sent 48 letters objecting to the development and none supporting it. In excess of 5,000 persons have signed petitions objecting to the development. A separate petition in HBT and Verham Dean gathered a further 57 names.

HBT would probably be affected by this potential development far less than those living in villages closer to it and those who live near to the A303 in Andover. The main objections, which would probably be of concern to residents of HBT included in the TVBC report, were:

- Local roads (A303, A34, A342 and A343) already overloaded– extra traffic resulting in gridlock and increased accidents;
- Traffic movement vibrations will impact on foundations of buildings within villages;
- Concerns over enforceability of the Vehicle Identification System and the fines for breaches;
- Impact on quiet enjoyment of pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists within the area;
- Concern with traffic conflict with residents of Hurstbourne Tarrant en-route to the A34 at Newbury;
- No consideration of construction traffic has been undertaken;
- Increases in vehicle movement, carbon footprint and in 'food miles';
- Use and operation of the Biomass plant – [the site is directly upwind for the prevailing SW wind]
- Increased demand for local services including hospitals, dentists, doctors;
- Impact on housing values;
- Our main object, namely to prevent HGVs from the site from using the A343 through HBT, appeared to have been achieved. However it is now clear that this ban would only apply to Tesco vehicles over 7½ tons, which are not delivering "locally", and would ban neither other vehicles (i.e. those not Tesco branded) delivering to the site nor site construction vehicles.

TVBC Planning Department recommended approval subject to the completion of an appropriate legal agreement with specific conditions. A number of councillors asked searching questions of the Planning Department and of the developer. Our local representative, Councillor Peter Giddings, stated that Hurstbourne Tarrant was against the application because of the traffic it would generate on the A343 and Tangley was against it because of the likelihood of an increase in those using the village as a rat-run. Verham Dean felt that it would give further employment opportunities and were therefore in favour of it. He personally felt that to turn the application down would be a lost opportunity, which would lead to the site remaining empty for the foreseeable future as there are several unused sites on the existing business parks and therefore it is unlikely that a further mixed-use business will be built on the site. He therefore voted to approve the application. Thanks to your support, 13 councillors voted against the planning application, 9 voted for it and there were 2 abstentions. Several of the councillors who voted against the Megashed mentioned the lobbying they'd received and how it had helped them in reaching their decision.

Goodman are still at liberty to make changes to their application, which it's unlikely the public will be made aware of (much like the noise submissions they made in July!), so we need to keep watching the TVBC web site.

The application has now been referred to a Planning Control meeting because, firstly, the decision went against the Planning Officer's recommendation to approve the application, and secondly, the Head of Planning's duty to advise

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Councillors that, in the face of rejection, Goodman would appeal and the issue of costs *may* arise. Despite dire warnings to the contrary from TVBC Planning, expert opinion tells us that because the application was rejected on sound planning grounds, in the unlikely event that the applicant won at Appeal, costs would *not* be awarded.

The Planning Control Meeting, which will probably take place in November or December, is expected to be a re-run of the 1<sup>st</sup> September NAPC meeting with much of the same evidence and opinion being presented. It will be another occasion when your support is needed.

STOP! (the organization set up to co-ordinate the opposition to this planning application) is appealing for funds to pay for expert legal advice. To date a relatively small number of supporters have been very generous in donating to support this cause on your behalf! Details can be found on the Stopmegashed website. Please keep up your support.

2. **Traffic Calming Project.** An update on the situation is still awaited from HCC, who agreed to put forward further 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.

Action by HCC to alter the central hatching on the A343 Newbury Road is still awaited

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

3. **Speed Indicator Device.** Enham Alamein has asked to join the syndicate of HBT, Vernham Dean and Hatherden/Tangleby Parish Councils owning the Speed Indicator Device (SID). The device is already in use and is currently installed by the bus shelter on the A343. It will remain there for 2 weeks before being moved to another site and will return to one of the sites in HBT six weeks later. Funding for a second SID has been granted through the good offices of Councillor Robin Hughes, County Councillor for Andover North. A meeting to discuss this will be held shortly. TVBC will continue to administer the move of the SID..

Sir George Young MP Bart, our Member of Parliament, has been invited to the official 'Launch' of the SID on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

The three further posts to be provided in HBT on which the SID can be fitted are still awaited.

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## Appendix 2

### HURSTBOURNE TARRANT AND IBTHORPE CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW

#### 1. Reasons why the Review is being carried out?

- What a conservation area? It may be worth looking at the official definition of what a conservation area is? Conservation Areas are defined in the Planning Acts as “*areas of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance..*”
- Conservation areas were introduced in 1967 under the Civic Amenities Act – the first legislation designed to protect historic areas as a whole. The word conservation is very far reaching but for the purposes of this exercise it is important to remember that conservation areas are essentially about conservation of the built environment.
- Hurstbourne Tarrant and Ibthorpe Conservation Area was declared in 1976 - it is over 32 years therefore since the Hurstbourne Tarrant and Ibthorpe Conservation Area was reviewed and a lot of changes have happened since that time not only in the villages but also in terms of the way conservation areas are administered. The process has tightened up a lot in recent years. PPG 15 advises that “*it is important that conservation areas are seen to justify their status and the concept is not devalued by the designation (or retention) of areas lacking special interest.*”
- TVBC has a **statutory** responsibility to periodically review conservation areas and this is the 9<sup>th</sup> of the reviews.
- Guidance is offered about how to do this through advice from Central Government in the form of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG 15 Planning and the Historic Environment) and specific advice from English Heritage (such as ‘Conservation Area Practice’ a guidance manual on the Management of Conservation Areas).
- Test Valley Borough Council has also produced its own ‘Manual on the Designation and Review of Conservation Areas’ to explain the process in more detail and copies of this are available.
- Local Authorities are now required to produce Character Appraisals to spell out what it is which makes the conservation area special. PPG 15 goes on to explain that the more clearly the special architectural or historic interest that justified designation is defined and recorded the sounder will be the basis for local plan policies and development control decisions.
- National guidance on how to prepare appraisals is given by English Heritage.
- Local Authorities can be criticised by the Planning Inspectorate at appeal if conservation area reviews have not been carried out and appraisals are not up to date.
- The concept of Conservation Areas can be devalued if boundaries are drawn too widely and include too many buildings of limited architectural merit or areas of land which do not merit inclusion..
- Conservation areas should **not be seen as a way of preventing unwanted development**, and areas of countryside formerly included in many of the conservation areas are likely to be removed.
- PPG 15 reminds LPA’s that they need to take into account the likely resources available to administer Conservation Areas, and to question whether all areas within the conservation area really justify the additional costs entailed in administering conservation areas e.g. advertising applications for conservation area consent, works to trees etc. Is it reasonable to ask people living in new houses built since the conservation area was

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designated to endure additional controls over what they can build, even down to things like installing satellite dishes etc?

- Since the conservation area was designated planning policies designed to protect the environment have been strengthened.
- The Head of Planning negotiated some additional funding under the Planning Delivery Grant to use Consultants to progress the Conservation Area Review. The Consultants worked to a brief prepared by TVBC. They were asked to look objectively at the Hurstbourne Tarrant and Ibthorpe conservation area boundaries to ensure they could be justified and could be defended.

## 2. Process and Timetable.

- Letters will be sent to all properties within the conservation area to inform them of the exhibition and to inform them that text of appraisal, maps etc can be viewed on web page.
- Exhibition at the Hurstbourne Tarrant and the **Church Hall Ibthorpe Road Hurstbourne Tarrant Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 6.30 - 9.00 pm**
- Copies of the draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal and maps will be on the TVBC website to coincide with the exhibition date (i.e. from the 13<sup>th</sup> October) so that anyone who cannot make the exhibition or would like to respond electronically can do so.
- Final date for comments on the draft appraisal and review **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. A full, written response from the Parish Council would be appreciated including comments on the content of the appraisal and the boundary changes.
- Report to Cabinet likely to towards the end of the year.

## 3. Publicity of Review

- Ask for clarification as to whom to contact re: Notice boards?
- Details of landownership. Mention we try to write to affected parties, Land Registry contact etc?

## 4. Type of documents produced

- AML to show a copy of the Wallops completed appraisal, and copy of the 'Manual on the Designation & Review of Conservation Areas'.

## 5. Possible changes to the boundary:

Not asking for detailed discussion about this at this stage

Would like to invite feedback in due course when you have had the opportunity to read the document and the Guidance Manual which sets the whole review in context.

**Anne-Marie Lomax**  
**15/9/2008.**