

# Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING	: 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
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 A HAIGHTON (AH)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	RUPERT CONDER TREVOR WHEELER HELEN LEVY RACHEL CASSELLS (PCSO) PC ROGER KITSON (BEAT MANAGER) KEN WALLER

## 1. Apologies

1.1 Councillor Fliss Davis.

## 2. Public participation

2.1 None.

## 3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

3.1

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. It was agreed that Debbie would get further details for the next parish council meeting – DM to action – **Completed – see Councillor’s report.**

Councillor David Jopson reported that the current village website [hurstbournetarrant.net](http://hurstbournetarrant.net) was to be closed down following maintenance problems and replaced by a new site [hbt.org.uk](http://hbt.org.uk). It was expected that the new site would be available early in January 2009 – DJ to action. - **Completed**

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Councillors agreed that the clerk would write to TVBC and HCC to investigate if any grant funding sources could be identified to help cover part of the cost of repairs to Dene Green lay-by. – DB to action - <b>Completed.</b>
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Councillors agreed that the 2009/10 budget and the setting of the precept for 2009/10 would be placed on the agenda of the January parish council meeting for final approval. – DB to action - <b>Completed</b>
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## 4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch declared a personal interest on Item 10.3 Dene Green lay-by. Councillor Dinah Murdock remained present for the discussion on this item but took no part in the resolution to award the repair contract.

Note: Standing Orders were suspended.

Councillor David Sullivan invited Rachel Cassells (PCSO) to brief the meeting on her investigation on youth working. Rachel had circulated a questionnaire in the village to determine if there was any interest in a youth club being formed and what volunteer support might be available. To date Rachel had received a rather disappointing 12 returns. Rachel had spoken with the school who were happy to work with her on the initiative. A number of attendees at the meeting had not seen the questionnaire and it was hoped it could be placed on the village website and referenced through the next parish magazine. **DB/DJ to action.**

## 6 Community Builders – Speaker Stuart Jesbitt

- 6.1 Stuart Jebbitt was unable to attend the meeting. It was expected that a new date would be arranged for Stuart to address the parish council at a future meeting.

## 7 Tesco's planning application and AGAS reports

- 7.1 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.  
7.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

Note: Standing orders were re-instated

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed that following Rupert's report that the Clerk would write to Martin Wiltshire/Claire Swale HCC expressing their thanks for the traffic management actions that were being taken to address the parish's main concerns and to highlight the outstanding concerns that needed further consideration – **DB to action.**

Outstanding concerns were:

- The lack of the ability of pedestrians to see oncoming traffic for an appropriate distance from either direction when crossing from the South East side of the Safe Routes to School crossing of the A343 and the risk associated with the speed of vehicles at that point. **The need was for improved line of sight for pedestrians combined with measures to slow traffic on the A343.**

The following suggestions have been put forward by councillors and the local PC beat manager for consideration.

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1. Installation of 20mph flashing signs on the A343 linked to operate when the School crossing signs were active. This type of system is in use in several villages in Wiltshire.
  2. The use of road markings and/or rumble strips on the A343 designed to slow traffic at the safer route crossing point.
  3. To extend out the footway on the South East side of the safe route to improve line of sight for pedestrians.
- The complaint of vehicles driven on the footpath in Upton Road thereby endangering pedestrians had not been addressed in the proposed scheme. The importance of this concern was highlighted by the recent incident of a near miss involving Helen Levy and her children.  
The following suggestions have been put forward by councillors and the local PC beat manager for consideration.
1. The installation of a clear signed traffic priority system in Upton road with priority set in favour of traffic entering Upton road from the A343. This will avoid tail backs onto the A343 and reduce the likelihood of vehicles competing to pass each other at pinch-points and the need for vehicles to mount the footway.
  2. Local PC beat manager agreed to investigate any formal statements of complaint against vehicle registration owners who were reported for driving recklessly along the footway.
- A more defined boundary to the built-up area at the north end of the village to stress the 30mph zone where children cross the road to get to the bus stop.

## 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 Planning applications:

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

08/02944/LBWN	23 Dec 08	Erection of conservatory Yew Tree Farm, Ibthorpe, Andover, Hampshire Mr Trewby – <b>No comment</b>
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Councillors' reports:

- 8.3 Councillor Debbie Miller reported on the 'The Leader Fund' that was administered by SEEDA through the North Wessex Downs AONB local action group. – a new source of grant funding financed at £500K pa over a time period of 2009-2013 to be directed to support project work carried out by rural businesses and rural communities. Expressions of interest for grant funding would be via the AONB local office. Funding was provided on a matched funded basis which would be judged by each project ranging from 30% to 70% contribution of costs paid. This may be a possible source of funding for our new community hall project. Debbie also reported that Peter Billingham had kindly offered to run a number of conservation and wild life walks in 2009 – details would be advertised through the village website and parish magazine.
- 8.6 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report.
- 8.7 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that she had been approached by a number of parents asking if a new notice board could be considered for the advertisement of local and school activities. The board would be sited at an appropriate point to the rear of

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the school and the parish car park. This item was to be placed on the agenda at the next parish meeting in February. – **DB to action.**

8.8 Councillor David Sullivan had nothing to report.

8.9 Councillor David Jopson reported that the new website (hbt.org.uk) was made available as planned in early January 2009.

## 9 Affordable Housing – Dines Close

9.1 Bid process – David Sullivan confirmed that TVBC/TV Homes had carried out the bid process and shortlisting of candidates for the allocation into the affordable housing units. He had personally verified candidates' local connections as part of that process. TVBC were now in the process of informing successful candidates. Next site meeting was planned for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January when the developer was expected to formally handover the properties to Hyde Housing Association. It was agreed that Councillor David Jobson would attend – **DJ to action.**

9.2 'Play Area' – Councillors re-confirmed their view that the area remained an unsuitable site for a play area. It was expected that the site would be put to turf and planted up with shrubs. This was to be checked at the meeting planned on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

## 10 Financial Matters

10.1 Ibthorpe replacement notice board

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed to replace the notice board – Councillor Alan Haighton to arrange for the replacement work to be carried out – **AH to action.**

10.2 Car park map-board

Councillors David Sullivan and Debbie Miller reported that the map board design had been completed and those details were being passed to HCC to allow the map board to be produced.

10.3 Dene Green lay-by estimates

**RESOLVED:** Councillors reviewed a number of tenders that had been submitted by contractors and applied best value principles to select and approve the award of contract.

10.4 Finalising the 2009/10 budget and setting the precept for 2009/10

**RESOLVED:** Councillors completed their budget discussions and agreed a final budget plan for 2009/10 and to set the precept for 2009/10 at £8,750. David Sullivan was authorised to sign and submit the precept decision notice to TVBC.

10.5 Annual review of regular contracts in excess of £1000

10.6 Annual review of fees and charges

10.7 Annual review of investments

**RESOLVED:** Councillors completed their annual reviews of large contracts, fees and charges and investment policy. They confirmed no changes were required for the new financial 2009/10.

10.8 Financial report for 3Q 2008/09

David Baker presented the 3Q financial report for 2008/09 where overall costs and income were in line with the 2008/09 budget plan.

## 11 Next meeting and forward plan update

11.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the **Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.

11.2 Agenda items agreed for 16 Feb 2009

- Q3 Review of the correspondence log with HCC and TVBC

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## 12 Disbursements – 19th January 2009.

The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount
627	D Jopson	£ 65.77
628	Valiant Computing (UK) Ltd	£ 100.00
629	Southern Electric	£ 104.64
630	Audit Commission	£ 327.75
631	Murdoch Farms Ltd	£ 69.00

**Total authorised: £667.16**

Meeting closed at 8.50 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 2009

1. **Andover Airfield Planning Development number 07/01951/OUTN.**
  - 5.1. The Secretary of State has decided not to call in the application for her consideration therefore the local council's decision to grant planning permission stands. The STOP campaign has stated that it will continue its work to ensure that the terms of the Section 106 agreement, as agreed in the application, are adhered to. Our main concern has been addressed in the Section 106 agreement in that we have achieved a ban on HCVs (HGVs over 7½ tons), which are going to/from the site, from using the A343. However it may be up to us to monitor HCV traffic ourselves from time to time and to report any infringements of the ban. .
  
2. **Traffic Calming Project.** Claire Swale of HCC has circulated details of a proposed traffic management scheme for the village. The aim of the scheme is to improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the A343 and I am most grateful to the Parish Council, to the County Council particularly Cllr Mrs Pat West and Cllr Robin Hughes and to Cllr Pam Mutton (TVBC) for raising the profile of our concerns. The scheme is most welcome since it has attempted to address some of our main concerns:
  - a. The high speed of traffic entering the village from Andover by the replacement of anti-skid and adding a 30 mph roundel at the village nameplate.
  - b. The hazardous situation at junction of Upton Lane with A343 by the installation of 3 new "Gladiator" bollards outside Home Farm Cottages. These will go some way towards discouraging drivers from sweeping round the bend into Upton Lane, but we feel these are unlikely to be sufficient to induce a level of driver caution necessary to significantly reduce the current hazardous situation in the narrow section between Period Plaster and Gaydon House. We still maintain that only a sweep similar to the one installed at the Church Street junction, together with appropriate signage, will achieve it.
  - c. Excessive speed along the A343 through the village by reducing the apparent road width of the A343 by the removal of the center hatching on the A343 north of the post office and replacement with a center line and edge markings.
  - d. The very dangerous Safe Routes to School crossing of the A343 by installing a bollard on the South East side of the crossing.

However we feel that the scheme as proposed falls short in a number of key points, which were made known to HCC. As a result we have sent comments on the proposal to HCC since we feel that the scheme still does not address:

- a. The lack of the ability of pedestrians to see oncoming traffic for an appropriate distance from either direction when crossing from the South East side of the Safe Routes to School crossing of the A343 when associated with the speed of vehicles at that point are the factors which determine the very high risk. The proposed installation of a bollard will only protect pedestrians whilst on the pavement and will not assist visibility of oncoming vehicles. The need is for improved line of sight for pedestrians combined with measures to slow traffic on the A343.
- b. The complaint of vehicles driving on the footpath in Upton Road thereby endangering pedestrians has not been addressed in the proposed scheme. Helen Levy reported nearly being knocked over by a car on this pavement.

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- c. A more defined boundary to the built-up area at the north end of the village to stress the 30mph zone where children cross the road to get to the bus stop.
3. **Speed Limit Reminder Device.** We are still awaiting action on the painting and supply of the post in Ibthorpe and a decision about the siting of the post on the Andover hill, TVBC will resurvey the area to find a suitable position which will be acceptable to the residents. It is now likely that Enham will join our syndicate and that a second device will be available to us.