

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 20 th July 2009
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: PAVILION
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: Miss D MILLER (DM)
	: MRS D MURDOCH (DCM)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	: CLLR. PAM MUTTON (TVBC & HCC) : RUPERT CONDER

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Fliss Davis, David Jopson and Alan Houghton.

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

Note: Cllr David Sullivan welcomed Cllr Pam Mutton and thanked her for attending the meeting.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

3.1

A proposal to remove the fence and cut the whole area on a regular basis was put forward. Councillors agreed to adopt the residents' proposal and arrangements to carry out the work would be made – AH & DS to action - Completed
It was also noted that the new small play area in Dines Close required maintenance. The Clerk was asked to write to TVBC requesting that they commenced their new commitment to carry out this work. – DB to action. – Completed and actioned by TVBC
The annual Playsafety inspection report was presented to the council and the report was passed to Councillor Dinah Murdoch to review its recommendations and arrange any maintenance work to be carried out as necessary – DCM to action. – in progress
The recently completed Countryside Access map-board was on display at the meeting. Councillor Alan Houghton would make arrangements to have the map-board installed in the parish car park – AH to action – Carried forward.

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Approval was given to publish the Hurstbourne Tarrant annual report for 2008/09 on the hbt.org.uk website. – DB to action. - **Completed**

Complaints had been received from Upton residents regarding a safety issue on the Upton to Wildern road at the junction with the Portman track – a considerable quantity of gravel had washed onto the road surface on a sharp bend creating a significant hazard to road users. The council asked the Clerk to write to HCC highways department requesting that the road should be made safe as soon as possible. – DB to action – **Completed and chased up – HCC to action.**

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting 15th June 2009

4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15th June 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Approval of minutes of the meeting 30th June 2009

5.1 The minutes of the urgent Parish Council meeting of 30th June 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. Declarations of Interest

6.1 None.

7. AGAS report

7.1 Rupert Conder presented the July AGAS report: The Hampshire County Council road works started as promised on 1st July.

7.2 The following work was due to be done:

- The anti-skid surface near the village nameplate on the A343 will be replaced and a 30 mph roundel marked on it.
- Three “Gladiator” bollards and other improvements will be made to the junction of Upton Lane with the A343
- Road markings on the A343 north of the Post Office to Bladen Cottage will be revised and, where appropriate, the centre hatching will be removed and a centre line and edge line will be provided.

7.3 Speed Limit Reminder Signs: The schedule was fully operational and SLRs have been in place during two weeks of the month on Andover hill and in Ibthorpe. It was hoped that residents noticed some beneficial effect.

7.4 Police Speed Checks: The police deployed a speed data recorder which recorded that the average number of vehicle movements per day was 4638, the average vehicle speed was 33.2 mph and the percentile speed was 39.6 mph (85% of all traffic travelled at or below 39.6 mph). This implies that 15% of traffic travels above 39.6 mph or above in our 30mph zone. As a result, there has been an increase in the number of police speed checks in the village.

7.5 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

8 Correspondence

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

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8.2 A quotation received from HCC signs department was discussed and councillors approved the purchase of 5 replacement signs for use on King George V Playing fields, Dean Rise and The Dene.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the purchase of 5 no dog fouling signs – **DB to action.**

9 Planning Applications

9.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the actions documented below would be taken:

09/01175/TPON	25 Jun 09	Lime tree – 20% crown thin, lift lower branches Field End, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant Mr N White – No comment
09/01234/TREE N	25 Jun 09	T1 – Lawson Cyprus; remove dead stem Field End, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant Mr N White – No comment
09/01240/TREE N	26 Jun 09	Fell 1 Laburnam The Old Bakery, Church Street, Hurstbourne Tarrant – No comment
09/01218/TREE N	26 Jun 09	1 Yew tree – Trim back new growth and reshape (as per diagram received). Crown lift to 2.5 metres. 1 Home Farm Cottages, The Square, Hurstbourne Tarrant Mr Barry Jones – No comment

10 Councillors' reports:

10.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch requested that a regular litter pick should be carried out on King George V playing fields. Cllr David Sullivan would approach Peter Anthony with a request to carrying out the work. – **DS to action.**

10.2 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report.

10.3 Councillor David Sullivan reported he had received an additional request for an allotment. This brought the waitlist to a total of 8 individuals made up of 2 parishioners and 6 people from out of the parish area.

11 Approval to purchase

11.1 Approval of the purchase of new tables for use in the pavilion.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the purchase of 3 tables for use in the pavilion. It was noted that a supplier issue had arisen and payment would be put on hold until this had been resolved – **DCM to action.**

11.2 Approval to purchase a set of goal posts for Dean Rise play area.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the purchase and installation of an additional set of goal posts for the Dean Rise play area. **DS to action.**

12 Community School Governor – Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School

12.1 A notification was received from Cllr Dinah Murdoch that she was standing down from the role of Community Governor but would be taking up the role of Foundation Governor subject to the PCC's approval at the start of the autumn term. This created a vacancy for a new Community Governor. A candidate (Mrs E Allinson - Parent

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Governor) who was coming to the end of her term as a parent governor had expressed an interest in the Community Governor role.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that Mrs E Allinson would make a good and experienced candidate for the Community Governor role. It was requested that the Clerk should write to the Chair of Governors endorsing Mrs E Allinson as a suitable candidate. – **DB to action.**

13 Performance Management: Financial report for 1Q 2009/10

13.1 David Baker presented the 1Q 2009/10 financial report.

- Current spend was tracking slightly below the budget plan
- Significant project costs planned for 2009/10 had in fact been taken at the end of 2008/09 financial year in March 2009
- The planned budget deficit for 2009/10 of £3,784 was now out-looking a surplus of approximately £1,000 as a result of the reduced project costs in the current year.

14 TVBC – Review of Village Policy Boundaries – To review consultation papers and agree what feedback should be provided to TVBC by Hurstbourne Tarrant PC.

14.1 Councillors discussed and reviewed the briefing paper on Village Policy Boundaries and quickly came to the conclusion that the consultation timescale to respond properly on this complex and contentious subject by the 28th August was unrealistic given the summer break.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to submit a letter to Tim Crouch, Planning Policy and Transport officer requesting an extension to the consultation period until at least the end of September to permit proper consideration of the review options and to provide any necessary feedback to TVBC. – **DB to action.**

15 Green Space Strategy for Test Valley – Rural Focus

15.1 Councillors discussed and agreed project plans and priorities to improve leisure facilities within our open spaces that could draw down from section 106 developer contributions made available to the parish by TVBC.

15.2 The following list of prioritised projects was identified:

- Support for the new Community Centre development
- Dean Rise play area - the installation of new goal posts
- Resurfacing/repairs to the parish car park.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the prioritised list of projects and instructed the Clerk to submit project plan details to TVBC by 31st August 2009 – **DB to action.**

16 Scheme of delegation

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to the following scheme of delegation during the August summer break:

- Planning applications where decisions were required before the next PC meeting on 21st September would be delegated to Cllr David Jopson
- Payments falling due before 21st September could be authorised and cheques signed by any 2 councillors.

Note: The parish clerk will be unavailable during the period 11th -31st August. Any urgent items should be referred initially to Councillor David Sullivan.

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17 Next meeting and forward plan update

17.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 21st September 2009 in the **Pavilion** at 7.30 p.m.

17.2 Agenda items:

- Providing notice of firework parties.
- Annual review of insurance policy – approval of insurance premium
- TVBC – Review of Village Policy Boundaries.

18 Disbursements – 20th July 2009.

18.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Amount	
657	HCC Mapboard	£ 546.25	
658	D R Baker Clerking Fees Jul	£ 189.92	
659	HbT Church Hall Hiring charge	£ 40.00	
660	R Vella Climbing frame	£ 195.00	*
661	P G Anthony Maintenance	£ 54.00	*
662	JD Glass & Glazing Ltd	£ 68.54	
663	Murdoch Farms Ltd Tables	£ 209.88	on hold
664	Southern Electric Pavilion	£ 49.39	
665	Murdoch Farms Ltd Maintenance	£ 86.25	
666	Wardfire Uk Ltd Maintenance	£ 33.43	
667	D R Baker Clerking Fees Aug	£ 189.92	
668	R Scull Maintenance	£ 80.00	

* authorised at urgent PC meeting 30th June 2009.

Total authorised: £1532.70

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 JULY 2009

1. Road works. The Hampshire County Council road works started as promised on 1st July with the removal of the cats eyes on part of the A343 to the North of the Post Office up to the bus shelter in preparation for changes to the road markings. No further work has been done, but an email has been sent to HCC to ask for further work to be done before the August Bank Holiday. The following work is due to be done:

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2. Speed Limit Reminder Signs. The schedule is fully operational and SLRs have been in place during two weeks of the month on Andover hill and in lbthorpe. It is hoped that residents noticed some beneficial effect.

3. Police Speed Checks. Rev David Keighley contacted the Police about vehicle speeds on the A343 in the village. As a result the police deployed a speed data recorder which recorded that the average number of vehicle movements per day was 4638, the average vehicle speed was 33.2 mph and the percentile speed was 39.6 mph (85% of all traffic traveled at or below 39.6 mph). This implies that 15% of traffic travels above 39.6 mph or above in our 30mph zone. A similar device deployed in October 2007 before we had an SLR in place recorded the average speed as 32mph and the 85th percentile as 38mph; as the device recorded accurately for only one day, due to a system fault, comparison may be doubtful. The number of vehicles may have increased by about 400 per day. AGAS has written to the Police to comment on the apparent increase in speed and to point out that, according to the police figures, each day almost 700 drivers are speeding at almost 10 mph above the permitted speed limit. As a result, there has been an increase in the number of police speed checks in the village.

4. Travel to School. A survey revealed that, although children are encouraged to walk to school, the speed of traffic and the restricted routes for children to walk to school make the daily journey hazardous. Two of the main danger areas identified were:

- a. The S Bend in The Square on the A343 outside Four Winds where the pavement is very narrow, but cannot be widened due to the minimum allowable width of the road. Large lorries frequently have to mount the pavement to get round the bend, which can be very dangerous when children are going to or from school. AGAS recommends that a 20 mph zone be implemented in The Square to reduce the risk of accidents.
- b. The A343 Safe Route to School Crossing Point where visibility is badly restricted in both directions and traffic often makes parents with children have to step back onto the kerb to avoid being hit.

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AGAS recommends that HCC should resurvey the Safe Routes to School in Upton Road and at the crossing of the A343. Possible solutions suggested are the introduction of traffic lights to allow children to use the crossing safely and/or extending the kerb to give better visibility.

5. Aims. AGAS will continue to press for solutions to our main concerns, which are to:
- a. Improve the Safe Route to School crossing of the A303 by extending the footway on the South East side to improve the line of sight for pedestrians.
 - b. Reduce the speed of traffic through the Square.
 - c. Prevent vehicles driving on the footpath in Upton Road.
 - d. Have a more defined boundary to the built-up area at the north end of the village.

AGAS would welcome any constructive ideas to help their campaign.