

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

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| MINUTES OF MEETING | : 15 th June 2009 |
| TIME OF MEETING | : 7.30 p m |
| VENUE OF MEETING | : PAVILION |
| TYPE OF MEETING | : ORDINARY |
| PRESENT | : MR D JOPSON (DJ) |
| | : MRS FLISS DAVIS (FD) |
| | : MRS D MURDOCH (DCM) |
| | : MR A HAIGHTON (AH) |
| | : Miss D MILLER (DM) |
| CHAired BY | : MR D SULLIVAN (DS) |
| IN ATTENDANCE | : MR D BAKER (DB) |
| ALSO PRESENT | : 5 RESIDENTS FROM DEAN RISE |

1. Apologies

1.1 None.

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

3.1

Councillor Alan Haighton, portfolio holder for transport, undertook to investigate the scheduling of the 2 local bus services and to provide Connie Snow with a response – **Notes to be e-mailed AH.**

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to HCC Rights of Way officer requesting that an inspection walk should be carried. Once expert opinion had been determined any remaining problems could then be discussed with the landowners concerned. – **On hold – watching brief to be maintained - DB**

Councillors agreed to appoint Tammy King as their internal auditor for the financial year 2009/10. It was further agreed to donate £25 of vouchers as a token of the parish council's appreciation of the time she had kindly volunteered to carry out the internal annual audit for 2008/09 - **completed.**

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4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 18th May 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None.

6. AGAS report

- 6.1 Rupert Conder sent his apologies but he was unable to attend the meeting in person. Councillor David Jopson presented the AGAS report to the parish council:

- Roadworks are expected to be carried out in the village in the next 2/3 weeks.
- Speed Limit Reminder schedule had been agreed and 2 additional posts for the SLR had been installed on Andover Hill and in Ibthorpe.

- 6.2 The main focus for AGAS will be continuing to press for solutions to our main concerns, which were to:

- Improve the Safe Route to School crossing of the A343 by extending the footway on the South East side to improve the line of sight for pedestrians.
- Reduce the speed of traffic through the Square.
- Prevent vehicles driving on the footpath in Upton Road. We need to see what effect the three new “gladiator” posts have before putting forward any further proposal.
- 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.

- 6.3 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

7 Correspondence

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

- 7.2 Residents of Dean Rise - complaint about the lack of maintenance of the Dean Rise play area. Councillor David Sullivan invited the residents of Dean Rise to explain their concerns and asked for their views and recommendations on how the play area might be improved. The consensus view was that the division of the play area into 2 sections had not worked. The lower area of grass was overgrown and boundary hedges needed cutting. 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**. Longer term, the parish council would investigate expanding the maintenance contract with TVBC to include regular maintenance of the Dean Rise play area. A request to provide a set of goal posts was also made by the Dean Rise residents – Approval of this request would be considered at the next parish meeting. David Sullivan thanked the residents of Dean Rise for their participation and representing their views. 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**.

- 7.3 A donation requested from Victim Support was rejected by councillors.

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- 7.4 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**.
- 7.5 The recently completed Countryside Access map-board was on display at the meeting. Councillor Alan Haighton would make arrangements to have the map-board installed in the parish car park – **AH to action**.
- 7.6 Approval was given to publish the Hurstbourne Tarrant annual report for 2008/09 on the hbt.org.uk website. – **DB to action**.

8 Planning Applications

8.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

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

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| 09/01017/TREEN | 09 Jun 09 | Sycamore tree – reduce by 25% dead wood and thin, crown lift to 5 metres. The Old Saddlery, Church St, Hurstbourne Tarrant Mr G England – No comment |
| 09/01048/FULLN | 09 Jun 09 | Erection of replacement conservatory to rear 7 Hillside, Upton, Andover Hampshire Mrs Ryder – No comment |

9 Councillors' reports:

- 9.1 Councillor David Sullivan reported that he was away on holiday for the next 10 days.
- 9.2 Councillor David Jopson reported he had attended a meeting in Hungerford that provide further details on the 'Leader Funding' initiative – this scheme was intended to provide grant funding to farmers, businesses and community groups. A bid for funding towards the cost of a new community hall build would qualify under the scheme.
- 9.3 Councillor Fliess Davis reported that an anonymous complaint had been made about new fencing put up at Upton Dene – this had initially gone to Vernham Dean PC for their consideration. 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 landowner had refused to take any action. 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**. The next Upton village event was scheduled for evening of June 27th. - 3rd party insurance cover for the event was being reviewed by organisers.
- 9.4 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that the Hugh Docherty was now running the 10th Andover scouts group. A proposal to purchase 2 or 3 new tables for the pavilion by the parish council would be put forward for approval at the next PC meeting. A fun day event held on King George V playing fields had been well attended.
- 9.5 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report.
- 9.6 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report.

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10 Asset register annual review

- 10.1 The asset register was reviewed and councillors accepted the assets listed and the valuations used for insurance purposes were correct and met internal audit requirements.

11 Next meeting and forward plan update

- 11.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th July 2009 in the **Pavilion** at 7.30 p.m.

- 11.2 Agenda items:

- Performance Monitoring – 09/10 Q 1 Financial report
- Approval of the purchase of new tables for use in the pavilion
- Approval to purchase a set of goal posts for Dean Rise play area.

12 Disbursements – 15th June 2009.

- 12.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

| Number | Payee | Amount |
|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| 652 | D R Baker Clerking Fees | £ 189.92 |
| 653 | Playsafety Inspection fee | £ 144.90 |
| 654 | D R Baker Voucher | £ 25.00 |
| 655 | Murdoch Farms Ltd | £ 105.75 |
| 656 | Murdoch Farms Ltd | £ 20.00 |

Total authorised: **£485.57**

Meeting closed at 8.55 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 JUNE 2009

1. Road works. Hampshire County Council confirmed that work is due to commence by the last week of June and stated that the Parish Council will be informed on the start date for the different elements of the work. The main aim of the work is to improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the A343, a copy of the plans is held by David Baker. The following work is 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.

2. Speed Limit Reminder Signs. David Jopson has revised the schedule of allocation for the SLRs in agreement with TVBC and the other three parishes. The two additional posts, one on Andover hill and one in Ibthorpe have now been erected.

3. Aims. The main focus for AGAS will be continuing to press for solutions to our main concerns, which are to:
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