

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 16 th March 2009
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: Church Hall
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	: CONNIE SNOW

1. Apologies

1.1 None.

2. Public participation

2.1 Connie Snow raised a question regarding local bus services – The two local services made up of the CANGO on request service and the Stagecoach X20 service were poorly scheduled from a passenger point of view. Both services were infrequent and those services that were running tended to depart at very similar times. Could the council investigate with the bus companies if a more appropriate scheduling arrangement could be reached between the two operators and provide a coordinated and improved service. Councillor Alan Haighton, portfolio holder for transport, undertook to investigate the matter and to provide Connie Snow with a response – **AH to action.**

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting

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Councillors agreed to place the safer route to school / traffic management scheme on the agenda for the March Parish Council meeting for further discussion – DB to action. - Completed
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The clerk was asked to write to Linda Thompson to confirm if all 9 units had in fact been successfully allocated. – DB to action. - Completed
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Councillors agreed to fund a floral gift for Tricia Andrews and the chairman
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would write a thank you letter. – DJ/DS to action. - Completed
Councillor David Jopson request that an email should be submitted to HCC to request footway repairs outside Coopers Barn and Church St. – DJ/DB to action. – Carried forward
Work to install both notice boards would be commissioned shortly – DS to action – In progress

4. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 16th February 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 Councillor David Jopson declared a personal interest with regard to an anonymous letter under Item 8.2 Correspondence.

6. Tesco's planning application and AGAS reports

- 6.1 Rupert Conder sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in person. Rupert's March report was read out by Councillor David Sullivan and it was discussed and reviewed by the meeting. An email (09/03/09) from the Hampshire Action Team (HAT) invited parish councillors to attend their highways meeting on the 7th April at 10.00a.m. The meeting would take place at The Lights Andover. This meeting would be followed by a 'Highways Surgery' which would provide a good forum to continue our lobbying of TVBC and HCC Councillors on the outstanding parish council's concerns and suggestions for improvements on the safer route to school / traffic management scheme in Hurstbourne Tarrant. Councillor David Jopson and Rupert Conder were asked to attend. - **DJ to action.**
- 6.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

7. Safer route to school / traffic management scheme

- 7.1 This topic was covered by discussions under Item 6

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
- 8.2 A copy of a letter of complaint to Madalene Winter (Head of Planning) TVBC had been received from an anonymous resident of Hurstbourne Tarrant. The Clerk contacted Madalene Winter and requested an investigation be carried out to address the complaint which was about a planning matter. Planning officer, Adrian Munday, conducted the investigation and reported back on the 3rd March 2009. He confirmed that a planning application was NOT needed for the wall. It was permitted by virtue of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. The complaint was dismissed and no further action was taken on the planning matter or the alleged case of mal-administration against the parish councillor holding the planning portfolio responsibility. This was on the grounds that no breach of the Code of Conduct had taken place.

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8.3 Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council is committed to continuous improvement, recognising that it can always do better. The parish council also wants to be open and responsive, listening to residents needs and addressing them as quickly as possible. As part of that commitment there is an established parishioners' Complaints Procedure which the parish council hope will encourage any resident to let us know what you think about the council and the services it is providing and to allow the parish council an opportunity to respond to any concerns. If any resident is unhappy then please write to the parish council through the Clerk (David Baker, c/o Deben House Horseshoe Lane Ibthorpe Andover SP11 0BY). Please note that any complaint will be kept strict confidence if the complainant so wishes.

8.4 The following planning applications were discussed:

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

09/00447/FULLN	7 Mar 09	Erection of conservatory to side Applebrook House, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mrs Bobby Jenkin – No comment
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9 Councillors' reports:

9.1 Councillor David Sullivan reported that a new half plot on the allotments had been brought into action. The allotments were all fully utilised and there remained a waitlist of residents wanting to join the scheme. Roger Kitson, beat manager, held a 'Street Meet' on Thursday 5th March in the British Legion car park as part of the Safer Neighbourhood policing scheme. David Sullivan and David Baker attended a meeting at TVBC with Keith Sutcliffe and Linda Thompson (housing officers who were responsible for the allocation of tenants into the new affordable housing units in Dines Close). Purpose of the meeting was for the parish council to express its concern over the weak local connection criteria applied by TVBC when selecting suitable candidates for allocation to the housing units.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to TVBC expressing the parish council's concern that the local connection criteria were too weak and requesting that more substantial local connections should be applied in any future allocation process.
DB to action.

9.2 Councillor David Jopson reported that the Hurstbourne Tarrant car park sign had been vandalised in the last week and repairs were now in progress.

9.3 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that Upton residents were grateful for the parish council's adoption of the traditional red telephone box which would be preserved as a local landmark. The Crown Inn was falling into some disrepair – Vernham Dean PC was writing to the property owners expressing their concern.

9.4 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that a set of new prospective tenants had visited the Post Office / shop. The school summer fete was scheduled for 27th June 2009. A new cleaner was required for the pavilion – please contact Dinah Murdoch for details. The Guides had recently held a sleep-over in the pavilion but were disturbed in the night by anti-social activity outside the pavilion. Police attended at 1.00 a.m. but were unable to locate the offenders.

9.5 Councillor Alan Haighton reported that the river Swift and associated ground water levels were now starting to drop from their winter peak.

9.6 Councillor Debbie Miller reported that the design work on the village information mapboard had been completed and it was now being made up – installation was

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expected in a few weeks time. Following the latest news on Geraldine Curd's serious illness, it was agreed to send a card and flowers with best wishes from parish council.

DM to action.

10 Agenda Planning

Annual Parish meeting

Annual Parish Council meeting

- 10.1 Sample agendas were reviewed and the list of speakers was discussed and amended. The Clerk was authorised to issue invites to the planned speakers. - **DB to action.**

11 Discussion – To determine how best to manage Section 106 development grants.

- 11.1 A short review of the section 106 developer contributions was held to ensure all councillors were aware of the funds available and the rules and timescales that applied to their use.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that the funds which came under the parish council's control would be used in support of the new community hall development project.

12 Next meeting and forward plan update

- 12.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 20th April 2009 in the **Church Hall** at 7.30 p.m.
- 12.2 Agenda items agreed for 20 April 2009
- Financial report 2008/09
 - Finalise agendas for Annual Parish meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting.

13 Disbursements – 16th March 2009.

- 13.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee		Amount
636	D R Baker	Clerking fees	£ 300.00
637	TVBC	Dog bins	£ 128.34
638	D Jopson		£ 20.00
639	Murdoch Farms Ltd		£ 115.00

Total authorised: **£563.34**

- 13.2 Councillors discussed the planned progress on the Dene Green lay-by which was expected to start on the 16th March.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to approve the payment of Dene Green lay-by on receipt of invoice. – **DB to action.**

Meeting closed at 8.45 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 MARCH 2009

1. **Andover Airfield Planning Development number 07/01951/OUTN.** TVBC took the Andover Airfield application back to a further meeting of the Planning Control Committee on 10th March. We were pleased to hear that there will be no watering down of the conditions contained in the Section 106 agreement covering development on the Andover Airfield. Conditions being put in place include capping the number of HCVs entering and leaving the site, barring certain routes, including the A343 to HCVs, erection of sound barrier fencing and securing financial commitments in order to mitigate some of the negative aspects of the development.

A number of Councillors promised that enforceable conditions would be in place in perpetuity and would be 'watertight and not watered down'. Any future tenants would be tied to the same Section 106 conditions.

Concerns were raised about enforcing the HCV 'cap', omission of recommendations from TVBC's own noise and environment health experts, and the design and location of the acoustic fencing, especially on the South side of the A303.

As far as the main conditions in the Section 106 agreement, which would affect HBT, these appear not to have been amended in any way. The final draft of the S106 legal agreement will be made available to the public in advance of it being presented to the Planning Control Committee on 31st March.

We are still concerned that the system of monitoring the use of the A343 by HGV traffic from the site may not be effective. We may have to do selective monitoring of HGVs using the A343 through HBT ourselves if the system proves to be ineffective in banning them.

2. **Traffic Calming Project.** In response to Martin Wiltshire's comments, AGAS has sent a copy of the last report to the PC to Councillor Pat West (HCC) expressing our concerns. A reply from her is awaited. Our main concerns are:

- 7.1. a. Reduction in the speed of traffic through the Square.
- 7.1. b. Extension of the footway on the South East side of the safe route to improve line of sight for pedestrians.
- 7.1. c. Prevention of vehicles driving on the footpath in Upton Road. Residents of Ibthorpe Road and The Square have been asked to discuss and propose a solution to reduce the risk of accidents at this junction.
- d. A more defined boundary to the built-up area at the north end of the village.

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The Safer Routes to School crossing remains extremely dangerous. We must not wait for an accident to happen, but continue do all we can to ensure that pedestrians and vehicles can move through the village with safety.

3. David Jopson had a further meeting with Ray Alborough of TVBC to discuss the points raised previously and also the allocation of the SLRs.

4. **Speed Limit Reminder Device.** The posts due to be erected in Ibthorpe and on the Andover hill are still awaited. Enham has joined our syndicate and, at a meeting, representatives signed copies of the contract. A second device has been obtained and will be deployed in the same parish as the first in rotation as scheduled.