

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 16 th November 2009
TIME OF MEETING	: 8.00 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: CHURCH HALL
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MR D JOPSON (DJ)
	: MRS DINAH MURDOCH (DCM)
	: MISS DEBBIE MILLER (DM)
	: MRS FLISS DAVIS (FD)
	: MR A HAIGHTON (AH)
CHAired BY	: MR D SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	:CLLR PAM MUTTON RUPERT CONDER

1. Apologies

1.1 None.

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

3.1

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 - in progress
Councillors agreed to the purchase and installation of an additional set of goal posts for the Dean Rise play area. DS to action - Completed
Damage was being caused by HGVs manoeuvring through the narrow lane to access the grain store. Cllr Alan Houghton was asked to inspect the lane – AH to action. - Completed
It was reported that two of the new affordable units in Dines Close had been damaged by a water-leak and the tenants were being placed in temporary accommodation whilst repairs were completed. The clerk was asked to write to the housing association to obtain a report on the situation – DB to action. - Completed

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A number of incidents where the pavilion's two fire extinguishers had been maliciously discharged. Both the caretaker and the clerk would continue to monitor the situation. – DB to action - Completed
A fund raising event in support of Motor Neuron disease be advertised on the village website and in the parish magazine – FD/DJ to action - Completed
The Power of Well-being training session has been confirmed for Monday 16th November start time 6.30pm in the Church Hall with the parish council meeting to follow at approximately 8.00pm. – All councillors are requested to attend. - Completed

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting 19th October 2009

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19th October 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None.

6. AGAS report

- 6.1 Rupert Conder presented the November AGAS report – still progress chasing on planned safety improvements with HCC highways department.
- 6.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.
- 6.3 Investigating the feasibility for a community led speed watch where trained volunteers using a speed camera could measure and report speeding car registration details to the police.

7 Correspondence

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

8 Planning Applications

- 8.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

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

09/02080/FULLN	20 Oct 09	Erection of side extension to existing garage to provide hobby workshop Ibthorpe Tower, Windmill Lane, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mr Paul Gregory – No comment
TVBC TPO 1011	27 Oct 09	TPO confirmed without modifications on 22 Oct 2009. Maple Ridge, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant. – No comment
09/02111/FULLN	27 Oct 09	External alterations to garage to include provision of rooflights to facilitate change of use to play/living room Upton Cottage, Upton, Andover, Hampshire Mr Stuart Martin – No comment
09/02211/TREEN	28 Oct 09	Conifer – Fell 1 Wayside Cottages, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Col Rupert Conder – No comment
09/02079/LBWN 09/02059/FULLN	28 Oct 09	Erection of rear extension to provide kitchen and breakfast/garden room with bedroom over. Yew Tree Cottage, Ibthorpe Road, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover Mr David Jackson – No comment

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9 Councillors' reports:

- 9.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported there had been no further problems with the pavilion fire extinguishers. Despite recent heavy rains, the water table in Hurstbourne Tarrant remained low and the risk of flooding this winter was considered unlikely. The cost of replacing the wall heaters in the pavilion was discussed and it was decided to take no action given the community plans to replace the pavilion in the next few years.
- 9.2 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report.
- 9.3 Councillor David Sullivan had nothing to report
- 9.4 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report
- 9.5 Councillor David Jopson had nothing to report
- 9.6 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that Upton had held a successful Halloween event with 14 children and 12 adults attending. A request was submitted to provide a public bench seat to be sited on the green triangle in the centre of Upton. Proposal would be considered as part of the 2010/11 budget planning. Fliss also reported that the SID device had failed to work when installed at the Ithorpe green triangle last week. Cllr David Jopson was requested to raise concern with TVBC. – **DJ to action.** There was no further news on the future of the George Inn. Vernham Dean PC has written expressing concern over the way the building was being allowed to deteriorate and the lack of progress being made on getting the pub re-opened. Arrangements had been made to clear debris on the Upton – Tangley road by the Portman track. A large pothole had formed on the Tangley – Upton road near the chicken farm. Location details to be passed to Cllr Pam Mutton – **DB/FD to action.** Cllr Pam Mutton offered to investigate if a bench seat could be located on the green triangle in Upton from safety and highways viewpoints with HCC.

10 Clerk's report

- 10.1 David Baker reported that the parish council's Quality Parish Scheme (QPS) application was complete. A volunteer was requested to perform the final edit and sign-offs before submission to Hampshire Association of Local Councils in 7-10 days time. Our chairman kindly accepted the task – **DS to action.** It was hoped that the application would be submitted to the adjudication panel on 15th January 2010. Given a positive result the parish council under the Power of Well-being and with the QPS charter mark would be in a much stronger position to obtain funding and manage the financial demands necessary to complete the new community centre project.
- 10.2 A report from Hyde Martlett housing association confirmed that repairs to two affordable housing units in Dines Meadow following a mains water leak had been completed. It was noted that all the other new units had had safety checks carried out.
- 10.3 The clerk brought councillors' attention to the questionnaire being carried out by the Test Valley Rural Safer Neighbourhoods team to investigate views on and improvements to youth facilities in the area.

11 Budget Planning for 2010/11

- 11.1 David Baker presented the base budget and supporting budget papers for 2010/11 and the following points were reviewed:
- SID costs would be raised by £300 to cover routine repair costs

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- Planned income from interest would be set at £700 to reflect continued low interest rates
 - Substantial increase in utility costs had occurred in 2009/10 with water rates up by 80% and electricity by 24%
- 11.2 A number of potential projects for consideration in 2010/11 were discussed:
- Public bench seat in Upton £250
 - Replacement of supporting timbers on the aerial runway £1000
 - Replacement of fencing by the children's play area next to the school £500
 - Repainting of white metal railings along the river swift by the school £250
- It was noted that not all the project aspirations could be met next year if a reasonable increase in precept was to be achieved for 2010/11. Councillors directed the clerk to prepare a budget based on £9,000 precept for 2010/11 – **DB to action.**

12 Next meeting and forward plan update

- 12.1 Councillors requested that the next parish council meeting be brought forward by one week to Monday 14 December at 7.30pm – **DB to action**
- 12.2 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th December 2009 in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 12.3 Forward plan agenda items:
Finalise budget and to set the precept for 2010/11
Annual review of the FOI publication scheme
Power of Well-being resolution

13 Disbursements – 16th November 2009.

- 12.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee		Amount
689	Church Hall	Bookings	£ 120.00
690	D R Baker	Clerk's fees	£ 189.92
691	D Jopson	Website fee	£ 71.29
692	Information Commissioner	DP fee	£ 35.00
693	NALC	QPS fee	£ 58.75
694	Murdoch Farms Ltd	Maintenance	£ 92.00

Total authorised: £566.96

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 NOVEMBER 2009

There has been no further progress since my last report. I am still trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the outstanding work items. In September Martin Wiltshire (HCC Assistant Area Manager Traffic Management) said that these would be completed at the earliest opportunity.

The 2009/10 Traffic Management programme, agreed by the Test Valley Hampshire Action Team (HAT), is being worked on. The investigation of further traffic management issues within Hurstbourne Tarrant, which include the matters, which I have raised, is featured on the reserve list of schemes, including the provision of speed camera signs on routes where enforcement cameras are from time to time deployed.

Further reminders have been sent to HCC in relation to the following, but so far no progress has been made:

30 mph Roundel at North end of village. We requested a 30 mph roundel to be marked on the anti-skid surface on the A343 at the North end of the village.

Upton Lane Junction. We are still awaiting the installation of the three "Gladiator" bollards on the Upton Lane/ A343 junction in The Square.

School Travel Plan Recommendations. We are trying to arrange that HCC re-survey the inadequacy of the Safe Routes to School in Upton Road and at the crossing of the A343. We have pointed out that the timber bollard, which is due to be installed on the South East side of the school crossing, is still awaited. David Jopson has raised the suggestion at a meeting of the Hampshire ALC that the School Warning Lights which flash at set times when children are usually going to and from school should be replaced by an enforceable 20 mph flashing lights at those times; however the DfT advises that 20 mph limits or zones should not be implemented on roads with a strategic function or on main traffic routes, as the A343 is an important link in the local highway network, it would not be suitable for such a limit.

Martin Wiltshire has commented that the accident record for the Hurstbourne Tarrant in the vicinity of Safer Routes to School scheme remains very good indeed with no recorded injury accidents for the latest three-year period. Nevertheless he agreed to ensure that the additional suggestions where appropriate are considered for investigation as part of a future years Traffic Management Programme in accordance with locally determined priorities.

He also pointed out that the existing width of the carriageway at the crossing point is already relatively narrow when taking into account the swept path of vehicles negotiating the tight bends. In this case the width of the carriageway could not be reduced further by extending the footway on the southeast side alone. The kerb line on opposite side of the road would need to be adjusted accordingly to maintain the carriageway width. Bearing in mind the physical constraints of the highway, any re-design of the crossing point would have to be a careful balance of all the relevant factors.

Bus Stop opposite the Bus Shelter on the A343. We asked HCC to consider installing a traffic pinch point at the bus stop opposite the bus shelter on the A343 to push the traffic away from the kerb and to give those waiting for buses better protection.

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Gates at North end of the village. We asked HCC to consider installing “gates” at the start of the built up area to help define it, Martin Wiltshire has replied that gateway features to increase drivers awareness of a speed limit are usually associated with the start of the speed limit which in this instance is some distance north of the bus stop. .

Camera Signs. Although HCC has agreed to install Speed Camera signs, they are still awaited .

Meeting with HCC. We are awaiting a response to our request for a meeting with the HCC Road Safety Officer to discuss :

- a. Extending the footway by pushing out the kerb on the South East side of the A343 Safe Routes to School crossing point to improve the line of sight for pedestrians;
- b. A 20 mph zone through The Square and more prominent Speed Zone/road narrowing signs;
- c. A school crossing patrol or one controlled by traffic lights.

A Traffic Pinch Point at the bus stop on the A343 opposite the bus shelter.

Gates to help define the start of the built up area.

If you have any constructive ideas to make the village safer and to reduce the speed of traffic through it, please telephone Rupert Conder on 01264 736346