

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING	: 15 th March 2010
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: CHURCH HALL
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MR D JOPSON (DJ)
	: MRS DEBBIE MILLER (DM)
	: MR A HAIGHTON (AH)
CHAired BY	: MRS DINAH MURDOCH (DCM)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	: RUPERT CONDER : COUNCILLOR PAM MUTTON (HCC)

1. Apologies

1.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Fliss Davies and David Sullivan

2. Public participation

2.1 None.

3. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

3.1

Countryside Access map-board. Councillor David Sullivan would make alternative arrangements to have the map-board installed in the parish car park – DS to action – In progress
Councillor David Jopson reported that the gate to the new green area in Dines Close was in need of repair. Clerk was asked to write to TVBC requesting the work to be carried out. – DB to action. Councillor David Jopson reported that the footway outside Shepherds Peace cottage Church Street was in need of repair. Clerk was asked to write to HCC requesting the work to be carried out. – DB to action. - Completed
It was agreed to set up a working party consisting of Councillors David Sullivan and David Jopson to carry out the detailed work and to report back a set of recommended changes for approval by the parish council. – DS, DJ and DB to action. – In progress - reporting back in June
It was agreed to put up protective netting on the railings along the river Swift outside the primary school entrance area. – DCM and DS to action - Completed

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4. Approval of minutes of the meeting 15th February 2010

- 4.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 15th February 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest

- 5.1 None.

6. AGAS report

- 6.1 Rupert Conder presented the March AGAS report:
6.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.
6.3 Rupert Conder presented two designs for the new village sign that had been submitted by parishioners, one was chosen with a request for a minor modification. Rupert was requested to start the process getting estimates for the artwork and manufacture of the sign. Cllr Pam Mutton (HCC) confirmed that funding would be available through a local HCC grant scheme.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to proceed with a new village sign and this would be reported at the Annual Parish meeting on the 17th May 2010.

- 6.4 Speed Limit Reminder signs have continued to perform poorly. All four parishes involved with the system were complaining to both TVBC and the manufacturers to get the product defects and the service improved. Cllr Pam Mutton (HCC) had also written to TVBC and was continuing to press the matter for a swift resolution. Cllr David Jopson and Rupert Conder were tasked to continue their work with the other parishes to get their complaints addressed by TVBC. – **DJ and RC to action.**

7 Correspondence

- 7.1 The list of correspondence received during the month was read and passed to the relevant councillor.
7.2 A letter was received from St Peter's PCC requesting a donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard. It was agreed to review this request at the April parish council meeting. The clerk was instructed to place this item on the April agenda – **DB to action.**

8 Planning Applications

- 8.1 The following planning application was discussed:

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

10/00341/FULLN	20 Feb 10	Erection of a replacement dwelling with detached carport and engineering works to facilitate ground levels, drainage, driveway, parking and landscaping. Little Foxhanger, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant Andover Mr and Mrs K Longergan – No comment
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9 Councillors' reports:

- 9.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that the railings in Church St were due to be repainted. The clerk was instructed to place this item on the agenda for discussion at the April meeting. – **DB to action.** Dinah also confirmed that the TVBC grass cutting

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contract would be upgraded to include the maintenance of the whole of the Dean Rise play area.

- 9.2 Councillor Alan Houghton had nothing to report.
- 9.3 Councillor Debbie Miller had nothing to report.
- 9.4 Councillor David Jopson reported that a resident had asked for old signage and posters to be removed once the event had taken place. Event organisers would be encouraged to make sure this was addressed and village litter picks would also remove any unwanted or redundant material.

10 Clerk's report

- 10.1 David Baker reported that the Quality Parish Scheme presentation would be made by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils to the parish council at the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 17th May 2010.
- 10.2 David Baker requested each councillor to provide a short report on their portfolio responsibilities summarising achievements in 2009/10 and plans for 2010/11. These reports would be combined to provide an annual report for distribution at the Annual Parish meeting on the 17th May. - **ALL for action by 10 April, DB to collate and distribute draft report at the April PC meeting for approval.**
- 10.3 The clerk gave notice of holiday plans booked in the next 3 months.
- 10.4 New Standing Orders working party had met and developed a customised set of standing orders for the parish council. There were a number of technical points to resolve with the HALC and a new policy statement on Press and Media had been drafted. Working party was expected to report back to the parish council in June.

11 Agenda Planning for Annual meetings on 17th May 2010.

- 11.1 Annual Parish meeting and the Annual Parish Council meeting agendas were discussed. A number of changes were agreed. All speakers had been invited and had confirmed attendance.

12 Next meeting and forward plan update

- 12.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 19th April 2010 in the **Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.**
- 12.2 Forward plan agenda items:
 - Annual Parish meeting – To complete agenda planning
 - Annual Parish Council meeting – To complete agenda planning
 - Performance monitoring – 2009/10 Year End report
 - Draft Annual report
 - St Peter's Churchyard donation
 - Painting of railing in Church St

13 Disbursements – 15th March 2010.

- 13.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee		Amount
711	HPFA	Subscription	£ 20.00
712	YVBC	Dog bins	£ 132.26

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713	D R Baker	Clerk's fees	£	189.92
714	D R Baker	Consumables	£	398.14
715	Murdoch Farms Ltd	Maintenance	£	111.62
716	Trevor Wheeler	Maintenance	£	80.00
717	R Scull	Maintenance	£	76.00

Total authorised: ***£1007.94***

Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date:.....

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Appendix 1.

ACTION GROUP AGAINST SPEEDING THROUGH HURSTBOURNE TARRANT (AGAS)

REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2010

1. Rupert Conder reported that there has been little progress since last month's report. It is understood from HCC that extra resources have been committed to work to repair the severe frost damage, so we are hopeful that resources may become available to address our own road safety issues.
2. The issues which are still outstanding are:
 - a. **30 mph Roundel at North end of village.**
 - b. **HCC Safety Survey of the Bus Stop opposite the Bus Shelter on the A343.**
 - c. **Extension of the Edge marking to the bus shelter and to the Post Office.**
 - d. **The Installation of three Gladiator bollards at the Upton Lane/A343 Junction.**
 - e. **HCC Safety Survey of the Safe Routes to School crossing of A343 to improve the field of vision.**
 - f. **Installation of a timber bollard on the South East side of the school crossing.**
 - g. **HCC confirmation of responsibility for Disabled Parking area.**
 - h. **Installation of Speed Camera signs.**
3. **Gates and a new village sign at North end of the village.** Following that approval of a design for a new village sign and gates at the North End of the village, I will be asking for quotations as those already approached cannot give one without more detail. I am grateful to those who have taken the time and effort to submit designs.
4. **Additional Items.** The following additional items are due to be discussed with HCC at the next meeting:
 - a. A large "Dangerous Junction" sign on the A343 Andover Hill.
 - b. The construction of a pavement on the A343 bridge over the River Swift to provide greater safety for pedestrians and create a much needed pinch point to slow vehicles coming down the hill.
 - c. Yellow hatching throughout the Square.
 - d. Yellow hatching on the narrow parts of Ibthorpe Road.
 - e. Raised pavement edges in Ibthorpe Road.
 - f. Double white lines extended to the end of the 30 mph zone at the North End of the village.
5. **Speed Limit Reminder Signs.** On behalf of all the SLR syndicated PCs, **Cllr Pam Mutton** wrote to TVBC to voice the concerns and displeasure with the SLRs. **David Wilson** of TVBC plans to attend a PC meeting in the near future to address our issues. Parish Councillors from all the parishes will be asked to attend to provide weight to the discussion as, over the last six months, the signs have only been working about 40% of the time. Pam asked TVBC what it is doing about it and questioned whether we getting value for money. She noted that some constituents are complaining to parish councils and asked whether we would be getting a reduction in the costs. Some of the questions to be addressed are:
 - a. For the manufacturers Westcotec Ltd:
 - Why do the boxes leak? Adam, the TVBC installer, stated that, when he opens the boxes after rain fall, he gets showered with water, or, if below zero, with ice.
 - Why are the batteries failing? Were they all from a faulty batch?
 - What can Westcotec do to improve their reliability?
 - b. For TVBC:
 - What does TVBC propose to do to improve the service so far provided?
 - As we have received less than 50% of the contracted service, should we be paying a lower maintenance fee?

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
