

# Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council



MINUTES OF MEETING	: 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2010
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)
	: MR A HAIGHTON (AH)
	: MRS DINAH MURDOCH (DCM)
CHAired BY	: MR DAVID SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	: CLLRS PAM MUTTON (HCC) AND PETER GIDDINGS (TVBC) : RUPERT CONDER

## 80. Apologies

80.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Debbie Miller

## 81. Public participation

81.1 None.

## 82. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

82.1

Councillor David Jopson requested that any information regarding 3 recent road traffic accidents in Hurstbourne Tarrant would provide valuable data for the AGAS group's records. PCSO Rachel Cassells agreed to provide any public data that was available on the accidents. - Action RC - <b>Completed</b>
Councillors agreed to make a donation of £50 to FWAG. – Action DB - <b>Completed</b>
The parish council had received a request for 2 ash trees at the entrance to the allotments on Ibthorpe Road to be pollarded to safe guard the local power supply cable. It was agreed to notify TVBC planning department of the planned maintenance. – Action DJ & DB. - <b>Completed</b>
Councillor David Jopson reported that the footpath that ran behind Maple Ridge & Bramble Bank towards Parsonage Farm was in need of clearance. – Action DB. - <b>Completed</b>

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## 83. Approval of minutes of the meeting 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010

83.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 84. Declarations of Interest

84.1 None.

## 85. AGAS report

85.1 Rupert Conder presented the November AGAS report:

85.2 Please see Appendix 1 for full report details.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed the following actions:

- The enforcement of school keep clear markings – proposed traffic order by HCC. The clerk was instructed to confirm the parish council's support for the measure to be applied during normal school hours. – **DB to action.**
- Speeding in Upton survey – had provided 8 responses so far, all in favour of the use of Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) system in Upton. It was agreed to contact Vernham Dean PC with the request to considered installing a SLR pole, near the Radcliffes, for vehicles approaching the village from Verham Dean. **FD to action.**
- Signage on the B3048 (Church St). It was agreed to request a rationalisation of signage at the entrance of the B3048. The removal of “new road layout” sign outside of Bramble Bank and the replacement of existing signs outside the George & Dragon with “Vitacress No access” combined with “ not suitable for long vehicles”. – **DB to action**

## 86 Correspondence

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

**RESOLVED:** Councillors agreed the following actions:

- Woodlands Trust tree planting scheme on land adjacent to The Farthings Stoke Road – request for volunteers to help plant young trees was placed on hold until a planting date in 2011 was confirmed by the Woodland Trust.
- HCC mobile library service – survey. Service stops at 3 points in the village – Dene Green bus stop, Ibthorpe road and Horseshoe Lane. Survey forms to be distributed to services users – **DS/DB to action.** Surveys can be completed on-line by residents at web address: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NL9BWKF>
- Chinese Lanterns: following receipt of letter from Alan Cox chairman Ashmansworth PC which requested the lobbying of Sir George Young MP to ban chinese lanterns. This follows a recent fire close to thatched properties in Ashmansworth. Clerk was instructed to write to Sir George in support of a ban. – **DB to action.**
- Councillor Fliss Davis confirmed her resignation from the parish council for medical reasons with effect from the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

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- Any parishioner with an interest in becoming a parish councillor should contact the parish clerk – David Baker, Deben House, Horseshoe Lane, 01264736436, [theparishclerk@hbt.org.uk](mailto:theparishclerk@hbt.org.uk).

## 87 Planning Applications

87.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

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

10/02545/TREEN	29 Oct 10	Pollard two ash trees back to previous pollard point, repeat every 3 years. Hurstbourne Tarrant PC, Allotments, Ibthorpe, Andover. Mr David Baker – <b>No Comment</b>
10/02582/FULLN	3 Nov 10	Provision of 3 dormer windows on front elevation, creation of new pedestrian access from road. Dalton House, Church Street, Hurstbourne Tarrant, Andover. Mr N Melhuish Comment to be submitted regarding safety of new pedestrian access – <b>DJ to action</b>

## 88 Councillors' reports:

- 88.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that the basketball backboard/net had been replaced.
- 88.2 Councillor Alan Haighton had reported that a planning application had appeared on one of the SLR poles and he would investigate what planning it was related to. – **AH to action.**
- 88.3 Councillor David Sullivan reported that allotment plot number 2 had been split into 2 smaller plots and the additional plot had been allocated to the first parishioner on the waitlist. Estimate for repairs to the teenage sheltered had been obtained @ £223.  
**RESOLVED:** Councillors approved the repair and authorised the work to be carried out. A progress report on the new community centre project was requested from Andrew Russell for the December parish council meeting – **DS to action.**
- 88.4 Councillor David Jopson had nothing to report.
- 88.5 Councillor Fliss Davis reported that potholes were forming around the manhole cover outside the entrance to Ibthorpe Farm, Ibthorpe Road. Clerk to advise HCC highways on the need for repair – **DB to action.**

## 89 Clerk's report

- 89.1 Unit trust share holding was currently valued at £18.5k
- 89.2 The Ramblers Association was close to completing the Brenda Parker Way and signage for the long distance footpath would be put in place shortly. Details of the new footpath could be accessed at the following web address:  
<http://www.brendaparkerway.hampshire.org.uk/>
- 89.3 Approval of the parish council's small capital grant application for assistance with funding of the replacement aerial runway had been signed off by TVBC.

## 90 Budget Planning for 2011/12.

- 90.1 Budget papers for 2011/12 were presented by the clerk with a recommendation of a nil increase in precept given the period of economic restraint placed on all public services. Councillors were asked to identify any new projects plans for 2011/12 to enable a final

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budget statement to be prepared for approval at the December parish council meeting –  
**Action All councillors/DB.**

90.2 The clerk's salary for 2011/12 was reviewed and it was agreed to freeze payment.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors approved the clerk's salary for the financial year 2011/12 at the national pay scale LC1 SCP 21 @ £9,941/hour as set on 1st April 2009.

90.3 Councillors reviewed the subscriptions that fall due for payment in the next financial year 2011/12:

- Fields in Trust (previously known as the National Playing Fields Association) £35.00
- Hampshire Playing Fields Association £20.00
- Hampshire Association of Local Councils £209.00
- Society of Local Council Clerks £77.00

**RESOLVED:** Councillors approved the above subscriptions that fall due for payment in the 2011/12.

## 91 Next meeting and forward plan update

The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2010 in the **Church Hall** at **7.30 p.m.**

92.1 Forward plan agenda items:

- Budget setting for 2011/12 – To agree final budget
- Annual review of FOI scheme of publication and policy documents

## 92 Disbursements – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

92.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee		Amount
764	FWAG	Donation	£ 50.00
765	D R Baker	Clerk's fees	£ 198.82
766	Church Hall	Hirings Sep-Mar	£ 140.00
767	Murdoch Farms Ltd	Maintenance	£ 332.47
<b>Total authorised:</b>			<b>£721.29</b>

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed.....

*Chairman*

Date:.....

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Appendix 1.

## **ACTION GROUP AGAINST SPEEDING THROUGH HURSTBOURNE TARRANT (AGAS)**

### **REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2010**

1. Paul Garrod Assistant Service Manager - Traffic Management (Area West) has said that the extended edge lining has now been ordered together with a '30' road marking where the speed limit starts at the northern side of the village (heading southbound into the village). This lining should be in place within the next 6 - 8 weeks. Cllr Pam Mutton has also been involved by encouraging him to arrange for the redundant signs to be removed.
2. Paul cannot yet give us a schedule for the other Road Safety Improvement tasks which we discussed on 6<sup>th</sup> August as follows:
  - a. **Bus Stop opposite the Bus Shelter on the A343.** HCC is investigating this safety issue with the Passenger Transport Team.
  - b. **Safe Routes to School crossing of A343.** Our proposal to push out the kerb on the South East side of the crossing and to take in a similar amount on the North West side will be re-examined by a HCC Highways Safety Survey to see if it would improve the safety of the Safe Routes to School crossing.
  - c. **Installation of three Gladiator bollards at the Upton Lane/A343 Junction.** This work is hold until adjustments to the Safe Routes to School crossing have been considered.
  - d. **Installation of a timber bollard on the South East side of the school crossing.** This work is on hold until adjustments to the Safe Routes to School crossing have been considered.
  - e. **Speed survey.** Results of the speed survey on the A343 which was carried out during last month are awaited.
  - f. **Pavement over the bridge.** The construction of a pavement on the A343 bridge over the River Swift is on the Community Aspirations database.
3. **Gates and a new village sign at North end of the village.** The new village sign to help to define the start of the main built-up area has been erected at the North between the Garage and the bus shelter. Our thanks to Paul Winby for his design of the logo.
4. **Speed Limit Reminder Signs.** Upton residents have requested that they be allowed to share the use of the SLRs in rotation. If the Parish Council approves the request, it may yet take some time to assess the best place(s) to erect the post(s), which each cost about £200. Making the SLRs available to Upton will reduce the number of times that they are available in HBT itself. Apart from along the long straight stretch from Vernham Dean into Upton past the Radcliffes, I suspect that almost all the vehicles are travelling at under 30 mph, so it is likely that the SLR signs would be ineffective as they would not light up. In the narrow part of Upton, the speed limit should probably be 20 mph, but I doubt that we can get such a limit agreed with the authorities and, of course,

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a speed limit is only effective if it can be enforced, which could be a problem there! The SLR sign needs a reasonable line of sight and would have to be fixed to a pole. I have asked Cllr Fliss Davis to canvas opinion in Upton and to bring a map to indicate where the speeding problem exists so that we could ask HCC to do a speed check there. The perception of the speed of vehicles varies with the size of vehicle and also the closeness that they are to you, so a "4x4" travelling at say 30 mph seems to be going faster than a Mini at 40 mph if the same distance away, and a six-axle lorry at 25 mph will seem to be travelling even faster! It is clear that the volume and speed of traffic through Upton has increased dramatically in recent years; however some feel that vehicles may not be exceeding the speed limit through the centre of the village, although the limit is blatantly ignored at either end and consider that it is more a matter of drivers not adjusting their speed to the size and layout of the road, likelihood of oncoming traffic and respect for pedestrians and other road users. The worst culprits appear to be local residents or frequent local road users such as farm traffic, school buses and parents on the school run. It is suggested that, as a short term solution, the parish councils should issue a strong reminder, especially to those involved in local school runs whilst the issue of the SLRs is considered.

5. Re-routing Lorries. If residents see any and identify the 6 axle lorries of any firms using the A343 through the village which are causing any danger, I would be grateful if you would let me know so that the firms can be asked to redirect their lorries to routes more appropriate to their size. I would be grateful also if residents who are concerned about the traffic through the village contact me if they are prepared to write to the firms concerned.
6. Vitacress Salads. Bob Christer of Vitacress Salads in St Mary Bourne has said that Vitacress vehicle entry/ exits to the surrounding road network is via either the Harroway towards the A34 or the Harroway/ Walworth road to the A303. Recently a few vehicles have come down the B3048 from Hurstbourne Tarrant even after been supplied with maps and route accesses. He has requested that extra signs be erected to deter Vitacress lorries from turning down Church Street from the A343. The signs will say something like NO ACCESS TO VITACRESS SALADS. Siting of these signs is under discussion.
7. Enforcement of school keep clear markings – Proposed traffic regulation order. School Keep Clear markings help to keep school entrances and nearby pedestrian crossing points clear of parked vehicles to provide better visibility for parents and children crossing the road. The markings should not be parked on while the restriction is in force, not even for dropping off or picking up children or goods. HCC's Safer Routes to School team has asked TVBC to apply a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that covers all existing markings. Currently the marking outside our school is advisory and any parking offence committed can only be enforced by the Police. In order for TVBC's Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) to be able to enforce the marking a TRO must be applied to it which requires a statutory legal process involving consultation, a public notice placed on site and an advert in the local newspaper. This statement forms part of the consultation and the TRO will be publicly advertised shortly. There is a problem with parking at our school particularly during dropping off/picking-up time. We should not need and do not want

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TVBC's CEOs to have to "enforce" the TRO and would hope that we can all be grown up about it and comply with this advice without a TRO; recently however I was asked to request a Police presence to encourage parents to observe the "No Parking" area. Enforcement will be targeted at schools with regularly reported issues. Minor amendments to the markings and a sign will be installed within the length of the marking. TVBC propose that the marking should be kept clear at all times and has asked that, if the Parish Council feel that the restriction of our School's marking should only apply for specific times and days, then to let them know with our reasons. I feel that we only need the restriction during the school hours as parking space is limited in the area and is especially needed there during church services.

