

Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council



MINUTES OF MEETING	: 16 th January 2012
TIME OF MEETING	: 7.30 p m
VENUE OF MEETING	: CHURCH HALL
TYPE OF MEETING	: ORDINARY
PRESENT	: MR CLAYTON DANKS (CD)
	; MR NICK MELHUIH (NM)
	: MRS DEBBIE MILLER (DM)
	: MR ALAN HAIGHTON (AH)
	: MRS DINAH MURDOCH (DCM)
CHAired BY	: MR DAVID SULLIVAN (DS)
IN ATTENDANCE	: MR D BAKER (DB)
ALSO PRESENT	: Cllr PAM MUTTON (HCC) ; Cllr PETER GIDDINGS (TVBC) : RUPERT CONDER : 4 PARISHIONERS

112. Apologies

112.1 None.

113. Public participation

113.1 Ian McFarling provided information on a proposal to consider the building of a petanque (boules) pitch along the side of the Hurstbourne Tarrant Royal British Legion building. The pitch would be 12m by 3m in size and located to the right side of the building. Costs had been estimated at £530.

113.2 Ian McFarling was also a Member of Sustrans (a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport) and he would be working locally to encourage parishioners to consider setting up a cycle group to be run along similar lines as the existing monthly 'healthy walks' interest group.

113.3 Cllr Peter Giddings reminded the meeting that the TVBC consultation deadline on the draft Core Strategy & Development Management Development Plan Document (DPD) and its draft Designations DPD was 17th February 2012. The Core Strategy sets out the Council's vision and strategy for the Borough till 2031. It sets out the proposed locations for development. It also includes policies which will be used in determining planning

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applications. The Designation DPD contains settlement boundaries, local gap boundaries and other designations which have been used to inform the Core Strategy. The parish council and parishioners were encouraged to feedback any concerns or issues. Cllr Nick Melhuish offered to consolidate any feedback from parishioners and the parish council. It should be noted that this consultation document did include changes to the Hurstbourne Tarrant settlement boundary and as such this could have an impact on some individual residents. **NM to action.**

114. Actions arising from the previous meeting:

114.1

It was concluded that residents of Upton should decide to retain and use the SLR post as installed or have it permanently removed. CD & DM to action. Completed see M councillor's report.
Diamond Jubilee -. Carried forward to January meeting of PC DCM to comment. It was agreed that DS would discuss Trevor Wheeler the planting of replacement trees around part of King George V playing fields and by Banktree Cottages.
Hampshire – Nature improvement area bid for scrub clearance of common area. This item was carried forward. DM reported that funding was on hold until April.
David Sullivan was authorised to sign and submit the precept decision notice to TVBC. – DS to action. Completed
Councillor David Sullivan commented on the excellent SAT results achieved by Hurstbourne Tarrant Primary School and he volunteered to write a letter to the school to congratulate pupils and staff on their outstanding achievement in 2011. Completed

115. Approval of minutes of the meeting 19th December 2011

115.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 19th December 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

116. Declarations of Interest

116.1 Councillor Dinah Murdoch declared a personal interest in Pavilion Access Road Deed of Grant under Agenda Item 9. Councillor Murdoch determined that she would remain in the meeting for the discussion of that item but would not vote on the matter.

117. AGAS report

117.1 Rupert Conder presented his January report to the meeting. Please Appendix 1 for details.

117.2 Rupert Conder led a discussion on the findings in HCC highways feasibility study report and councillors taking guidance from the report confirmed that their two main road safety priorities were:

- The construction of a new footway from the bus shelter to Dene Green garage. This work has been adopted by HCC highways and will be completed in 2012/13.
- To implement of improvements outlined in the report to the safe route to school crossing of A343. The parish council was asked to find £1500 towards the cost of the project. Given the importance of this safety improvement the parish council decided to put the purchase of a permanent Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) sign on hold and to re-allocate the HCC grant funding provided through Cllr Pam Mutton to this project. **DB & PM to action.**

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117.3 Finally, the parish council was interested in attending a meeting with HCC highways scheduled for the 25th January to discuss the feasibility of either reclassifying the A343 to a B class road or seeking a restriction on the A343 that only permitted HGVs usage where local access was required. **RC, CD & AH to action.**

118. Correspondence

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

118.2 Cllr Clayton Danks raised a concern about the lack of parking and road safety outside the church hall with parents dropping off and collecting children from the preschool. Councillor David Sullivan offered to discuss it with the preschool staff. **DS to action.**

119. Planning Applications

119.1 The following planning applications were discussed:

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

12/00043/TPON	12 Jan 12	Works to 2 Lime, 1 Ash and 1 Holly. Also fell two Birch. Claremont House, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant. Mr Peter Wright – No comment
12/00058/TREEN	13 Jan 12	Fell 1 Lime. Ibthorpe Farm House, Ibthorpe, Andover. Mr Alexander Barr – No comment.
12/00067/TREEN	13 Jan 12	T1 Yew reduce to give clearance from property and roof, crown raise by up to 2 m and remove 5% of lower epicormic growth. Chestnut Cottage, The Dene, Hurstbourne Tarrant. Mr Peter Nation – No comment.

120. Councillors' reports:

120.1 Councillor Clayton Danks had nothing to report.

120.2 Councillor Dinah Murdoch reported that Deed of Grant for the pavilion access had been prepared for the parish council's approval. Cllr David Sullivan confirmed that the Deed of Grant had been updated with the agreed percentage responsibilities defined as follows:

- Murdoch Trust 30%
- Tomlin 15%
- Simms 5%
- Parish Council 50%

Councillor David Sullivan proposed that the parish council should approve the Deed of Grant. At the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: Councillors approved the Deed of Grant. Councillor David Sullivan was authorised to sign the four copies of the Deed on behalf of the parish council.

120.3 Councillor Alan Haighton had nothing to report.

120.4 Councillor Debbie Miller reported that residents in Upton had decided to ask for the removal of SLR pole on the Hurstbourne Tarrant side of the village. Despite further discussions it had not been possible to agree a suitable site for a memorial bench in Upton.

120.5 Councillor David Sullivan had nothing to report.

120.6 Councillor Nick Melhuish had nothing to report.

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121. Clerk's report

121.1 The clerk had nothing to report.

122. Performance Monitoring – 2011/12 Q 3.

122.1 David Baker presented the third quarter financial report for 2011/12. Overall spending remained in line with budget plans but general maintenance costs associated with the playing fields, the pavilion and the parish car park were running higher than planned. .

RESOLVED: Councillors accepted the financial report for Q3 2011/12 and agreed that no corrective actions were required.

123. Annual review of regular contracts

123.1 Annual review of regular contracts – there were 3 regular contracts in excess of £1,000 pa that required review. Following discussion it was agreed that the insurance contract was re-tendered in September 2011 and no further action was required. The Clerk's salary had been approved at the December 2011 parish council meeting. For the one remaining contract no further action was required as Councillors were satisfied that value for money was being achieved.

RESOLVED: Councillors approved that no further action on contracts in excess of £1000 pa was required for the year 2012/13.

124. Annual review of regular investments

124.1 Annual review of investments as directed by the external auditors, Councillors discussed and reviewed their investment policy for 2012/13. It was noted that the current valuation of the unit trust holding (as at 05.01.11) was £17,481.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to maintain the Council's current investment of 34,603 unit trust shares which had been selected to generate a secure source of annual income.

125. Next meeting and forward plan update

125.1 The next Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 20th February 2012 in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

125.2 Forward plan agenda items:

- Correspondence log for HCC & TVBC

126. Disbursements – 16th January 2012.

126.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Expenditure	Amount
852	D R Baker	Clerking fees	£ 159.02
853	HMRC	PAYE	£ 39.80
854	D R Baker	Consumables	£ 143.29
855	Fields in Trust	Subscription Fee	£ 35.00
856	Southern Electric	Pavilion Nov – Jan	£ 186.37
857	Murdoch Farms Ltd	Maintenance	£ 96.00

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Total authorised: £659.48

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed..... Date:.....

Chairman

Appendix 1.

ACTION GROUP AGAINST SPEEDING THROUGH HURSTBOURNE TARRANT **(AGAS)** **REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2012**

1. Potholes and other road issues. If you spot a dangerous pothole, faulty street lights, damaged pavement slabs, blocked drains, overgrown hedges or other areas of highways work or want to see whether a your previously reported problem has been fixed, go to: www.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems. If you have a computer and are on-line, please note this email address so that you can help to ensure that road hazards are reported and repaired quickly.
2. HCC Feasibility Study. The HCC report is expected to be sent to the Parish Clerk shortly. The main issues being addressed are:
 - a. Safe Routes to School crossing of A343.
 - b. Pavement over the River Swift.
 - c. Traffic Splitter Island or a roundabout near the Londis shop/petrol station.
3. Path from the Bus Shelter to the Garage/shop. Funding in next year's budget for the path from the bus shelter to the Garage and Londis Shop is expected in next year's budget. This will provide a safe path for those who now walk on the road to avoid the wet path across the green.
4. Purchase of a permanent Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) sign. The Average Daily Traffic Figure is in excess of 5,000 vehicles on a normal working day travelling along the A343 through HBT. During rush hours they peak at about 500 per hour. The PC has not yet decided to purchase a permanent Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) sign.
5. Community Speed Watch Scheme. St Mary Bourne is trying to set up a Community Speedwatch scheme. We raised this issue some months ago. Our proposed scheme is on hold to see if there is sufficient interest and whether it would prove cost effective. Since I last reported on such schemes, there have apparently been improvements. The Speed Indicator Devices now record the registration number, make, model and colour of the vehicle as well as where when the recording was taken and how

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fast the vehicle was going. The data is then entered into the Police database and an automatic warning letter sent to the registered owner. A repeat recording of the same vehicle will generate a stronger letter being sent. Further speeding infringements will result in either a home visit by a Police officer or enforcement of penalties.

6. Traffic Monitoring. If you see any 6 axle Co-op HGVs coming through HBT please contact the Co-Op at any time on the direct number 01264 712200 and ask to speak to the Transport Supervisor. If you can please note the vehicle's registration number and the date and time.

7. Bollard replacement. As agreed at the last Parish Council meeting, we will not be asking HCC to replace the wooden bollards outside Maggie and Andrew Russell's house with plastic bollards with bright yellow reflective sleeves, as they would not be in keeping with the village environment.

8. Downgrading the A343. On 25th January I shall be attending an HCC meeting to considering whether the A343 could be downgraded to a B-class road. There appears to be no bar against reclassifying it. I am grateful to others for pointing out that it would take time for maps and satnavs to get updated, but it might be a good way to discourage HGVs. It may even be possible to prohibit HGVs except for access. Vehicles are often driven too fast to safely avoid others exiting from the many dangerous blind junctions along our stretch of the A343 from Newbury to Andover. Fortunately serious accidents are rare, but there are frequent unreported near misses, which would give a better indication of the hazards. It would assist our case if both accidents (however minor) and near misses were reported. Both the HCC and the Department for Transport (DfT) road classification policy and procedure are being updated. Similar requests on the A327 and the A339 have been submitted and others are expected for the A340 and A33. The re-classification of a highway is a strategic rather than local decision and the benefits of the work must justify the cost of the project. Even if the A343 was reclassified as the B343, motorists would still use it as it is a convenient route between Andover and Newbury. HCC's policy on HGVs is to only provide restrictions where the diversion route does not overburden hauliers with additional fuel costs. Therefore we need to show that the relative time and cost of using the A34/A303 is less than using the A343. The A343 route should take significantly longer for an HGV which typically travels at less than 30mph on long stretches of that road, due to it being so narrow, twisty and hilly and may also use much more diesel per mile when in low gear, accelerating and braking on hills and roundabouts. Comparing the distance between the A343 junctions with the A34 and the A303, the two routes come in at 15.2 and 22.8 miles (according to Google Earth), a ratio of 1.5:1. A lorry would need to travel at an average speed of 37mph down the whole length of the A343 section to match the time for the A34/A303 route (at 56 mph). It would be preferable to ban HGVs from using the A343. Such a ban is on the B4000 at Stockcross where the road is far more suitable (being largely the Roman Ermin Street!) but HGVs are banned to avoid upsetting residents of just one small village (unlike the A343 with many villages affected). I would be grateful if the Parish Council would co-ordinate action with other Parish Councils along the A343 to improve living conditions for locals and driving conditions for HGV drivers! This is not an expensive project and is certainly feasible.