

HURSTBOURNE TARRANT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

Monday 19th February 2018, at 7.30 pm, held at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre

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Councillors present:

Ian Kitson (IK)(Chairman),

Mark Thomas (MT)(Vice Chairman),

David Sullivan (DS)

Louisa Russell (LR)

Kirsty Locke HCC (KL)

Peter Giddings TVBC (PG)

Clerk (ME)

132. Apologies for absence

132.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Jamie Williams.

133. Public Participation

133.1 8 members of the public attended. There were no matters raised by the public

134. Declarations of Interest

134.1 Councillor Thomas mentioned that he would abstain from any decisions made under agenda item 11 regarding request for funding by HBT5 race.

135. Pauline Ponting

135.1 The Chairman announced that following the recent passing of Pauline Ponting, the following was to be minuted.

Sadly Mrs Pauline Ponting passed away on Saturday 10th February, and we feel it appropriate to remember and minute a few of the ways in which she had improved our village over the years, much of which many of us might not have known about.

Pauline was a Parish Councillor from the May elections in 1983 until 1991; she was instrumental in progressing the affordable housing in Dines Close. She was also a governor of our village school, who along with Dinah Murdoch helped the new head teacher Mrs Boyer, turn the school around from being on the brink of closure to what we have today. She was also a member of the Parochial Church Council, and the Church Hall Committee, as well as a regular supporter and door to door collector for the Red Cross. Pauline will be fondly remembered for her very able judging skills at the annual Flower Show, handling dogs and their owners with much tact and skill.

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Pauline will be fondly remembered by all who knew her, and I would like to send Colin our sincere condolences.

136. Co-option of new Parish Councillor

- 136.1 Two candidates applied for the vacant post. A written application was read out from one candidate, and the other attended in person. It was a unanimous vote by the four Parish Councillors that Mr Edwin Mills to be co-opted as a member of Hurstbourne Tarrant Parish Council.

137. Minutes from the previous meeting

- 137.1 The minutes from the previous meeting on 15th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

138. Actions arising from previous minutes of meeting 15th January 2018

- 138.1 **Horseshoe Lane public meeting** – Councillor Russell updated that it was hoped to have a meeting convened before the Parish Council next met. **Carried forward.**
- 138.2 **Village Design Statement** – Councillor Williams was not present, therefore no update. **Carried forward.**
- 138.3 **Parish Directory/Welcome pack** – Councillor Thomas reported that this was now complete and available in hard copy format or digitally. It had been placed on the Parish Council website and a copy had already been emailed to a new resident. Printed copies would be made available at Swifts meeting and the clerk would provide copies for the Over 60s club at the RBL. **Completed.**
- 138.4 **Provost Hill** – Councillor Kirsty Locke updated that there was still no update on possible funding to assist with traffic calming at the entrance to this property. **Carried forward.**
- 138.5 **Flytipping/CCTV signage** – this had been purchased by Councillor Thomas and erected at relevant sites of previous flytipping along Common Road, and on the A343 at the entrance to Doles Wood. After removing tyres during the informal litter pick on 20th January, more had appeared within about a week but now also disappeared – TVBC were not responsible. The offence had been highlighted on Facebook and received a lot of feedback. TVBC had visited site, and would clear some small amounts in the laybys, but the entrance to the track was private land, although unregistered. Efforts to determine the landowner ongoing. **Carried forward.**
- 138.6 **Grant Funding** – the Chairman introduced and thanked Mrs Lynn Hedger who had volunteered to investigate grant funding options and produce results back to the PC. In light of the lack of S106 monies in the future, grants for larger projects would need to be obtained.
- 138.7 **Lengthsman Scheme** – the clerk reported that a request for the Lengthsman to clear the ditch at the bottom of Windmill Hill and the weir kerbs on the A343 had been submitted. This should use up the remaining £300 (approx. 15 hours of work) in the current financial year's Lengthsman scheme budget for the PC. **Completed.**

139. Planning Applications

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- 139.1 18/00186/LBWN – replace existing windows with timber glazed windows at Little Thatch, Pill Heath – no comment
- 139.2 18/00362/TREEN – various tree works, The Vicarage, HBT – no comment
- 139.3 18/000462/TREEN – fell x2 beech trees, Horseshoe Cottage – no comment

140. Councillors' Reports

140.1 Councillor Thomas reported on the following:

- HBeeT environmental project – the first public meeting had taken place on 13th Feb and had been attended by 28 members of the community. There had been great enthusiasm for the idea. A steering group was to be set up to meet in March.
- Parish Directory – this was complete and available in printed format for those moving into the village, and for anyone without access to a computer. It was available electronically on the village website. Copies would be available at Swifts, Over 60s club at RBL. A new resident had already received an electronic copy.
- Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Fund – possible trustees had been contacted in writing and it was hoped that the Fund could be set up by the summer
- Parish Directory – this was almost complete and the next consideration was how to promote it – Swifts, new residents, copy at the pubs, noticeboard at HTCC.
- Working Party – a reminder that this was arranged for 3rd March to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean weekend.
- Permissive Paths at Parsonage Farm, HBT – the new owner had advised the PC that he intended to stop the public using the paths after the 26th February. These paths are different to rights of way in that the landowner grants permission for their use as part of Countryside Stewardship schemes. The Parish Council anticipated that this new decision would not be popular and asked if the owners would consider keeping the paths open on a concessionary basis and offered to help with signage and fencing, but unfortunately this was request was declined.

140.2 Councillor Kitson reported that the 2nd SID was up and running. He thanked Cllr Sullivan for his assistance and donation of manure for the allotments. The issue of Aster not keeping to their promise to mow the banks and grass areas at Dean Rise was highlighted. TVBC did this last year as part of their other works but had confirmed that they would not be assisting this year. A letter had been written to Aster on 7th February, but no response received to date.

Councillor Giddings asked if there had been much uptake on the Community Governance Review. The Chairman updated that the majority of the residents at the meeting in Upton on 17th January had opted to remain divided between two Parish Council areas. The PC had submitted a letter to TVBC regarding this decision to take no proactive action regarding boundary changes under CGR.

141. Clerk's report and correspondence

A list of the received correspondence had been previously emailed to councillors for their information.

141.1 Post Office update – Stuart Scarle had moved on from his role and had asked that his replacement be given a few weeks to get up to speed with his work before requesting an update.

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- 141.2 Loose horse in HBT 5th Feb – a horse had been deliberately let out onto the Ibthorpe Road near Dines Close in the early hours. Fortunately no-one was hurt. Police had been updated and a PCSO had supplied Countrywatch signs and undertaken house to house enquiries at the bungalows opposite the field. A further incident had occurred in the early hours of 14th February on the A343 between the Square and Dean Stores. No further information known. The public were asked to supply any info which may come to light in case these incidents were linked.
- 141.3 A request to the Countryside Service had been sent for their annual Priority Cutting List regarding FP 22 (aka Brenda Parker Way) which was the subject of a previous complaint by the Ramblers Association and although passable, did divert walkers from the actual marked path owing to growth.
- 141.4 The damaged bollard at The Square had been reported to HCC.

142. Floodwatch Update

- 142.1 Mr Gary Edwards had submitted a lengthy report regarding the latest update. In summary, he had met with the Environment Agency and riverbed restoration were planned for the summer, but quotes were required to be obtained, and grant funding was being sought as well as financial assistance from the EA. Works were not anticipated to be as much as had been done recently in Stoke.

143. Request for funding by HBT5 Race

- 143.1 An application was received from the HBT5 Race Committee for a donation to use towards a new gas burner to increase the capability of refreshments at the annual race. Councillor Sullivan remarked on the marvellous benefits their fundraising has given the community in the past. In recognition of their 10th anniversary and the £20,000 already raised for local charities, the Parish Council granted them £100 to assist with provision of facilities to race attendees. Councillor Thomas abstained from voting. **Resolved: to grant HBT5 race £100.**

144. Disbursements

- 144.1 The following cheques were presented for signature:

Number	Payee	Expenditure	Amount
1324	D R Baker	Salary Feb	£ 131.38
1325	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£ 87.60
1326	M J Edwards	Salary Feb	£ 515.48
1327	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£ 128.87
1328	HTCC	Annual booking of hall	£ 360.00
Total authorised		£ 1,223.33	

145. Next Meeting 19th March 2018

- 145.1 The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th March 2018 at the Hurstbourne Tarrant Community Centre. Agenda items to include planning for Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting in May and to consider guest speakers. The clerk updated that the PCSO, Donna Whelan, had already agreed to attend. A further suggestion was to invite the new Headteacher of the HBT Primary School, Mr Gareth Dee.

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The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed.....

Date:.....

Chairman

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