West Huntspill Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 14th February 2022 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road following Covid-19 regulations.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr A Higgs, Cllr R Keen, Cllr A Gunnell-Parker, Cllr R Palmer & Cllr M Saunders  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present: Mr John Wilks** |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present via Zoom**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: District Cllr J Keen |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Gunnell-Parker proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting held on the 10/2/22. Cllr R Shaw seconded this and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Saunders and Cllr R approved the Clerks report and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
| **5.** | | **Police report – PCSO Piers unable to attend but report received** |  |
|  | | **Meeting closed at 7.06 for Mr John Wilks (member of the public) to discuss the Brue Farm Planning applications.** |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor and District Councillor Reports:**  Cllr Healey sent report by email |  |
| **7.** | | **Planning**  **52/21/00016 – Brue Farm Development**   * Change of house design to the front of the development approved by the Parish Council (Town houses removed from frontage bordering A38on new plan). Design more in keeping now with WH Parish Plan. * The Parish Council agreed on the proposed footpath diversion around the development.   The Parish Council discussed the applications after receiving information from Mr John Wilks. The attached comments will be returned to SDC. |  |
| **8.** | | **Common**  No dog fouling signs have been placed around the Common. |  |
| **9.** | | **Pavilion**  No Issues raised at present – all on track  RTL3 grant application awaiting decision for disabled access and toilet provision. |  |
| **10.** | | **Clean Sweep**  The next Clean Sweep will be the weekend of 19th March 2022. The Clerk will advertise and inform SDC. |  |
| **11.** | | **Ilex Park – No Issues** |  |
| **12.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road –** Pot hole repaired. Ilex Park sign installed.  Trees issue at 98,99 and97 Ringstone. SDC are dealing with large tree at 99. Over hanging trees from Ilex Park onto the these properties has been rectified.  **Church Road** – Clerk to contact SCC re Yellow line update  Plymor Road in considerate parking is an issue and people are parking on grass verge. Not PC land.  Laburnham House Hotel – Coaches ferrying workers along Sloway Lane – Dangerous  Skips of rubbish still being set alight to dispose of rubbish – EA are aware  **Main Road** – Notice Board near school needs replacing. Quote from Arien Signs was expensive. Plan to go back to Steve Horsey and see if any movement on price.  Request for Rubbish Bin in Layby by School. Post bin required.  **Alstone** – None | AGP  Clerk |
| **13.** | | **Platinum Jubilee**  2 x medium trees are available for collected from SDC as part of the “Queens Green Canopy” project. One will be planted in Ilex Park the other on the Common (Doble area). Cllr Saunders will collect. A plaque will be needed once the tree has been planted.  A sub-committee has been set up. This comprises of WHPC, WI, Balliol Hall and PCC at present. A meeting was held recently to discuss plans for the jubilee weekend.   * 4/6/22 – 7/2/22 Jubilee Weekend * Balliol Hall has been booked in case of rain * Marquees and Gazebos organised for Common * Brass band booked for 6/6/22 * Bring and Share food required * Burger Van booked * Bar booked * Electricity available from Common * Flags ordered * WI will arrange face painting and kids games * Food boxes available for houses on low income * Tree to be planted * Bunting * Water – WHPC to supply * Event Insurance * Temporary event notice needed * Medals/Mugs to be ordered for children attended WH School - WHPC   Clerk to speak to Taylor Kilduff and request if they can reduce the size of the current beacon as too large.  2 x plaques required for tree and Stone on common. | Clerk |
| **14** | | **Footpaths/Hedges/Trees**  The Council agreed in keeping with “Best Value” to accept Grass cutting quotes for the large grass areas and footpaths. Contract awarded to Mr Steve Chick for 2022/23  Cllr Higgs and Cllr A Gunnell- Parker will attend a site visit to the Old Rectory regarding possible removal of trees.  The Clerk to contact SDC regarding the possibility of replacing the hedge at Artillery Mews which was removed when houses were built buy SHAL housing.  Trees at White Cottage have been thinned and reduced. Residents are happy. |  |
| **15.** | | Financial items:   * Statement of accounts * To agree the following payments   Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerk  Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website  Mrs Alex Harris £14.39  M Woolacott £500 – Phone Box  Mr D King – Bus Shelter £250  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved. |  |
| **16.** | | **Matters of report:**  Election Training for Clerk and Chairman via Zoom – 8/3/22 at 6pm |  |
| **17.** | **Date & time of next meeting: 14th March 2021 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **18.** | The meeting closed at: 20.05 | |  |