West Huntspill Parish Council

Minutes of 10th October 2022

Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 10th October 2022 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road, West Huntspill.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr R Shaw, Cllr M Saunders & Cllr J Wilks  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present:**  Mr Dave Counsell (Huntspill Cricket Club)  Ms A Mastroplezro (Trees, New Road) |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr Roger Keen, County Cllr Mark Healey, County Cllr Woodman & County Cllr Suria Aujla and Dist Cllr Janet Keen |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**:  None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Shaw proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting after minor alterations held on the 10/7/22. Cllr Wakefield seconded this, and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Higgs approved the Clerks report, and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
|  | | **Meeting closes 19.03 for public speaking**  **Meeting re-opened 19.20** |  |
| **5.** | | **Planning**  **Update Brue Farm Development – Cllr J Wilks**  The developers are not conforming to the rules set in place regarding start and finish times on the site and reports of weekend working.  Piling has started  Pre-condition surveys were completed prior to site works – this was a visual inspection only. Some properties in this area are very old and some do not have deep or any foundations. This is problematic and has been reported to building control.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Wilks will arrange a site meeting with Chris Lomas (CLJ Construction)  Residents need to keep a data log of issues regarding the site. |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor Report:**  County Cllr M Healey reported by email: Distributed to Councillors |  |
| **7.** | | **District Councillor Report: Not Present** |  |
| **8.** | | **Jenefer Tiley Pavilion and grounds**  The following was reported from Mr D Counsell:  Boiler has not yet arrives as needed to be remade as it was faulty.  Plumbing has been installed, but cold water only at present.  Electrics completed  Hand dryers still need to be installed  Disabled toilet has also been installed  Painting yet to be done and a snagging list.  Railway are hoping to start carpark shortly, now season has finished.  The Football pitch is too dangerous to play on as full of deep fissures in the field.  Weed spraying not yet completed as weather has been too dry. This will be done next spring now.  New Signage is need for pavilion before opening.  Tree at entrance to grounds has large branch at gateway which needs urgent attention. Will contact SCC  Gateway to grounds – brick wall is dangerous and needs removing and new gate installing. | CLERK |
| **9.** | | **Ilex Park**  Following recent safety inspection several items need urgent attention. Cllr Saunders and Cllr Wakefield will visit site and take photos of urgent work.  WH have £3944 in the RTL2 fund for new equipment. | CLERK |
| **10.** | | **Footpaths/Grass areas/Trees**  98/99 Ringstone – trees are still an issue. SDC have not removed the problematic tree yet.  Also over hanging branches into resident properties form trees at Ilex. A tree survey will be completed, so a plan of works can be started.  Ditch near Brue Place is overgrown and needs clearing to improve drainage.  Culvert under A38 near the new development may also be blocked.  Cllr Wakefield has been looking at map of village trying to identify areas of ground which may be vulnerable to development. Landowners will be contacted to discuss the possible future of these areas to see if there is a way to protect from over development. | MS  CLERK |
| **11.** | | **Allotments**  Sadly, Mr Fred House has died recently, and the allotment tenancy agreement was held with him and the Parish Council. Hopefully when the tenancy expires in 2024 this will be renewed with the new owner of the land.  Mr S Chick has paid £850 for the allotment rent this month – cheque received. |  |
| **12.** | | **Common & village map area**  The Map on the Common has been photographed and measurements taken so Jim at Media Edge can quote for replacement.  V shaped sign for Common near Bus stop – Cllr Saunders will send design to Clerk and Dans Engineering may fabricate this for us.  Cllr Higgs will contact “Digger Bob” about clearing the rhyne’s on the Common | CLERK  MS |
| **13.** | | **SPFA Playing Field Report**  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Saunders have received the report and a list of actions is being created.  There are no dangerous items at present but there are some high-risk items. |  |
| **14.** | | **Events**  Clean Sweep Planned for 29/10/22 between 10-12pm  Christmas – Christmas tree has been ordered by Cllr Higgs  Event will be held on Sunday 11/12/22 at 6.30pm  Band has been booked  Will ask the Orchard Inn if they can provide burger van.  Gazebo available from Nigel Maddocks  Rev Chris Judson to be contacted and asked to attend.  Cllr Wakefield will purchase the mulled cider and wine.  Remembrance Sunday will be held on 13/11/12 at 10.45 at St Peter and All Hallows **Church**. Wreath will be available from church to collect on the day. | JW |
| **15.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road** – Police are doing twice weekly patrols now.  Solid White lines still not replaced.  **Church Road** – Silver Street Road sign has been replaced.  Bridge from Plymor needs urgent replacement (Rights of Way)  **Main Road** – New bin to be installed near the school at cost of £133.39.  Huntspill Villa has new owners – will request to cut back hedge from footpath.  Sheppard’s Drove – overgrown and dangerous trees – needs reporting again  Withies are very overgrown outside Greenway Lodge – Contact Highways  **New Road** – Village pump discussion next meeting  **Alstone** – To investigate Defibrillator grants. | Clerk |
| **16.** | | **Financial items:**   * Statement of Accounts * To agree the following payments:   Mrs Alex Harris £598.76 – Clerks salary  Mrs Alex Harris £37.99 – Telephone and website  Mrs Alex Harris £7.99 – Microsoft office monthly payment  HMRC £500 – PAYE (Late payment fine 2010)  Mr S Chick – Footpaths £275  Mr S Chick – Grass areas £412.50  Mr F House – Allotment Rent  Huntspill News £30.00  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved.  Cheque £850 – allotment rent received.  PK Littlejohn – Annual Return report received   1. Error reported (Grants placed in wrong column)   Certificate of audit advertised on website as per regulations |  |
| **17.** | | **Matters of report:**  PCSO Danielle McEwan will attend November s meeting |  |
| **18.** | **Date & time of next meeting:**  **14th Novemeber 2022 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **19.** | The meeting closed at: 20.30 | |  |