West Huntspill Parish Council

Minutes of 14th November 2022

Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 14th November 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 A Higgs, Cllr A Clapp, Cllr R Keen & Cllr J Wilks  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present: None** |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present**: Cllr J Keen |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: None |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Higgs proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting after minor alterations held on the 10/10/22. Cllr Saunders seconded this, and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Saunders and Cllr Clapp approved the Clerks report, and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising –None** |  |
| **5.** | | **Planning**  **Update Brue Farm Development – Cllr J Wilks**  The Principal Contractor (CLJ) is still not conforming to the rules set in place regarding start and finish times on the site and reports of weekend working. Work is starting on site at 7.30am instead of 8am and there is weekend working also.  Concern raised over the rhyne that boundaries the site with the A38. Is the depth sufficient? Trees are going in the ditch. Will any trees removed be replanted?  Landscaping to the site is needed to form an environmental barrier from the A38.  Cllr Wakefield informed that Barrett Housing had been in contact and will meet for a discussion regarding this project.  Question was raised when will Barrett homes become the principal contractor as the handover was planned for October 2022.  There will be a minimum of 96 days traffic disruption on the A38 starting this week due to the construction of a roundabout.  First sum of CIL money to be received shortly – approx. £28,000.  Cllr Wilks proposed that the Council should meet with Highways and Planning to discuss the Councils ongoing concerns. Cllr Keen agreed to help facilitate this. |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor Report:**  County Cllr M Healey reported by email: Distributed to Councillors |  |
| **7.** | | **District Councillor Report: Cllr J Keen reported:**  26/11/22 Somerset Trust will be holding a meeting at the Moorland Community Hub to discuss ecological impact.  Bulbs supplied by SDC are quantity rather than quality. Not native daffodils supplied and may harm our native UK daffodils. Asked Council to lobby new Council in April for native bulbs instead. |  |
| **8.** | | **Jenefer Tiley Pavilion and grounds**  A quote has been received to replace the brick pillars and gate at the entrance to the site. A quote is still needed from Mark Pugsley.  Cllr Saunders has kindly offered to donate gate posts to the area.  SPFA grants are available and low interest loans if needed.  Mark Fiddes has quoted £500 + Vat to prune the problematic trees. The Council resolved the accept this quote as the work is urgent. | CLERK |
| **9.** | | **Ilex Park**  On inspection of the park concrete has been exposed and railings need re-instating. There is also a piece of play equipment needs urgent removal. Agreed this to be done by APS fencing as soon as possible.  RTL2 funds of £3994 available for new equipment. 2 Bay flat swing with wet pour quoted for. Approx. quote £6000 including Vat. | CLERK |
| **10.** | | **Footpaths/Grass areas/Trees**  91/93 Ringstone over hanging trees from Ilex at back of properties. The Council agreed to get three quotes to remove offending branches form the whole line of trees. Mark Fiddes, Lannings & Somerset Trees.  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. Clerk to find information from Land Registry. | MS  CLERK |
| **11.** | | **Common & village map area**  The Map on the Common has been photographed and measurements taken so Jim at Media Edge can quote for replacement.  Cllr Higgs will contact “Digger Bob” can clear the drainage ditch of over growth along the road and Common.  The rhyne/ditch to back of pond will need a site visit from drainage board to discuss clearing. | CLERK  MS |
| **12.** | | **Events**  Clean Sweep completed on 29//10/22. The next one will be in March 2022.  Remembrance Sunday was well attended.  **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 – Cost of £150.00  Gazebo available from Nigel Maddocks  Rev Chris Judson is unable to attend.  Cllr Wakefield will purchase the mulled cider and wine.  Carol Sheets x 50 will be ordered via Media Edge  Event to be advertised on social media, website, and flyers.  Jill Wooley will supply chairs for the band.  Cllr Saunders will organise brazier.  **King Charles III Coronation**  May 6th, 2023 - same format as Platinum Jubilee.  Possibly find a sponsor for the event. Ask business on Common for contribution?  Working party to be formed. | JW |
|  | | **Cllr Roger Keen and Cllr Janet Keen leave meeting at 8.10pm** |  |
| **15.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road** – 4 x abandoned cars in area – report via 101  **New Road** – Pump and trough to be cleaned and replanted  **Church Road** – Double yellow lines working well  Foot bridge at Plymor will be reinstated shortly  **Main Road** – Alan Clapp and Cllr A Clapp will cut back withies at the front of Greenway Lodge.  New bin installed by school  **New Road** – Village pump discussion next meeting  **Alstone** – None | 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  Mrs Alex Harris - £144.00 - Annual Easy Books subscription  Royal British Legion £50.00  Huntspill News £30.00  Highbridge Handyman £359.85  Wessex Water £385.69  PKF Little-John Audit £240.00  EDF Energy £36.07  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved.  CIL funds – Approx. £28,000 to be received shortly. Council agreed multiple projects could be completed with this money. A list will be compiled. Ideas so far: Alstone defib, Alstone notice board, Gate at war memorial field, new play equipment, possibly planters for the village. |  |
| **17.** | | **Matters of report:**  PCSO Danielle McEwan didn’t attend the meeting |  |
| **18.** | **Date & time of next meeting:**  **12th December 2022 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **19.** | The meeting closed at: 20.30 | |  |