West Huntspill Parish Council

Minutes of 12th December 2022

Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 12th December 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**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr J Keen, Cllr M Healey, Cllr J Woodman, and Cllr S Aujla |  |
| **2** | | **Dispensation requests**: None |  |
| **3.** | | **Minutes and Clerks Report**  Cllr Clapp proposed the minutes were a true record of the meeting after minor alterations held on the 14/11/22. Cllr R Keen seconded this, and the Council were all agreed.  Cllr Wakefield and Cllr Saunders approved the Clerks report, and the Council were all agreed. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising:**  Cllr Shaw thanked Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Saunders, Cllr Clapp, and Cllr Higgs for arranging the Carol Concert.  Discussed the possibility of holding the event again in 2023, as it was well attended and enjoyed. |  |
| **5.** | | **Planning**  **Update Brue Farm Development – Cllr J Wilks**  Cllr Wakefield, Cllr Clapp, and Cllr Wilks met with the Principle Developer for Brue Farm. There is a live enforcement action open on the application. Barratt Homes were not aware of this.  Starting work time for the site is 7.30 – Monday to Friday and 8am on a Saturday.  Barratt Homes took over as principal contractor on 5/12/22.  No response from SDC regarding a caveat on the land for the school and what would trigger the implementation of the build. Cllr J Keen will chase this.  Another meeting with Barrett Homes to be held in the New Year.  Roundabout construction hasn’t started yet. There will be highway disruption.  Phase 2 & 3 will commence in 2-3 years approximately and will start at the back of the site.  Cllr Wilks suggested meeting with Planning and Highways to forward plan the future of the area.  **52/22/00012 - Outside Alstone Court, Alstone Lane – telecommunications Determination**  Notice of intent to install 1no 9m wooden pole at the above location Ref: WDK333F  **No observations**  **52//22/00013 – Electronic communications at Grange Road – Openreach**  Notice of intent to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus 9 pole – Ref: WDLLJN2R  **No Observations** |  |
| **6.** | | **County Councillor Report:**  County Cllr unwell no report received. |  |
| **7.** | | **District Councillor Report: None** |  |
| **8.** | | **Jenefer Tiley Pavilion and grounds**  No further developments at the pavilion this month.  Mark Fiddes will complete tree work at War Memorial ground this week. | CLERK |
| **9.** | | **Ilex Park**  The trees around the park which border Ringstone all need work to remove large branches. A quote for the whole park is needed. Mr Mike Hall is completing a tree map with a plan of works.  The bungalows (90-99) backing on to the park are where the most urgent tree works are needed before spring.  Work has been completed for exposed concrete around item of play equipment which was reported on annual safety report.  RTL2 funds of £3994 towards new equipment of a 2 Bay flat swing with wet pour has been requested to replace broken springer. Quote £9611.88 including Vat from GB Leisure. There are also CIL funds that could be used against cost. The Council resolved subject to the RTL2 money being received and a site meeting that this should go ahead.  Also suggested Picnic benches at Ilex Park with CIL money. | CLERK |
| **10**. | | **Footpaths/Grass areas/Trees/projects**  99 Ringstone still has issue with a large tree overshadowing property. The Council suggested removing the tree and asking SDC to pay half of costs as there has been no action from SDC since reported over 1 year ago. The Clerk will put this to SDC.  After discussion it was resolved that no new trees were needed in the village at this time.  Cllr Saunders will look at the Pump by the school and look at refurbishment. Budget set at £200 for this project. | 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 overgrowth along the road and Common. Once complete it will be added into Common grass cutting contract to continue to remove overgrowth from ditch to maintain.  Dans Engineering are unable to make the triangular sign at present due to large projects. Cllr Higgs may have a contact who can help. | CLERK  MS |
| **12.** | | **Events**  Clean Sweep will be held in March 2023. Discussed possibility of increasing this event to three times a year. March, June and September.  **Christmas**  Carol Concert was great success.  Council discussed possibility of purchasing a gazebo for future events. Approximate size 12m x 8m. Costs to be investigated.  **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.  Orchard inn – Burger van  Kids games  Rev Chris Judson  Book The King Alfred Concert Band  For Jan 2023 agenda | JW |
| **13.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road** – Abandoned cars reported.  **New Road** – Pump and trough to be cleaned and replanted  **Church Road** – Has issues with poor car parking, causing obstruction to footpaths and highways. Contact PCSO.  **Main Road** – Huntspill Villa conifers still need cutting back form footpath. New owners. Clerk to write to them.  **New Road** – Village pump discussion next meeting  **Alstone** – Defibrillator cost £2000 approximately (CIL Funds). Taunton Kitchen will put in writing that they are happy to site the defib.  Plan CPR event in Balliol Hall | Clerk |
| **14.** | | **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  ASP Fencing – Ilex Park £467.62  Cllr J Wakefield £10.49 Christmas carol concert  Cllr J Wakefield £24.80 – Christmas carol concert  Media Edge – Christmas carol sheets £75.00  Premier Christmas Trees £160.00  Cllr Alan Higgs – Defib Pads £101.94  The Council agreed the banking statement and all payments were approved.  CIL funds –£28,000 received. Council resolved a separate bank account to be set up for these funds to ease transparency and accounting.  Precept and budget setting agreed for January’s meeting. |  |
| **15.** | | **Matters of report:**  PCSO Danielle McEwan update received |  |
| **16.** | **Date & time of next meeting:**  **9th January 2023 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **17.** | The meeting closed at: 20.30 | |  |