West Huntspill Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at 7:00 pm on 13th March 2023 at The Balliol Hall, Church Road, West Huntspill.**

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| **i)** | | **Members present:** Cllr J Wakefield, Cllr M Saunders, Cllr A Clapp, Cllr R Keen & Cllr J Wilks  The Clerk – Mrs Alex Harris | **Action** |
| **ii)** | | **Members of public present:** Mr Dave Counsell (Huntspill Cricket Club) & PCSO Danielle McEwan |  |
| **iii)** | | **County & District Councillors present**: None |  |
| **1.** | | **Apologies for absence**: Cllr Alan Higgs (Sick) Cllr R Shaw, Cllr M Healey, Cllr J Keen, 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 13/2/23. Cllr M Saunders seconded this, and the Council **resolved** this was a true record.  Cllr Saunders and Cllr Wakefield approved the Clerks report, and the Council **resolved** this was accepted. |  |
| **4.** | | **Matters Arising: None** |  |
| **5.** | | **Pavilion and grounds - Mr D Counsell reported:**  The new boilers have arrived and just need to be installed next Friday.  Painting and snagging to be done then the project is complete.  Mr Alan Clapp will visit site and sign off project when its complete.  New defibrillator has been ordered and will be installed within next three weeks and training sessions will be held.  Tree works to remove the three dead elms has started. Contact Mark Fiddes to find out competition date. | Clerk |
| **6.** | | **PCSO Danielle McEwan**  PCSO McEwan attended the meeting and regretfully advised she will be leaving in 4 weeks. A replacement PCSO is being recruited and once in post Danielle will send contact details to the Clerk.  Immigration checks completed at Laburnham House Hotel last month and they are working with the property to establish a good relationship and ensure area is free from anti-social behaviour.  The police will look at abandoned cars at Ringstone also. |  |
| **7.** | | **Planning**  **52/23/0002 Bloor Homes, Land at Brue Farm E: 331551 N: 146676.60**  Variations of condition 3 of planning permission 52/19/00001 (Hybrid (Full and outline) application for the erection of up to 171 dwellings together with associated infrastructure, including provision of roundabout and public open space and seeking outline permission with all matters reserved for the erection of a primary school) to reduce number of plots to 167 and associated layout changes) to replace screen walls with timber fencing.  **The Parish Council possibly object to the screen walls being replace by timber fencing on this application. However, before a decision can be made a site meeting with the developer is needed. A meeting and decision will be made this Friday (17/2/23 2pm).**  Answers still being sought regarding an educational covenant on the area of land in new development which has reserved for a new school.  **52/23/00001 76 Church Road Mr D Andrew**  Demolition of garden structures and the erection of greenhouse, shed, office and gazebo.  **The Council had no observations** | JW  JWilks |
| **8.** | | **County Councillor Report:**  County Cllr Healy reported to the Council by email in his absence. All Councillors have received a copy. |  |
| **9.** | | **District Councillor Report: - None** |  |
|  | | **Cllr R Keen leaves meeting at 19.40** |  |
| **10.** | | **Roads/Footpaths/Grass areas/Trees**  Ilex Park - Tree survey needs completing (Cllr Higgs).  3 x dead elms at the War Memorial ground are in process of being removed.  A request was made by the WI for a notice board on the Common. The Council **resolved** not to take this project forward as there are already two notice boards in the village and possibly another one being installed at Alstone. | Cllr Higgs |
| **11**. | | **Common & village map area**  Rhyne alongside common needs clearing (Cllr Higgs)  Map measurements have been sent to Jim Murray (Media Edge) awaiting opinion and quote.  Dogs messing on common most evenings (Contact Dog Warden)  Rocks need to be removed from common (Cllr Higgs)  An A frame for common needs to be fabricated (Cllr Higgs)  A request was made by the WI for another notice board on the Common. The Council **resolved** not to take this project forward as there are already two notice boards in the village and possibly another one being installed at Alstone. |  |
| **12.** | | **Projects**  The Clerk to obtained quotes for large modular marquee to purchase approx. 122m x 8m (CIL funds for community events). The Council would like further research as needs to be easy to assemble.  The Council discussed purchasing ½ shipping container for storage to be kept at the War Memorial ground. Clerk to investigate costings | CLERK |
| **13.** | | **Events**  Clean Sweep will be held mid-March 2023, possibly the 11th of March or end of March. The Clerk will try and advertise in Huntspill News prior to event.  **King Charles III Coronation**  Sunday May 7th, 2023, 2pm   * King Alfred Concert Band has been booked. * Clerk is researching commemorative coins for the school. | JW  CLERK |
| **14.** | | **Area Report:**  **Ringstone/Withy Road** – Ilex Park site visit needed for installation of new swings.  Footpath has been shut by British Rail. Unsure why as footpath no longer leads anywhere as bridge missing.  **Church Road** – Wooden bench on Common needs sanding and treating.  **Main Road** – 2 x storm drains by Crossways blocked – contact Highways.  Huntspill Villa – overhanging branches contact new owners.  **New Road** – None  **Alstone** – costing complete for defibrillator and instalment – decision of March 2023 meeting (CIL fund)  Phone box will have shelves installed shortly. | Clerk  MS |
|  | | **Grants and Contracts**  **Grants**  The Council **resolved** that a grant of £250 would be pain to St Peters and All Hallows burial ground volunteer group towards mower fuel and equipment.  The Huntspill Hub also submitted a grant request but unfortunately did not request an amount or what their intentions were for the money. The Council **rejected** this application until a suitable project was submitted for approval.  Cllr J Wilks requested more information on the recent CIL funds received via SDC for the Brue Farm development.  **Grass Cutting contract and Footpath contract.**  Mr Steve Chick submitted a quote for both contacts. Mr Chick has held the contract for the last two years and his work has been of a very high standard and good value for money. The Council resolved to accept the quotes for 2023/24. In February 2024 this contract will then go to public tender.  The War Memorial playing field will continue to be cut by Huntspill Cricket Club. |  |
| **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  EDF – Common £56.68  Mr David King £250 – annual bus shelter cleaning payment  SLCC FILCA training cost £144.00  Huntspill Cricket Club – Pavilion £1773.73  Huntspill Cricket Club – Disabled bathroom and ramp £4879.00  Huntspill Cricket Club Defibrillator £974.60  SDC Dog Bin Emptying £167.23    The Council **resolved** the banking statement, and all payments were a true record and approved. |  |
| **17.** | | **Matters of report: None** |  |
|  | | **Correspondence received.**  Letter received to the Chairman from Mrs Thompson regarding the following:   * Planting of more trees in the village especially fruit trees * Plastic Free   The Council agreed on a respond and the Chairman will reply in writing. |  |
| **18.** | **Date & time of next meeting:**  **13th March 2023 – 7pm – Balliol Hall** | |  |
| **19.** | The meeting closed at: 20.30 | |  |