

Minutes for the Meeting of East Tisted Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 6.00pm

Summoned to attend: Phil Cutts (Councillor)

Helen Evison (Councillor) Carl McBean (Councillor)

Sandra Nichols (Councillor & Chairman)

Colin Rule (Councillor, Vice-Chairman & Neighbourhood Watch

Coordinator)

Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)

By Invitation: Mick Crumplin (Village Hall Management Committee)

Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)

9 Villagers

The meeting opened at 6.00pm

1. Welcome, arrangements for the meeting and apologies

The Chair welcomed all and outlined arrangements for the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Carl McBean and Mike Crumplin.

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Public Forum

3.a. Sioux Mingaye informed the council that she was unable to carry out her litter picking duties and asked if anyone else could volunterer. CR agreed to make a request for a volunteer through the village email system. **Action: CR**

Sioux Mingaye also asked for clarification regarding the Village Post Office and the impact the uncertainty was having on the village as a whole. SN agreed to write the Royal Mail / Post Office on behalf of the parish council. SN would also seek backing from District and County Councils to raise the issue with our MP.

Action: SN

Evie Light enquired about refurbishment of the village pond and surrounding area. The area would be handed over by the estate in a reasonable state and thereafter the upkeep would be the responsibility of the ETPC. Advice and possibly a grant would be sought from the SDNPA and reported back. CR suggested seeking village volunteers to assist in with ongoing upkeep after the transfer from the estate to the ETPC

Action: SN/CR

A representative from Selbourne asked about the future of Bowtell's Farm Site and was invited to stay for the open meeting following the Parish meeting, arranged by the estate.

3.b County Council - RO highlighted key points from his December report including the consultation on the Pullen Lane traffic calming scheme, highways queries, the new HCC OurHants mobile app, BOATs (Byways Open To All Traffic) update, salt bins and Christmas at QE Country Park – the report will be attached to these Minutes.



Q. Lack of clearing roadwork furniture after works have been completed - perhaps a penalty should be included in the contract for the completion of the works?

A. Aware there is an issue but highlighted that some of the furniture could be as a result of utility companies, not just contractors. RO would make enquiries for clearing the furniture. Potentially this could be included as a control in the licence necessary to carry out roadworks.

District Council - CL informed the council that Hawkley and Newton Valence received grants to carry out a pond survey and suggested ETPC could do similar. Likewise, Ropley had a similar situation regarding their Village Post Office – CL and SN to discuss and CL would write to our MP.

Action: SN

CL also highlighted that budgets were being set for the coming financial year – this would bring about increased parking fees. The emphasis would be increasing costs for discretionary services, eg garden waste services. The Council Tax would be set in February 2024.

- Q. Sioux Mingaye raised that not everyone in the village was aware that there was a garden waste scheme.
- A. The number of individuals that could use the service is limited to the capacity the provider could handle.
- Q. The matter of the planning request for increased Air Traffic at Farnborough Airport was raised.
- A. CL is strongly opposed to the request.

Village Hall Committee - Fiona Hyde, taking over the role of Treasurer from Brian Davey, informed the council that there would be a new village website and Facebook presence. She acknowledged the need to ensure the financial stability of the village hall. To this end the hourly rental rate would be increased to £15/hr (from £10/hr). Confirmation as to when this increase would take place needs to be sought, along with a request for this financial year's invoice for the Parish Council meetings. **Action: RFO**

The Chairman thanked all and closed the meeting for public participation.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2023 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Action points and matters arising:

 The pre-planning application for a Hall for Hire sign was agreed and would be completed in the coming months.
 Action: Clerk/SN

5. Annual Business

The adopted EHDC Councillor's Code of Conduct document has been uploaded to the website.

6. South Downs National Park

SN confirmed that the questionnaire on the SDNP Parish Priorities Statement update had been circulated to the village but had received a poor response. Nonetheless a response was collated and provided to the SDNPA.

7. East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils.

The EHAPTC meets quarterly and looking for representative to join the council, HE has volunteered to attend meetings, SN will let the Chair/Secretary know. Action: SN

8. Parish Design Statement

SN had responded to the Selborne plan on behalf of the council.



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9. EHDC Emergency Response Plan

Information has been distributed through the Village Newsletter and SN is due to attend the next meeting in January 2024. Action: SN

10. Correspondence received

None received.

11. Planning

SDNP/23/02695/FUL – Public House Car Park - planning application withdrawn.

SDNP/23/04832/TCA - Tree Management behind East Tisted Village Hall - Members of the council had the opportunity to meet with Jamie Diplock, the estate's Forestry Manager, to discuss the application. The Parish Council will support the application.

23/00794/REVPP - Farnborough Air Traffic - The Parish Council has opposed the planning application to expand air traffic.

12. Highways

- a. SID camera Cameras positions are being regularly changed. Collected data has been circulated to the council members, any comments to pass to CM.
- b. A32 CR reported that at the July meeting there had been no formal data forthcoming, which would be followed up. However, the view is that the number of motorbikes has been reduced as a result of the camera locations. However, there now seems to be racing along Monkey Lane between the hours of 23.30 and 00.30, this has been raised with the authorities.
- c. HCC and grant improvements the Parish Council has met with Joe Folland, Hants County Council Engineer, to show him the priorities for the village. A formal application has now been made and we await costings. A public consultation on the proposals will be required before work can commence. RO has offered to follow up with JF.

13. Facilities

Recreation Ground – nothing to report at present.

Village Hall – PC has discussed/requested information regarding power cuts covering East Tisted with SSEN, awaiting data. Providing a manual generator for the village hall would be between £1.000 - £2.000.

Q. What power would the generator provide?

A. Just for the Village Hall to provide a location villagers could use if necessary. Removal of copper to homes will be completed by end of 2025 – CL will provide information on who would be affected locally. Change over of telephones discussions to be carried forward to next meeting.

Village Green/pond – Thanks to Gaze Burvill for the new King Charles III commemorative bench that was unveiled during the successful Village Christmas Tree lighting event held earlier in the month – also thanks to SN for organising the event.

14. Responsible Financial Officer

- a. Councillors received and approved for signature by the Chairman the Statement of Financial Transactions since the last meeting and the Bank Reconciliation.
- b. Councillors received and approved the Budget Monitoring report 2022-23.
- c. The Budget & Precept for 2024-25 was reviewed and discussed, following the need for a few minor changes, the Council agreed the 5% increase that will be requested.

Seconded: PC Proposed: SN All Agreed.

- d. Councillors agreed the following subscriptions and payments:
 - Parish Clerk Salary for Sep-Dec 2023 £224.60
 - Poppy Wreath £27.49
 - Mowing Services Jul-Dec 2023 £550.00



- ETPC Christmas Tree Lighting Event £63.03
- DM Payroll Services £60.00
- e. The laptop has been provided, thanks to CM
- f. Website meeting between PC/SN & Clerk in the coming months Action: SN/PC/Clerk
- g. The commencement of the switch to Unity Trust Bank and the action to register ownership of the Village Hall with the Land Registry are ongoing.

 Action: RFO

15. Date of next meetings

Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 6.30pm, in the Village Hall.

Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 6.30pm, followed by the Annual Village Meeting, in the Village Hall.

Pippa Cockhead Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer January 2024

Agreed as a true and correct record.		
Signature	. Chairman	Date