



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of East Tisted Parish Council held on Thursday 17th December 2020 at 6.30pm using Zoom

- Summoned to attend:** Phil Cutts (Councillor & Chairman)
Helen Evison (Councillor, Clerk & RFO)
Peter Finch (Councillor)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)
Colin Rule (Councillor & Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator)
- By Invitation:** Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
Dan Ross (Hampshire Constabulary) – until 6.57pm
Three villagers (David Bowtell, Emily Hobday &, from 7.20pm,
Arthur Scott)
- Apologies:** Mick Crumplin (Village Hall Management Committee)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)

The meeting opened at 6.36pm

1. Apologies and welcome

The Chairman welcomed all. Apologies were received from Mick Crumplin and Russell Oppenheimer.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Public forum

3.1 The December report from RO had been circulated with the agenda.

3.2 An update was received from CL, District Councillor.

- He had attended the motorcycle noise meeting, refer also 3.3 and item 5.
- East Hants were busy budget setting for 2021/22; they had provided £30million in grants since March 2020
- There were primary Covid vaccination centres near Basingstoke and in Petersfield, but none in Alton or Whitehill/Bordon; he was trying to get one closer to Alton.

Councillors highlighted that good accessibility and plenty of parking were required; personal experience to date, although limited, had been positive.

3.3 DR reported that:

- the Force's priorities remained combatting modern slavery and safeguarding vulnerable people.
- it had been relatively quiet during the March lockdown but less so recently; happily, staff sickness levels had been low.
- locally they were focusing on beggars in Alton town centre and 'operation rebate' – rural burglaries.
- they had been increasing use of social media for relaying intelligence; WhatsApp was particularly useful.
- the Force had 91 new recruits in September, some graduates and some to follow on-the-job professional qualifications; two had been posted to East Hants.
- there were now 3PCs, 1 sergeant and 5 PCSOs based in Alton and similar numbers in Petersfield and Bordon, so staffing levels had improved. Two students would be starting in April, one in Alton and one in Petersfield.

Q: Had there been any traveller activity?

A: No.



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- he had unsuccessfully tried to get information regarding 'noise camera' from Highways; he thought that the system had been on trial.
- they had had some success in Alton regarding the anti-social use of motorbikes; they had seized one bike and another would be seized if it was brought to their attention again.
- they had no equipment that worked on decibel level nor any roadside testing equipment; perhaps they could develop a partnership with EHDC; the roads policing department that ran operations on the A32 felt that they spent a lot of time on this and saw little in the way of results.

PF added that the motorcycle noise meeting had been a scoping meeting, focused on tech rather than deployment; there was equipment that measured noise levels but it appeared that the data from this was not admissible as evidence. A follow-up meeting was to be held; it would be useful if the Police and Highways were represented. DR said that he would be happy to join such a meeting.

6.57pm DR left the meeting

3.4 In his capacity as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, CR advised that there was little to report as volunteers were unable to collate the weekly crime reports; he passed on items of interest that came to his notice.

3.5 In his capacity of Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee, (VHMC), PF advised that the Village Hall had closed again, a grant of £1,000 had been received and the bank balance was in the region of £9,000.

The Chairman asked whether there was anything to be reported from the Estate; there being nothing at this stage 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 27th August 2020 were accepted as an accurate record. A copy would be signed for file.

ACTION: Clerk & Chair

Matters arising:

- meeting with Damian Hinds and other parishes regarding road noise - refer 3.3 and 5
- request feedback from the police regarding the possibility of noise cameras – refer 3.3
- check police numbers – refer 3.3
- develop history pages for the website – refer 7
- liaise with Rotherfield estate office about signage at A32/Station Road junction, refer 12
- request repair of collapsed drain outside Almshouses – refer 12
- reinstatement of verge & footpath on east side of A32 at south end of village – refer 12
- PC annual report for 19/20 for circulation with request for feedback – refer 11.

5. Meeting regarding road noise

Further to CL and PF comments in item 3, PC advised that he had circulated his notes from the meeting to other Councillors earlier today. Damian Hinds had been grateful for the information but felt that the involvement of the police was required. Councillors noted that DR had reported that his colleagues saw little benefit from policing the A32. CR suggested that requests for more police in rural areas been fed into the Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation. CL highlighted that the P&CC received £27m from EHDC; police numbers did not reflect this.

6. Correspondence

PC reported that a villager had e-mailed complaining about the noise from Gaze Burvill. Subsequently PC had spoken with Gaze Burvill and learned that they had installed new ventilation equipment last summer but had only recently become aware that this had resulted



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an increase in external noise; they were reviewing the specification of the motor installed and whether this might be changed. PC had responded to the complainant and would update the Parish Council at the March meeting. **ACTION: PC**

It was noted that neighbours of Gaze Burvill in Newton Valance were also unhappy that Gaze Burvill had been allowed to develop the site. However, Councillors concluded that this would need to have been addressed at planning stage.

7. Website

PC reported that the new website was up and running; the functionality to allow people to be able to register with the website in order to receive news and notices was still in development by the supplier, TEEC, and no date for its launch had yet been provided. It was hoped that the Parish Council would be able to use this to provide updates to villagers in due course. TEEC had developed a planning module but as this would cost £5/month and ETPC needed to review only very limited number of planning applications, it was not considered worthwhile to purchase this.

PF said that he was planning to work on the history pages over Christmas; he hoped to obtain some information from Rotherfield. Emily Hobday advised that they would be happy to help in due course but the Estate office and archives were currently closed.

8. Facilities

Nothing to report at this stage.

9. Planning

Councillors noted receipt of application SDNP/20/04775/HOUS regarding a single storey extension replacing a conservatory at 1 Railway Cottages and that no comments were submitted.

10. Feedback from the Annual Report to Villagers 2019-20

PC reported that villagers continued to be concerned about road safety, particularly along Station Road; it had also been suggested that litter picking be organised. PF advised that he had bought equipment and was planning to go up and down Station Road. PC advised that, from time to time, he collected litter on the Colemore Road. Councillors were concerned that it would be unsafe to collect litter along the A32. SN advised that the residents usually collected litter from their own front gardens. It was agreed that PC would respond to the villagers.

11. Highways

PF reported that:

- Councillors' comments on Hampshire Highways' proposals for 'decluttering and renewal' of signs along the A32 had been submitted to Ian Janes including an offer to contribute to the cost of the works in order to maintain goodwill.

- Hedge cutting had improved the sightlines on Station Road.

- The SID had been repaired and a 'Bluetooth' data unit added; the schedule of deployment had been agreed with Highways.

- There were between 500 and 600 cars in each direction each day; the average speed recorded was in excess of the speed limit. He would bring a full data report to the next meeting and planned to focus on the data and how this might be used in order to address speeding in next village next year. **ACTION: PF**

- There were no immediate plans for village gates or white lining, although these might be considered again in the future.

7.20pm AS joined the meeting

HE commented that the average speed of vehicles at the east end of Station Road, where traffic came into the village from Selborne was believed to be higher than that noted along the



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stretch by the Post Office and shop as this was brought down by vehicles parking and starting from the shop and the farm yard.

CR explained that the 85% figure was used by the Department of Transport to assess the 'natural speed of the road' and that, in the past, this had been used to block the Parish Council's requests for a 20mph limit.

Councillors agreed a potential contribution of £400 towards the cost of Highway's decluttering and renewal programme.

It was noted that without specific plans for works in 2021-22 it was likely that money earmarked for speed reduction measures would be carried forward to 2022-23.

Arthur Scott, villager, advised that the Estate would be happy to contribute towards works such as village gates and white lining.

12. Pond Works and Tree felling

As AS had not been present for the Public Session or the Facilities item, the Chairman asked him whether he would like to provide an update regarding tree and pond works. AS advised that, as a consequence of ash dieback, ash felling was planned along the old railway line footpaths; he would put a notice in the Parish Magazine; they would fell only north or south at a time, so the other should be available for walkers. PC offered to post the notice on the board by the Post Office, on the website and circulate to villagers, as circulation of the Parish Magazine was limited.

ACTION: PC

Q: PC asked whether the various piles of wood around the village would be removed.

A: AS checked and later advised that these were to be moved mid-January.

Q: HE asked why the felling work at the pond had halted and whether it would resume.

A: AS checked and later advised that this was due to the requirement to carry out a bat survey.

AS reported that the 'pond expert' had advised that the pond could be reduced to about half its current size; also research had suggested that there used to be a spring in the garden of Ivy Cottage. HE said that she thought that there was a small, intermittent spring to the SW of the pond. AS suggested that they might organise a questionnaire, asking villagers what they used the pond area for; they might also prepare a landscape plan.

13. Review of the Financial Risk Assessment (FRA)

Councillors reviewed the FRA in the light of Covid-related developments but concluded that no change was required at this time.

14. Responsible Financial Officer

- Councillors received and approved for signature by the Chairman the summary of recent transactions, bank reconciliations numbers 32-36 and the Budget Monitoring Report to 08.12.20.

- Councillors approved payment of the Zoom subscription for December

- Councillors reviewed the draft budget for 2021-22 and debated whether to hold the Precept, increase it by 2% or by 5%. The majority were in favour of a 5% increase, from £4,510 to £4,735.50. Attachment 1.

15. Forthcoming meetings

6.30pm Thurs 18th March 2021

6.30pm Thurs 20th May 2021 to be followed, Covid-permitting, by the Annual Parish Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm.

Helen Evison

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer 22.12.20



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Agreed as a true and correct record.

Signature....., Chairman Date.....