



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: David Bowtell (Councillor)
Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Helen Evison (Councillor, RFO & Clerk)
Sir James Scott (Chairman)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)
Bob Ellis (Villager)
Colin Rule (Villager)
Kevin Watts (Villager)
Jackie Watts (Villager)

By invitation: Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch, East Tisted Community
Website, Village Hall MC & Villager)
Peter Kelly (Hampshire Constabulary) – until 8.10pm
Ian Dugdale (Hampshire Constabulary) – until 8.10pm
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)

Apologies: Mark Kemp-Gee (ex-County Councillor)
Matthew Sheppard (Hampshire Constabulary)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)

1. Welcome and introduction.

The Chairman welcomed all. Apologies were received from Mark Kemp-Gee, Matthew Sheppard and Russell Oppenheimer.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2015 (the 2016 meeting having been cancelled) were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Review from outgoing County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee

The Chairman read Cllr Kemp-Gee's report, Attachment 1. No questions were raised.

4. Annual Review from District Councillor Charles Louisson

Cllr Louisson gave his report, Attachment 2, and took questions.

Q: Did he agree that in the absence of public transport the proposed increase in EHDC car parking charges amounted to a tax on rural household, a blight on Alton and was likely to be counter-productive?

A: Cllr Louisson explained that he and 4 others were opposing this and would continue to do so; he was promoting the idea that 30mins of parking was free.

Q: Perhaps money spent on traffic calming and introduction of a 20mph zone might have been saved so it was not necessary to raise parking fees?

A: The traffic calming and 20mph zone were HCC, not EHDC funded.

Q: Had the introduction of charges for disposing of, for example, rubble, at the tip resulted in increased fly tipping?

A: Fly tipping was a problem; it was an HCC problem but EHDC had to clear things up. EHDC were proactive and took people to court.



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Q: Weren't cost simply being shunted around?

A: Yes, the potential switch to a unitary authority would be one way to address this. Larry Johnson advised that someone had been appointed to monitor fly-tipping and abandoned vehicles so there was a chance progress would be made.

5. Annual Review from Hampshire Constabulary

Sgt Dugdale reported that last year there were 154,000 crimes in the Hampshire Constabulary area, 7 in East Tisted. There were 4 non-dwelling burglaries, theft of a garden bench, theft of fog lights from a car and one case of poaching (which had been successfully prosecuted). There were no violent crimes.

The police were still located in Alton, but there was no 'front desk'. The office was in Mill Lane. The Child Protection team had moved to new offices in Basingstoke. Petersfield Police Station was now closed and they were waiting to move in to new offices.

The police were out every weekend and Wednesday evening monitoring motor cycles on the A32. There used to be fatal accidents every week but there had been none this year so measures appeared to be helpful.

Q: As the police station in Alton had no front desk where might the 'Speedwatch' team collect and return equipment?

A: They could still get this from the police. In future arrangements may be made with Alton Town Council.

There was discussion about the perceived effectiveness of 'Speedwatch' and the failure of the past attempt to arrange 'Speedwatch' in cooperation with Farringdon.

Q: Were the police reluctant to pursue overweight vehicles on country roads?

A: It was a question of priorities and what the police should target; quite often vehicles were going to farms. It was not a question of reluctance just allocation of resources.

Q: So the police choose which laws to enforce?

A: Yes, the focus was targeted and intelligence driven.

Q: And rural areas suffered?

A: Rural areas were low crime areas.

The Chairman thanked the police.

8.10pm Ian Dugdale and Peter Kelly left the meeting

6. ETPC Annual Review

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bowtell for his service to the Parish Council since 1989, the previous Clerk, Emma Dillnutt, who had left last May and Cllr Evison for taking on the roles of Clerk and RFO on a voluntary basis.

The Parish Council was attempting to address speeding in the village and was seeking a reduction in the speed limits on the A32 and Station Road. Installation of an electronic speed limit reminder sign was being considered.

Unfortunately the play equipment had deteriorated to such an extent that it had to be removed. The slide remained and the steps would be replaced or removed.

The possibility of installing a defibrillator was also under consideration but it was hard to judge whether this would actually be useful. It was noted that there was one in Selbourne and it was agreed that Cllr Bowtell would ask whether it had been used and report back to the Parish Council.

ACTION:Cllr Bowtell

Cllr Evison, Clerk and RFO reported that income for 2016/17 had totalled £3,500 but expenditure had been only £2,594 so, at year end, the bank balance had increased to £3,546. The main saving arose from not needing to pay the Clerk's salary; also a donation to the Village Hall for flooring in 2015/16 had not recurred. The 2015/16 accounts had been signed off by the External auditors in August 2016. Some minor matters had been raised and these had been corrected in 2016/17. The 2016/17 accounts were about to be submitted.



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7. Village Website, Neighbourhood Watch and Village Hall

Villagers not present at the earlier Parish Council meeting were provided with copies of Larry Johnson's reports.

8. Questions from the floor

The Chairman asked whether there were any further questions/matters for discussion. Larry Johnson asked whether it might be possible to replace the play equipment with something simple such as a swing. Cllr Bowtell advised that no swings had been included in the original design as they were relatively expensive. It was noted that the installation had cost more than £15,000 about 15 years ago and had only come about due to active fundraising by enthusiastic parents. The Chairman agreed to investigate the cost of a swing.

ACTION: Chairman

Larry Johnson asked whether anything might be done about the state of the telephone box. After discussion it was concluded that the box still contained a working 'phone and was believed to be the responsibility of BT. It was suggested as a potential site for a defibrillator as it already had a power supply.

9. Date of the next Annual Village Meeting

Weds 23rd May was agreed as provisional date for the 2018 meeting.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, Villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Helen Evison

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
23rd May 2017

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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