



## East Tisted Parish Council

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### Minutes for the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Phil Cutts (Councillor)  
Carl McBean (Councillor)  
Sandra Nichols (Councillor and Chairman)  
Colin Rule (Councillor and Vice Chairman)  
Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)  
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)  
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)  
Jessica Hornsby (Hampshire Constabulary)  
4 Villagers

**Apologies:** Helen Evison (Councillor)  
Mick Crumplin (Village Hall Committee)

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#### 1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cllr Nichols welcomed all. Apologies were received from Cllr Evison and Mick Crumplin.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

#### 3. Annual Review from County Councillor RO

The annual report is attached to the minutes.

- RO mentioned that the re-opening of a local agricultural lime quarry could have an impact on local traffic. If there are any concerns to contact RO.
- The average speed cameras have now been in situ for about a year and are having a positive effect on traffic speeds. However, more could be done and is being constantly reviewed.

**Q.** A villager offered the insight that Speed Watch Teams in Selborne were having a beneficial effect and would East Tisted be able to follow suit.

**A.** ETPC had discussed setting up a SWT, but there was a lack of volunteers and there were safety concerns about the A32.

New advanced cameras were becoming available that would be able to provide improved data, included insurance and MOT status, to Hampshire Constabulary. This data would be able to identify hotspots that police could send camera cars to. ETPC are able to forward some data to JH and work from that, CM to liaise with JH. **Action: CM** The new cameras can be grant funded by EHDC and ETPC would be able to apply for a grant this year. **Action: CM**

- Highway improvements will have a boost from extra funding, due to the cancellation of HS2, this will enable the backlog to be cleared over the summer.
- HCC have had their AGM and have elected a new leader – Nick Adams-King, who will oversee the budget gap of £132m through careful use of the Hampshire reserve of £850m.
- **Q.** Has the temporary traffic furniture been forgotten?



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- A. Milestones deny the furniture is theirs. There should be company names on the items, which could be followed up. Alternatively, report the furniture as litter to the council.

### **4. Annual Review from District Councillor CL**

Cllr Louisson thanked those present for their continued support. CL reported that the issues surrounding bin collections have largely been resolved since last year – although there were occasional lapses. The Government will require Food Waste collections in place by 2026 and discussions are being held with Norse, potentially using electric lorries. Electric lorries are bigger and heavy than those currently used and this would cause issues for rural collections. There is currently a shortage of planners and this is having an impact on timings for planning applications. The Draft Local Plan is nearing completion, although there are issues with housing being squeezed into areas not in the SDNP. Tilted Balance is currently in force, which favours developers.

Q. Are there incentives for developers using brown field sites?

A. Often brown field sites are contaminated and therefore more expensive to develop. Council Tax was increased by 5%, but the EHDC still need to make efficiencies and cost savings. However, income has been increased through raising parking charges and increasing garden waste collection charges. EHDC staff have now relocated to Bedford Road and Penns Place will be redeveloped for mixed use.

### **5. Annual Report on the Village Hall.**

In the absence of MC, SN reported that the village hall had a new website and Facebook page. There is still a need to increase the rentals of the hall. It had been proposed to apply for the District Councillor grant to replace the village hall lights with LED's but unfortunately the deadline was missed. Grants are available for this budget year and so this could be progressed.

### **6. Annual Report on Neighbourhood Watch.**

The Neighbourhood Watch report had been presented at the earlier Parish Council meeting.

### **7. Report from Hampshire Constabulary.**

The Hampshire Constabulary report had been presented at the earlier Parish Council meeting.

### **8. Annual Report from Chairman of the Parish Council.**

#### **Village activities:**

There is much effort going on by the Village Hall Committee to increase the activity and footfall through our village hall. Fiona Hyde, has taken over the role of Treasurer from Brian Davey, and has put together a new village hall website and Facebook presence. Apart from the twice weekly yoga classes, successful Chinese meal evenings and the regular Friday pub nights, a new Games Night is now being held on the last Friday of each month. A very successful quiz was held, with another planned for next month. There have been a couple of craft evenings – a ceramics class as well as a Christmas decorations workshop which attracted a full crowd! The village had its first Christmas tree which was placed on the green, and an enjoyable evening of mince pies, mulled cider/juice, along with a few seasonal songs, was enjoyed by all who attended. We are



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grateful to Arthur Scott for providing the fabulous tree and for turning on the lights for us. We are also grateful to Gaze Burville who provided a wonderful new bench to mark the coronation, which was unveiled during the evening. There have been two village meetings to discuss views on the use of the old Bowtell's farm site. Whilst these plans develop, a Community Garden has been established by Worthy Earth on behalf of Rotherfield Park Estate. Villagers are welcome to volunteer at the garden, and produce will be made available free of charge. We are very grateful to the estate for their generosity. A new Walking Group has just started meeting on Fridays at 2pm, starting and finishing at the Community Garden – everyone is welcome, just turn up!

### **South Downs National Park Priorities Statement:**

SDNP asked parishes to provide a Priorities Statement to assist with them with their forward planning. The Parish Council distributed the documentation via the various email lists and copies were made available in the village hall. There was only a limited response but the three key priorities for East Tisted in the next 15 years identified by those responses were:

1. Retention of the current village green/pond, village hall, church, recreation ground and public access routes for the foreseeable future.
2. Redevelopment of the old Bowtell's farm site to include sympathetic economic activity and small scale housing
3. Improvement to public transport, local roads and broadband availability.

### **Recreation Ground:**

The Parish Council now has sight of the draft agreement with Rotherfield Park Estate and it is hoped that this can be finalised in the not too distant future. The arrangements suggested and overseen by Eveie Light, whereby access to the recreation ground for dog walkers is limited to those local people who have asked for the combination to the gate lock, continue to work well – thank you Eveie

### **Village Green and Pond:**

The Parish Council reached agreement in principle with Rotherfield Park Estate to take over responsibility for this area, as our insurance does not require the pond to be fenced. The estate will hand the area over in good order and will retain responsibility for the trees. Several villagers have commented on the need to improve the area and work is currently ongoing in consultation with the South Downs National Park to see if we can access advice and funding for this.

### **Highways:**

The Parish Council continues to monitor traffic flows through the village, via the SID camera. Camera positions are being regularly changed and data is provided for each Parish Council meeting. This information is useful in our dealings with the Hampshire County Council Highways department. We are grateful to Cllr McBean for undertaking this responsibility. We have held further meetings with Joe Folland, Hampshire County Council Engineer, on the list of improvements submitted against the £15,000 grant we were awarded by SDNP, which were detailed in last year's report. We are waiting the final costing before the matter goes out to public consultation.



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### **Village Post Office:**

The business has struggled, partly due to the withdrawal of services that could be offered by the Post Office and Royal Mail and sadly, has now closed. The Parish Council wrote to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail and to our MP, Damian Hinds, about this issue and took part in a piece that the BBC did on South Today.

### **Village defibrillator/AED:**

The village defibrillator was moved to the front of the village shop due to the closing down of Bowtell's Farm Shop. As the shop has now shut the Parish Council is reviewing the future location.

### **Planning applications:**

The Parish Council responded to planning applications this year, including for an enlarged car park at the West Meon Hut (now Caffeine and Cars) which was later withdrawn. We supported the application by Rotherfield Park Estate for tree management in the conservation area, but opposed the planning application to expand air traffic through Farnborough Airport. We have written a letter of support for a proposed new 'wrap round' care facility at Selbourne School.

### **Emergency Response Plan:**

The County and District Councils have been looking to ensure that local town and villages are prepared in the event of unforeseen circumstances, i.e. flooding, wildfires etc. The Parish Council has been involved in various workshops and has considered what needs to be done in East Tisted. Whilst there is further work to do, we have already published details, via the newsletter, of how villagers can be prepared with Individual Home Plans. We have also investigated the possibility of investing in a generator for the village hall, to deal with power cuts. However, the review of past power cuts has shown that these are now infrequent and happening mainly during the night and so we will not be proceeding with this action. An emergency village communications and a 'directory' of who to contact about what, will be put together in due course.

### **Thanks**

Without the goodwill and the work of so many volunteers, small villages, such as East Tisted, would struggle to function. Some have already been mentioned, but as Chairman, I am particularly grateful to my fellow Parish Councillors, for their time and their invaluable advice, and to Pippa Cockhead, our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. There is also the Village Hall Committee, We are enormously grateful to Mick and Ronnie Crumplin, Fiona Hyde, Brian Davey, David Bowtell and Christine Hailstone, who organise the Chinese meals, along with all the rest who so loyally keep things going! I would also like to thank Colin Rule for overseeing the Neighbourhood Watch as well as managing the village email list. Thanks also to Chris Fuller for keeping the Cricket Club going and we mustn't forget Sioux Mingaye for her sterling work in keeping the litter at bay! Likewise, our church community, who work so hard to keep St. James going as a vital part of our village. Finally, we are grateful to Arthur Scott and his team at Rotherfield Park for all of the support and assistance provided by the Estate.



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**9. Topics proposed by villagers.**

None had been notified.

**10. Questions from the floor.**

Sioux raised concern about the number of villagers who attend ETPC and village meetings. Suggestions were made about better publicity, offering drinks & nibbles, getting the younger generation involved in the evening. Also, the council members circulating flyers during the D Day Picnic, to highlight how much the parish council do. More information could be put into the Tisted Tales newsletter.

CR asked about the market garden on the farm site. Worthy Earth are running the operation for Rotherfield Park Estate. This is a community market garden and produce when available will be available for villagers free of charge. It is hoped that volunteers will provide a bit of time to assist the Worthy Earth team when they are there, and there is a WhatsApp group to join to be involved.

CJ suggested that a WhatsApp group be started for East Tisted, this will be mentioned in the newsletter. **Action: SN.**

CM mentioned that the bells of St James would be ringing between 7.15-7.45pm on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for the D Day celebrations.

**11. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

*Pippa Cockhead*  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
May 2024

Agreed as a true and correct record.

Signature....., Chairman    Date.....