



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Helen Evison (Councillor, RFO & Clerk)
Sir James Scott (Chairman)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)
Colin Rule (Villager)
Julian Evison (Villager)

By invitation: Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch, East Tisted Community
Website, Village Hall MC & Villager)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
Jonathan Moore (Communities Against Noise & Speed, CANS)

Apologies: David Bowtell (Councillor)
Matthew Sheppard (Hampshire Constabulary)
Ian Dugdale (Hampshire Constabulary)

1. Welcome and introduction.

The Chairman welcomed all. Apologies were received from David Bowtell, Matthew Sheppard and Ian Dugdale.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2017 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

3. Annual Review from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

Russell presented his report, Attachment 1. No questions were raised.

4. Annual Review from District Councillor Charles Louisson

Cllr Louisson reported that EHDC finances were strong; there were no more government grants and they were now self-funding. The strategy of investing in commercial property had proved successful. Back office activities were being shared with other organisations and services were being sold to other councils. The EHDC element of Council Tax was unchanged for 2018/19 but consideration was being given to increase this in the future in order to improve services.

Looking at more local issues, he had opposed the increase in parking charges, was involved in the replacement of the Alton Sports Centre and the consultation regarding replacement of the Alton Community Centre. He had agreed ETPC's application for a District Councillor's grant towards a defibrillator and four other grants to other villages. Boundary Commission Review: The population of Four Marks and Alton was increasing so, in order to keep the number of elector in each ward reasonably similar the rural wards were getting bigger. East Tisted would remain part of Ropley and Tisted Ward but this would also now include Hawkley, Priors Dean and Colemore. The Transport Consultation was considering the possibility of more and/or faster trains from Alton and Petersfield to Waterloo.



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5. Annual Review from Hampshire Constabulary

Refer item 8.

6. Communities Against Noise & Speed

Jonathan Moore outlined the history and objectives of CANS, refer Attachment 2.

7. ETPC Annual Review

The Chairman thanked Cllr Evison for continuing to act as Clerk and RFO on a voluntary basis and Larry Johnson for chairing the Village Hall Management Committee and managing Neighbourhood Watch, Speedwatch and the village website.

Highways: Over the year the Parish Council had continued the focus on highways attempting to reduce speed limits on the A32 and on Station Road; a speed survey had been conducted on Station Road and radar speed monitors had been borrowed from EHDC. EHDC had also suggested that use of white lines to demarcate single-track sections of road might contribute to speed reduction. Villagers' views would be welcomed.

Facilities: The playground equipment had continued to deteriorate and, sadly, had to be removed. On a more positive note, Cllr Cutts had championed the purchase of a defibrillator and obtained a CC grant towards this. Many thanks to Phil and Charles.

Accounts: For the summary audited accounts for 2016/17 and 2017/18 refer Attachments 3 and 4.

8. Village Website, Neighbourhood Watch and Village Hall

Website: Larry reported that this was little used; there were about 30 hits p.a. However, it was required to publish the PC minutes.

Village Hall Committee: Refer Attachment 5.

Neighbourhood Watch (including Police Report): Refer Attachment 6.

8. Questions from the floor

- The Chairman asked whether CANS were looking for support. JM explained that a letter of support from the Parish Council would be welcome. At present the group was self-funding; the issue of future funding was to be addressed, 'crowd funding' was a possibility.

- JE expressed concern that redevelopment of the A32/M27 junction would increase traffic on the A32 and requested that RO try to take action to decrease use of the route. RO explained that he had asked about reclassification but this had not been agreed, however, he had recently joined the Select Committee whose remit included transport and recognised the need to restrict traffic on the A32 and A31.

- CR noted that, although considerable funds had been invested in broadband, little money had come to rural areas and where there was no alternative to Open Reach's copper-plated wires broadband was, in practical terms, unusable. Could District or County Councillors help? RO agreed that it was frustrating that there was no alternative to Open Reach. There was no more funding from central government. Despite government commitment to the Universal Service Obligation (USO), giving everyone in the UK access to speeds of at least 10 Mbps by 2020, he understood that funding was to be capped at £3,000. RO advised against investing significant personal funds and suggested awaiting developments in technology.

- JE thanked HCC and EHDC for their prudent management of rates and services. It was highlighted that the dump in Alton worked well; villagers wanted this to continue in order to minimise fly-tipping. It was hoped that HCC and EHDC would continue to fund waste disposal.



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9. Date of the next Annual Village Meeting

Weds 15th May was proposed as provisional date for the 2019 meeting.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, Villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

Helen Evison

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

17th June 2018

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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