



## East Tisted Parish Council

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### Minutes for the Meeting of East Tisted Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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:** Fiona Hyde (Village Hall Management Committee)  
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)  
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)  
7 Villagers

*The meeting opened at 6.00pm*

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#### 1. Welcome, arrangements for the meeting and apologies

The Chair welcomed all and outlined arrangements for the meeting. Apologies were received from Jessica Hornsby (Hampshire Constabulary).

#### 2. Declaration of Interests

None

#### 3. Public Forum

**3.a.** Sioux Mingaye asked if there would be a continuation of some sort of Outreach service from the Village Post Office, although most Outreach sites will be closing. Arthur Scott commented, as landlord, that the community would still have use of the site in some way. Further discussion regarding the Village Post Office situation was part of the main meeting below.

**b. County Council** - RO highlighted key points from his March report including changes in the local government structures, Budget update, new schools street policy, HCC Broadband roll out, new local transport plan and confiscated vapes. The report is on the website.

Q. Why was the ETPC Council Tax increased by 7.4%, when 5% was expected.

A. With a budget gap of £74m next year, the maximum increase in overall Council Tax had been agreed and the local precept was as a percentage of this.

**c. District Council** - CL informed the council that there may be household tip closures as a result of HCC budget consultations. The new Local Plan for Alton and the proposal of 1700 new properties was being considered, this would have an impact of increased traffic in the area. CL suggested that if objections were being raised an alternative proposal should be put forward, rather than an outright 'NO we don't want them in our area'.

Q. Are the 1700 properties to be on a single site?

A. 1000 properties are suggested for one site, which may include a school or a financial contribution to an existing school.

Q. How many units have been developed of the 5 year land supply?

A. Approximately 100.

Q. How much control does EHDC have for infrastructure, e.g. doctors, hospitals, schools?

A. If the Strategic Plan is in place the developers have to contribute (Section 106 Agreement).



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**d. Village Hall Committee** – FH outlined the two main concerns for the village hall at present were that the big fridge needs replacing or repairing - quotes were being looked into - and the hall back wall was showing signs of damp. These issues would be a huge burden on the finances and therefore more bookings were required. Signing up to Easyfundraising and the EHDC local Lottery are a small help. SM suggested whether sponsorship for the big fridge could be looked into. CL agreed that grant funding maybe available once the new year opens April 2024. RO maybe also has grant fund that could be applied to after June 2024. Other suggestions included claiming on the hall insurance, or replacing the fridge with the one from the shop.

**e. Hampshire Constabulary** – Jessica Hornsby sent an email prior to the meeting which Cllr Nichols summarised for the meeting.

*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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. Action points and matters arising:

- Village Hall Generator – PC gave a summary of his investigation. Several of the villagers have generators of their own; most power cuts occur overnight; cost prohibitive. The chair thanked Cllr Cutts for his work and all agreed not to proceed with the plan to provide a generator for the village hall.
- Unity Trust Bank – RFO confirmed that the two accounts (current and savings) have been opened with Unity and are working. The number of councillors able to authorise payments needs to be increased. The TSB account now needs to be closed by HE once the April Precept has been received into the Unity account – at the date of issuing the Minutes the Precept has been received. **Action: HE/RFO**
- Hall for Hire Sign – SN/RFO confirmed that the original request to replace the current car parking sign does not need planning permission. However, after discussions during the meeting, the council has decided to re-apply with the view to having a sign closer to the road side. **Action: SN/RFO**
- Village Post Office – SN wrote on behalf of the Parish Council to the Chief Executive of Royal Mail and to Damian Hinds, our MP. SN also took part in a piece that the BBC did on South Today. It seems that there was some confusion in the relationship between the East Tisted Outreach service and the Droxford Sub Post Master in that whilst there was a special arrangement for parcels and other special services items to be collected from East Tisted, this was changed. The new arrangements were that East Tisted could continue to take these items in, but they would have to make arrangements for them to get to Droxford. Sadly, as it turns out, Dave and Julie have now closed the shop and the village post office, so this is all academic now.

### **5. Zurich Insurance**

There will be an overall review of the Insurance policy with respect to Indemnity and the Village Hall. **Action: All Cllrs**

### **6. East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils.**

The EHAPTC has been re-activated and updates will be presented at future council meetings.



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### 7. EHDC Emergency Response Plan

SN attended the workshop run by the County Council on how communities can help themselves in the event of an emergency – with respect to flooding, weather extremes, wildfire, civil unrest, etc. Some communities have very detailed local emergency plans although most small communities don't appear to. A blueprint document has been provided and some best practise documents that can be referred to. Consideration in terms of emergency village communications and a 'directory' of who to contact about what should be actions in due course and reviewed as necessary.

### 8. 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day Memorial

The village is invited to a picnic at Rotherfield Park at 7:30 on Thursday, 6 June – bring your own food, drink and picnic blanket. This will be followed by the national beacon lighting at 9:15 and Arthur is kindly arranging for a piper to mark this. There is a national church bell ring-out at 6:30 pm, which the newly refurbished East Tisted church bells may be involved in this. SN has asked if it would be possible for the local bells to be rung at 7:30 either instead of, or as well as this. All updates will be notified through the village newsletter.

### 9. Correspondence received

Citizen Advice Bureau Hampshire – A request has been received for a donation from the council, although a worthy cause, the council agreed this would not be appropriate use of council funds. Selborne School – John Brittan has asked if we could provide written support for a proposed new 'wraparound' care facility at Selborne School. The council agreed that SN would provide the written support. **Action: SN**

### 10. Planning

None

### 11. Highways

a. Village Speed Camera Information – CMcB reported the continuation of the relocating of the speed cameras and the collection of data. High traffic volumes are being experienced through the village and along the A32, a proposal to request a police camera was agreed and would be followed up. **Action: CMcB**

b. Update on A32 meeting – no further update at present

c. Update on HCC and grant improvements – SN reported that the application fee has been paid and has had contact with Joe Folland, HCC's Traffic Engineer. The next step is a detailed costing of the various measures. JF gave an indication of £13,200 for the extension of the verge markers for the full length of the paths and for extending the footpath to the playing field turn-in. This is the most costly element as it will involve traffic management along the A32. Once the costings have been received a community consultation will need to be carried out, which will be a lengthy process.

d. SN has reported the pothole at the bottom of Station Road, along with the flooding on the A32 at Mary Lane, Newton Valance crossroads – both are on the HCC list.

### 12. Facilities

a. Recreation Ground – nothing to report.

b. Village Hall – nothing further to report.

c. Village Green – SN met with Jamie Diplock, Rotherfield's Forestry Manager to arrange the removal of the 5 or 6 stumps near the road side – it became apparent that these are a hazard after the Christmas event on the green. The stumps further back will remain as a deterrent for any van drivers thinking they can take a short cut from the bungalows. JD will also remove the re-shooting Ash and destroy those stumps so they don't re-grow.

d. Village Pond - The application window for the SDNP Ponds for Ponds grant scheme has just opened and SN will be filling in the form. Permission from Rotherfield Park will be needed for



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any work carried out. This is a competitive scheme and so it is by no means certain of success. The reason for choosing this scheme in the first instance is that they will send round one of their rangers to advise on what needs to be done. If the application is unsuccessful, there may be other sources of funding that can be pursued, as previously mentioned. **Action: SN**

**13. 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. Councillors agreed the following subscriptions and payments:
  - Parish Clerk Salary for Jan - Feb 2024 - £288.44
- d. VAT reclaim request is due. **Action: RFO**
- e. The Internal Audit date has been set for 13<sup>th</sup> May, with Paul Reynolds. **Action: RFO**
- f. Website meeting between PC/SN & Clerk in the coming months. **Action: SN/PC/Clerk**
- g. The registration of the Village Hall with the Land Registry is ongoing. **Action: SN/RFO**

**15. Date of next meetings**

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

Pippa Cockhead  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
April 2024

Agreed as a true and correct record.

Signature..... Chairman    Date.....