



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes for the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Summoned to attend: Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Helen Evison (Councillor)
Carl McBean (Councillor)
Colin Rule (Councillor and Vice Chairman)
Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)

By Invitation: Mick Crumplin (Village Hall Management Committee)
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)
6 Villagers

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Cllr Rule welcomed all and explained that he would be chairing the meeting as Cllr Nichols had to leave on a prior engagement.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2022 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 full report is attached to the minutes. Highlights included the historical and emotional events surrounding Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, followed by her death in September and the subsequent proclamation of King Charles III, Hampshire's support for Ukraine refugees and biodiversity and environmental issues. This included the contracting out of grass cutting to local farmers, thus enabling local factors to dictate cutting times, the planting of verges with wild flowers, the continued investment in Hampshire roads, pot hole repairs, speed cameras and the 20mph forum.

4. Annual Review from District Councillor CL

Cllr Louisson thanked those present for their continued support. Charles highlighted that speed cameras had now been placed on the A32 prior to entering East Tisted and hoped that side roads were not affected by an increase in traffic as a result. The situation would be monitored and more cameras may be the answer in the future. Waste collection services are now independent from Havant. Staff shortages are still being experienced and a difficulty in sourcing spare parts for the vehicles. However, there is no back up of waste. The new contract with Norse includes penalty clauses, which will help make the service more reliable. Planning under a new Local Plan covers areas both within and outside the SDNP. Housing requirements not met within the SDNP would need to be covered by housing outside the park. Council Tax has been held at 2% and has been enhanced with additional benefit schemes. It is now possible to pay over 12 months, rather than 10 months, thus reducing average monthly bills. Grants of up to £200k are available to Parish Councils. Fly tipping was raised as an ongoing issue, costing local landowners a considerable amount to clear. As a result of this it was felt that council costs may not reflect the true size of the fly tipping issue. Photos need to be taken and reported to the council. Cllr Rule suggested that an information sheet be produced/provided to individuals considering using contractors, thus ensuring the correct waste disposal method and licenses were in place.

5. Annual Report on the Village Hall.



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The village hall report had been presented at the earlier Parish Council meeting.

6. Annual Report from Chairman of the Parish Council.

Village activities:

The Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen provided the opportunity for the community to get together to celebrate. Rotherfield Park Estate kindly invited the whole village to an evening with a BBQ and entertainment, followed by a beacon lighting at sunset. On the Sunday, the church held a special service of celebration and thanksgiving with refreshments after, and despite the poor weather, some 50 or so brave souls attended our village picnic on the Monday. This provided the impetus to try and get some more activity going through our village hall to try and sustain its future viability. Things are getting off to a slow start, but the successful yoga classes, Friday pub nights and Chinese meals continue with extra activities such as a disco being tried. We are very grateful to Mick and Ronnie Crumplin, Brian Davey and the rest of the Village Hall Management Committee for their work in keeping it all together! Another royal event, the coronation, provided an opportunity for the community to celebrate recently, with Rotherfield Park Estate again hosting a party, and the church likewise having a special service with refreshments after. A new village newsletter (a re-vamp of the old Tisted Tales for those who can remember!) has been launched. It is intended for this to be a quarterly publication with news and events. Contributions are welcome from anyone, and we particularly hope that the estate will be involved to let us know what is happening around and about.

Village defibrillator/AED:

We have had to move the village defibrillator, due to the closing down of Bowtell's Farm Shop. It is now located on the front of the village shop. We are very grateful to Dave Crowther and Julie for allowing this, to Phil Cutts for organising the move and to our District Councillor Charles Louisson for the grant towards the moving costs.

Roads:

We are very fortunate to have received a £15,000 grant from the South Downs National Park under their Community Funded Initiative for traffic control and related measures in the village. We met with Hampshire County Council Highways Department to see what measures will be most appropriate given the issues that we have. We put together a priority list and Council engineers will come out to assess and cost these against what we have to spend. The priority list is as follows:

1. White lining on bends near village shop to attempt to slow traffic
1. White lining on narrow areas of Station Road – particularly heading west towards A32
2. White lining on village entry from Selborne direction before and on the bend
3. Priority signage on narrow areas (as per under single track railway bridges - as HCC wish to actually reduce signage, the waterfowl/duck signs can be removed/replaced)
4. Extending the black & white bollards the full length of the village area of the southbound side of the A32 which would encompass the 'layby' and ensure that all walk-way areas are protected by this means
5. Extending footpath to the recreation ground
6. Village 'gates'
7. Extra 30mph signs

In the last few days HCC has said that the proposed East Tisted CFI scheme has been prioritised in their new 2023/2024 programme of works with initial investigations likely to start in the next few weeks.

Further speed control measures on A32: You will know that we have been working for a long time to try to address the speeding and accompanying traffic noise through the village on the A32. Along with neighbouring councils and our MPs we lobbied the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner on this issue and at the beginning of last year, she committed to installing



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an average speed enforcement system along the A32 from East Tisted to West Meon, and also on the A272 between Bramdean and Langrish. These cameras are now being installed and it is hoped that this will go a long way towards stopping the excessive speeding, and accompanying noise, that those of us who live along the A32 have had to suffer.

Flooding alleviation works on A32:

We were very frustrated at the lack of communication from HCC regarding the extended closure of the A32 for flood alleviation works at Faringdon last year. We hosted a meeting for neighbouring parishes with HCC and the contractors to lay out our concerns. Unfortunately a further closure will take place from 30 May. As a result of a specific request from East Tisted Parish Council letters were sent this time to residents of East Tisted, Newton Valance and Selborne to set out the details. They will also be taking the opportunity to undertake resurfacing work and it is expected that the road will be closed at Faringdon for up to three weeks. There will be further works, but these are expected to be managed with single carriageway closures and traffic lights.

Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

During this year we have welcomed Pippa Cockhead as our new Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, taking over from Helen Evison. We sincerely thank Helen for this extra work that she did allowing the Parish Council's limited income to be used for projects within the village.

Recreation Ground:

Building on the work done by Phil Cutts, our former chairman, we have at last been able to reach agreement in principle with the owner of the recreation ground, Rotherfield Park Estate, on future leasing arrangements. The main concern was responsibility for the cricket pavilion. The new agreement will exclude the pavilion but there will be an unwritten understanding that, should work need doing, that would be more than could be covered by the cricket club, it would be viewed as a joint effort between the cricket club and the whole community. We are also pleased to report that 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, have proved to be a success – thank you Eveie.

Village Green and Pond:

The Estate has been concerned about the drowning risk posed by the village pond. A number of meetings have been held with the Estate and a variety of proposals regarding fencing and hedging discussed. This had even involved Hampshire Highways as it has subsequently been found that an area of roughly half of the green comes under their remit. We have now agreed that the estate will lease this area to the Parish Council – it can come under the Parish Council's insurance whose provider has no concern about the pond so obviating the need for fencing. The agreement will exclude liability for the trees which will remain with the estate.

Land behind the Village Hall:

The license between the estate and the Parish Council has been finalised and now signed off.

Thanks

There has been much going on this year, a lot of which had been set in train by our past chairman Phil Cutts, who was thanked for his continuing support, and likewise Peter Finch on the highways side of things, who continues to manage our speed indicator signs. Our thanks also to Julian Evison for checking the defibrillator and Colin Rule for overseeing the Neighbourhood Watch and for managing the village email list. A big welcome to Carl McBean,



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the newest member of the Council and of course our new Clerk, Pippa. Thanks also to Arthur Scott for his support and the assistance provided from the estate.

7. Topics proposed by villagers

Monitoring of the fly tipping issue.

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.46pm.

Pippa Cockhead

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
May 2023

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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