



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of East Tisted Parish Council held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 6.30pm

Summoned to attend: Pippa Cockhead (Clerk & RFO)
Phil Cutts (Councillor)
Carl McBean (Councillor)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)
Colin Rule (Councillor)

By Invitation: 2 Villagers – left at 7.45pm
Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor) – left 6.45pm

Apologies: Dave Crowther (Village Shop)
Mike Crumplin (Village Hall Management Committee)
Helen Evison (Councillor)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

The Chairman welcomed all. Apologies were noted from Dave Crowther, Mike Crumplin and Helen Evison.

2. **Declaration of Interests**

None.

3. **Public Forum**

3.1 RO summarised the March Report, highlighting the increase of 5% in the Council Tax for 23/24; the focus on 20mph areas in the county – with an announcement expected in June 23. Further discussion of Highways is described in Section 7 of these minutes; figures were given regarding pupils receiving offers of one of their preferred choices. Comment – CR felt this didn't reflect the situation in his experience, with a large number of appeals, which were taking far longer to process than previously. Discussion followed on issues surrounding increased house building creating a higher demand for over subscribed schools and the need for more facilities. The need for more building of schools. The onus on builders to enhance existing school facilities. Hampshire County Council's tree planting programme was highlighted and SN agreed to draw the scheme to the attention of the Rotherfield Estate.

ACTION: SN

RO finished by advising the council that his Year End report would be earlier than usual, due to another Parish Council having their Annual Parish Meeting in March 2023.

3.2 Members of the public – SN gave a verbal update from Dave Crowther about the Community First Responder Scheme. DC is unable to take part now due to his health, but he has directed a few people, who expressed an interest, to the team based in Alton. Specifically, it is understood that a Rotherfield employee was looking to progress on to a course, SN to confirm.

ACTION: SN

3.3 On behalf of Neighbourhood Watch CR commented that there had been some doubt as to whether village list emails were being received. He would check further into this. He also mentioned that not all post was being delivered regularly. There was no other correspondence of note to pass on to the village. SN thanked CR for his continued efforts.

ACTION: CR

The Chairman thanked all and closed the meeting for public participation

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.**

SN commented that in Section 11, third section –
'It was noted that EHDC had successfully applied for a grant...'



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should be amended to read:-

‘It was noted that HCC had successfully applied for a grant...’

With this clarification, the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2022 were accepted as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Facilities.

5.1 Defibrillator – PC responded to the enquiry about whether the defibrillator could be solar powered. Due to the relocation site being north facing, this was not an option. The grant application of £180, to relocate the defibrillator had been successful and the electrician has been booked for 6th April to carry out the work. SN is to formally thank CL with respect to the grant.

ACTION: SN

5.2 Village Hall – SN sent the village hall questionnaire out again in January and received a further two responses making a total of 3 responses by email, 9 returned questionnaires and a couple of word of mouth responses. A minimum of 6 responses for any one suggestion had been sought in order to progress. The most popular, but still only receiving 5 responses each, were for a gardening club and for a movie night. Local businesses, within a 10 mile radius, were also contacted to offer the hall as a meeting facility, no responses to date. It is planned to have a village newsletter on a quarterly basis and it is hoped to be able to plan some extra events in the village hall for every other month so that a ‘What’s On in the Village Hall’ section can be included to help increase ‘traffic’. The first edition is hoped to be out in early April. Linked to that, SN is attending a funding workshop to see if there are any grants for related expenses, like hiring of equipment, etc. SN reminded members that the terms of the bar licence are that only members of the village hall committee can serve drinks and so we very much rely on their good will to voluntarily give up their time for any extra activities.

ACTION: SN

CM has offered IT equipment to the Village Hall, which has been accepted and CM was thanked for his offer by SN.

ACTION: CM

5.3 Recreation Ground and Village Green – The council had received a proposal from the Estate to try to resolve these outstanding issues. On the Village Green/pond, the estate will lease this area to the Parish Council – it can come under the Parish Council insurance (the provider had no problem with the pond and this would mean that there is no need for it to be fenced) – the proposal would exclude liability for the trees, and the estate would get the area up to scratch before hand-over (The Councillors would need to do a plan of what was needed).

ACTION: ALL

On the Recreation Ground, the main concern was responsibility for the cricket pavilion and this would be excluded from the agreement. There would 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. This requires discussion with Chris Fuller. Members were asked to vote on accepting the proposal in principle and this was agreed.

Proposed: PC; Seconded: CR. All agreed

ACTION: SN

6. Planning

The Council has supported the applications for conversion of Old Laundry Bungalow adjacent to Rotherfield Park - SDNP/22/05819/FUL & SDNP/22/05820/LIS and the application for an extension to the Old Coach House – SDNP/22/05919/HOUS & SDNP/22/05920/LIS. The Council did not support the retrospective planning application for a mobile home at Newton Valance - SDNP/22/04819/FUL



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7. Highways

7.1 SN updated members regarding the 20mph speed limits (also covered by RO report) - The review of the County Council's 20 mph speed limit policy is continuing. The 20 mph Task and Finish Working Group has recently completed its review of information and evidence in supporting and feeding into the wider review of the 20 mph Policy. They reported their findings and recommendations to the Universal Services Transport and Environment Select Committee on 23 January, which in turn will lead to a report to Cabinet in the Summer. At this stage, no new 20 mph speed limits are proposed until the outcomes of the review are known and any policy changes approved. The Council continues to receive significant volumes of requests for 20 mph speed limits from areas across Hampshire and they are keeping a log of these.

- Road signs/wheelie bin stickers – HE had kindly looked into the possibility of further warning signs, but concluded that there aren't any further posts not already in use. At the same time the Parish Clerk received an email about wheelie bin stickers that could be purchased for residents to use if they would like. Councillors discussed and concluded that bins would only be visible for a very short period of the week and would be ineffectual.
- Review traffic speed and volume statistics – CR commented that volume of speeding incidents had increased 1-2%, but felt that speeds were generally being contained. Infractions were occurring before 5.00am and after 10.00pm. Continued thanks was expressed for Peter Finch's effort, SN will contact PF and write a piece for the Village Newsletter. **ACTION: SN**
- CM asked how other local villages were responding to the situation, specifically Selborne and their weight limit trial.
- Update on CFI measures – SN contacted Ian Janes who said that his department was being reorganised and that he couldn't update us yet as he didn't know the status of the team, SN will chase again. **ACTION: SN**
- A32 closure – SN wrote to the County Council back in January with our lessons learned on the first closure – SN subsequently followed up trying to find out when we are to expect the second closure. As a result she has been invited to a multi-agency meeting at the end of the month to represent local parish councils. SN will update Councillors after the meeting. **ACTION: SN**
- All villages were invited to report potholes and other damage to local roads. SN will raise the resurfacing issue during the A32 road closure. **ACTION: SN**

8. Coronation

The Coronation weekend is Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May. The actual Coronation is on the Saturday, East Tisted church will be celebrating the event with a special service on the Sunday and Rotherfield Estate will be holding an event to mark the Coronation on Monday. No other details are available at present, when available information would be included in the Village Newsletter. **ACTION: SN**

CM enquired whether the Village Hall could be opened to stream the Coronation to those who wished to watch it. CM would be able to provide the necessary equipment. The Village Hall have the appropriate entertainment licence. SN to ask the Village Hall.

ACTION: SN & CM



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9. Elections

All current councillors are willing to stand at the upcoming elections and have been sent the required Nomination Forms for completion. These need to be with SN by Tuesday 21st March, for hand delivery to Penns Place Wednesday 22nd March. **ACTION: ALL** Appropriate notices will be displayed on the Village Noticeboard and uploaded on to the website in accordance to the Election Timetable. **ACTION: Parish Clerk, PC & CR**

If there are further nominations for the role of councillors then elections would be necessary. However, if the number of nominations equal the number of councillors required (five) no elections are necessary, the appointments would be automatically accepted. Information needed to complete the nomination form (Polling Number/ Elector Number) will be provided by SN. Councillors are able to propose and second other councillor's nominations. **ACTION: SN**

10. Responsible Financial Officer

10.1 Councillors received and approved for signature, by the Chairman, the latest Statement of Financial Transactions and the bank reconciliation since the last meeting.

10.2 Councillors received and approved for signature, by the Chairman, the Budget Monitoring Report for 2022/23 to date.

10.3 Correspondence has been received from Brian Davey, with notification of the intention of raising the prices for mowing the public areas in the parish. The rise has been necessary due to increased prices for fuel, servicing and repairs of equipment. Councillors present felt this was acceptable and agreed to the increase from £25/cut to £30/cut.

Proposed: PC; Seconded: CM. All agreed

10.4 Councillors were notified of the Grant received for the relocation of the defibrillator, £180.00

10.5 Councillors agreed to the following subscriptions, grants and payments:

- £74.94 to Imperative for Defibrillator Pads.

- £12.00 to HALC for Officers Update Meeting attend by RFO.

- £151.04 to HALC for Affiliation Fees for 2023/24 – This will be posted at the end of April 2023. **ACTION: RFO**

10.6 The commencement of the switch to Unity Trust Bank and the action to register ownership of the Village Hall with the Land Registry are ongoing. **ACTION: RFO**

11. Date of the next meeting

Thursday 25th May – 6.30pm in the Village Hall, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Pippa Cockhead

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

19th March 2023

Agreed as a true and correct record.