



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Village of East Tisted held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 8pm in the Village Hall

Present: Phil Cutts (Councillor, Chairman)

Helen Evison (Councillor, RFO & Clerk)
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)
Seven Villagers

By invitation: Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch, East Tisted Community
Website, Village Hall MC & Villager)
Charles Louisson (District Councillor)

Apologies: Russell Oppenheimer (County Councillor)
Peter Kelly (Hampshire Constabulary)

1. Welcome and introduction.

Cllr Cutts welcomed all, explained that he had just been elected as Chairman at the Parish Council AGM and that there were two vacancies on the Parish Council which would probably be filled by co-option at the next meeting. Apologies were received from Russell Oppenheimer and Peter Kelly.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2018 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

The Chairman advised that Russell had presented his report, Attachment 1, at the earlier Parish Council meeting the key points being:

- HCC were proud of their record of maintaining services and cutting costs but were concerned that they had been asked to find further savings
- a new Council leader was to be appointed shortly; their first job would be to lobby for funding for HCC
- recycling was being developed to include food waste, glass, cans and paper & card.

Finally, Russell was to meet with the Police & Crime Commissioner and planned to lobby for funding for speed and noise reduction measures on the A32 and A272.

4. Annual Review from District Councillor Charles Louisson

The Chairman congratulated Charles upon his re-election.

Cllr Louisson reported that EHDC finances were strong; there were no more government grants; the strategy of investing in commercial property had proved successful. It was possible that with the change in Leader the District Council would make a small increase in charges in order to improve services. They had set up two new grant funds, £0.5m welfare fund and £1m for community infrastructure.

The joint contract with Winchester for waste collection was to end in September and was being replaced by a new contract with Havant Borough Council and NORSE. The frequency of collections would be maintained but the day might change. The new contract would allow flexibility for collection of different categories of waste for recycling.



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He had reviewed planning applications in East Tisted and found only 3 for tree works and one for internal work within a listed building.

Charles was pleased to donate £500 towards a new notice board for the village. He had attended training in use of the defibrillator, the purchase of which he had supported with a grant in 17/18.

As a result of the boundary changes he now represented Ropley, Hawkley and Hangers; this was a larger ward but the villages had similar issues, such as poor broadband and social housing. Turnout for the recent election had been nearly 50%, a good turnout for District council elections.

The Chairman thanked Charles.

5. Annual Review from Hampshire Constabulary

Refer item 7.

6. ETPC Annual Review

The Chairman thanked Sir James Scott and David Bowtell, both former members and Chairmen of the Parish Council for their many years of service. He also 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.

Facilities: The defibrillator had been installed in July 2019. Many thanks to Charles for his grant and to Bowtells for providing a suitable site and agreeing to meet the on-going costs of the electricity supply. The equipment was regularly checked.

South Central Ambulance Service had provided a training session; all being well another would be organised in the autumn.

He also explained that in order to use the defibrillator one had to call 999 and get a code. This call would also ensure that an ambulance was on its way.

Highways: Over the year the Parish Council had continued the focus on highways attempting to reduce speeds on the A32 and on Station Road; radar speed monitors had been borrowed from EHDC and employed on Station Road but, unfortunately, no suitable poles were available on the A32. HCC had also suggested white lining but some may find this unattractive and it was not known whether it would be effective.

Villagers suggested:

- white lining might help protect the banks and reduce mud on the road
- signs would benefit from being cleaned and foliage cut back
- a 'village gateway' might make the road seem narrower and encourage lower speeds
- white lining was relatively inexpensive and might help reduce speeds
- a 20 mph limit had been introduced in Bentworth and triggered people to slow down.

Cllr Evison explained that the Parish Council had lobbied for a 20mph limit in the village last year but this had been opposed by the police and was turned down by HCC. A Villager explained that this had also been the case when they had been fighting for the 30mph limit; it had not been possible to get the 30mph limit on the A32 as the traffic was going too fast! It was noted that other local villages on the A32 now all had 30mph limit and that there had recently been a couple of accidents on the A32 in Tisted.

Cllr Cutts reported that he had investigated sharing speed monitors with Farringdon but they felt that it was too complicated; if we wanted more than available from HCC we would need to buy our own. A monitor would cost £2,600, brackets £50 each and it was necessary to licence sites; a package would cost about £5,000.

Cllr Cutts suggested forming a working party to research possibilities and develop plans. Villagers Peter Finch and Colin Rule volunteered. It was agreed to set up this working party.



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Larry Johnson offered to talk to the police to try to arrange another ‘speed trap’ in the village.

Charles Louisson offered to ask the Clerk of Ropley to send through any helpful information.

A Villager asked whether you could get data from the monitors and whether this was of any commercial value. Yes, you could get data but this was not known to be of any value.

Larry Johnson suggested that John Geoghegan, the Community Projects Officer at EHDC might be able to help with information such as possible sources of grants. Finally Cllr Cutts advised that the council had secured a grant from District Councillor Charles Louisson towards the replacement of the Parish Council Notice board and that purchase of this has been approved at the Parish Council meeting earlier this evening.

Audited accounts: Refer Attachment 4.

7. Village Website, Neighbourhood Watch and Village Hall

Please refer Larry’s reports and the police report, Attachments 2 and 3.

Charles Louisson explained that he was trying to establish how much of the Council Tax within his district was collected for policing; he was hoping to secure a commitment from the Conservative candidate Police & Crime Commissioner that this would be ring-fenced for local policing.

The Chairman thanked Larry and all those who supported him on the Village Hall Management Committee.

8. Questions from the floor

- A Villager asked whether purchases of speed monitoring equipment might be amortised. Councillors believed this was unlikely as accounting was on a ‘receipts and payments’ basis.
- A Villager suggested that speed monitoring equipment might be shared with Hawkey.
- Villagers supported measures to reduce speeds on Station Road, including white lining and a 20mph speed limit.
- It was agreed that the working party would report progress to the Parish Council at their August meeting.

9. Date of the next Annual Village Meeting

Thursday 21st May was proposed as provisional date for the 2020 meeting.

The Chairman thanked all Councillors, Villagers and other visitors. There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Helen Evison

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
May 2019

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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