

West Tytherley and Frenchmoor Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th February 2017 at 7.00pm in King Edward's Hall

Present: Councillors: Cate Bell – Chairman (CB), Jane Larner – Vice Chair (JL), Lucia Homer (LH), Mick Goulding (MG), James Little (JLi), Liz Dowding (LD), S Owen (Clerk); Cllr Ian Jeffrey (TVBC) and 10 members of the public.

Open Forum

1. Apologies for absence:

Paul Rusby (PR)

2. Declarations of interest:

None

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th December 2016 were agreed by all and signed by CB.

i. Matters arising:

The school in West Tytherley have informed the PC they will not be applying for a grant at present.

4. TVBC

Cllr Jeffrey reports that the Electoral Review of Test Valley has begun and has provided a detailed report, *which will be annexed to these minutes*. The consultation period for public comment has begun and closes on 3rd April 2017, details of how to comment are in the report. The Parish Council discussed the details in Cllr Jeffrey's report and concluded they support the proposed changes.

5. HCC

None

6. Highways

LH met with Cllr A Gibson (HCC) and walked him around the parish. He agreed that the culvert on Dean Road needs clearing and will check who is responsible i.e. the landowner or HCC. He also agreed that the railings on Dean Road do need painting and reflectors need to be installed. He will try to speed up the work still outstanding on Red Lane and Stony Batter Lane.

A resident has suggested that the roads need to be swept in the village near the bus shelter. LH has been to inspect and concludes that the roads are not sufficiently clogged up to require sweeping when HCC budgets are so tight, more pressing highways issues such as the work needed in Dean Road and Red Lane must take priority. It has been noted that many residents help to clear debris themselves in the parish and this is very gratefully acknowledged by the PC.

Community Speedwatch – John Neilson has attended a training session in King's Somborne and gave details to the meeting. John has managed to find three definite volunteers to run the scheme but needs more to be able to go ahead. Anyone who would be willing to spare some time to volunteer should contact John on johnneilsonpc@yahoo.co.uk full training is given and a risk assessment is carried by the police prior to commencement.

LH will also investigate the possibility of the PC having a traffic monitoring device to access the levels of traffic through the village. The possibility of having a Speed

Indication Device (SID) in the village was also discussed. LH will check out the opportunities of borrowing or even buying a device.

6. Recreation Ground

JLi has applied for a grant from the Tesco bag scheme to hopefully cover the cost of the extensive trees works required on the rec. If successful it will also allow for the planting of new fruit trees along the bank at the back of the ground.

7. Footpaths

The Romsey Ramblers have conducted a survey of all the footpaths in January. The preliminary report indicates they are pleased with the state of the footpaths. A full report will arrive in due course. JLi has written to the landowner responsible for footpath no.2 as a stile needs replacement/repair.

8. Village Shop

Weekend staff have now been found. The shop is fairly quiet at the moment but this is typical for the time of year.

9. Broadband

CB and PR continue to have a weekly conference call with Virgin.
On 18th March at 9.30 – 11.30 an event is being held in the village hall. Virgin reps will be present to help people sign up to the Virgin Broadband service. Please put this in your diaries and come along and support this event. The team have events booked at four halls in the area as 1,000 houses are needed to sign up for the project to be able to go ahead.

10. War memorial

PR absent.

11. Village Hall

The plans for the village hall extension will hopefully be ready to be shown at the next meeting of the Parish Council. The hall committee is meeting this week to discuss the enhancement of the solar panels on the hall roof. The current panels are 8/9 years old and need updating to further lower the halls running costs.

12. Bus Service no. 37 – changes

A letter of objection was sent to Caroline Noaks and a petition was sent to Wiltshire Council but the changes to the service have gone ahead without further notification. LH will contact Cllr Gibson to enquire if HCC could subsidise the Wiltshire service.

13. Planning

Applications:

16/03141/FULLS – Brickhill Farm, Dean Road – proposed single storey extension
The Council voted 6 – 0 in support

Tree works applications:

None

Previous planning:

Poplar Farm, Dean Road 15/02936/FULLS

This application was granted permission by the Head of Planning and Building.
CB and MG are to have a meeting with Jason Owens of TVBC to discuss the role of the PC in planning decisions. Many applications that the PC has raised objections to have subsequently been granted permission by TVBC and the PC now questions if the objections are considered at all in the determination of applications.

15. Finance and cheques

- i. Schedule of Accounts including account balances dated 3rd February 2017 were agreed and authorised

Schedule of expenses/accounts 3rd February 2017

Bank balances:

Main Account £5671.80 (as at 30.12.16)

Savings Account £1233.56 (as at 04.11.16)

Millennium Account £8844.71 (as at 15.09.16)

Payee	Detail	Amount £	Cheque No.
S Owen	Microsoft software license	20.00	785
Hampshire Air ambulance	donation	250.00	786
St Peter's Church	Donation	100.00	787
Over Sixties Club	Donation	100.00	788
Receipts			Deposit Ref.
D Klat	Rec use for circuit training	15.00	bacs
HCC	School rec use	86.00	bacs
D Klat	Rec use for circuit training	15.00	bacs

16. Website

Cllrs will provide the Clerk with a short bio on what they do within the Council which the Clerk will then add to the website. The Clerk will continue to update the site this month.

17. Correspondence

Letter from Neil and Ginny Sheriff of Oakwood House. In response to a question raised at a previous Council meeting concerning the removal of some hedges on the property, the owners want to reassure the Council that all hedges taken down are non-native species and not listed on the WT Conservation Area Policy map, and that they will be undertaking extensive replanting.

Black Horse container – the Clerk had requested an update from the owners on when the container will be removed from the land adjacent to the pub but the owners had failed to confirm a date so the Clerk will now contact TVBC planning for them to pursue the matter.

18. Items for the next agenda

Website – update

Neighbourhood Development Plan – update. Volunteers are still needed for the working groups.

Being no further business CB closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Date of the next Council meeting is Monday 13th March 2017 at 7pm in King Edward's Hall.

Signed by C Bell (Chair)

Date

DRAFT MINUTES TO BE SIGNED AT NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL