



## East Tisted Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 6.30pm in East Tisted Village Hall, Gosport Road GU34 3QW

**Summoned to attend:** David Bowtell (Councillor)  
Phil Cutts (councillor)  
Helen Evison (Councillor)  
Sir James Scott (Chairman)  
Sandra Nichols (Councillor)

**Also present:** Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch, East Tisted  
Community Website & Village Hall)  
Matt Sheppard (Hampshire Constabulary) – until 7.15pm  
Ian Dugdale (Hampshire Constabulary) – until 7.15pm  
Charles Louisson (District Councillor) – from 7.20pm  
Four villagers – three left at 7.15pm

**Apologies:** Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor)

*The meeting opened at 6.30pm*

#### 1. Apologies and welcome

The Chairman welcomed all particularly new Councillor, Phil Cutts. Apologies were received from County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee.

#### 2. Declaration of interests

None.

#### 3. Public forum

a. The Chairman invited comments from Villagers and Hampshire Constabulary regarding the possibility of applying for a 20 mph speed limit.

Ian Dugdale, Neighbourhood Sergeant at Alton commented that such limits were difficult to enforce and did not appear to reduce accident rates. He agreed with the Road Traffic Officer's view circulated with the agenda. Overall it was a matter for HCC.

There were 7 recorded accidents in the past year, all on the A32, none on Station Road and only two of these involved speeding.

Villagers and Councillors highlighted:

- danger on the blind corners by Old Place Farm and the Village Shop
- speeding traffic hindering morning milk deliveries
- that past speed checks had been in the middle of the day rather than busy times, typically from 0730-0830 and 1630-1730
- Larry Johnson advised that when a speed check was made about 4 years ago 34% of vehicles were going more than 30mph
- other traffic calming measures, such as islands, might slow the traffic
- speed limits in Selbourne were believed to have helped but only due to the associated 'Speedwatch'
- as East Tisted was the only village on the A32 with a 40mph limit to apply for this to be reduced to 30mph
- drivers' perception that Station Road was wide enough for 2 vehicles when in many places it was not

Possible ideas to reduce speeding and other traffic issues noted were:

- 'Speedwatch'



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- additional signs such as 'Not suitable for HGVs' and 'Road narrows'
- electric signs that indicated passing vehicle speeds
- potholes
- high vis jackets – e.g. could be worn by villagers walking their dogs
- speed limit sticker on wheelie bins
- reflective posts along the roadside

Cllr Evison asked why the previous attempt to introduce 'Speedwatch' had faltered. Larry Johnson explained that this was due to cost (it might have been jointly funded by East Tisted and Farringdon but this failed as the A32 in Farringdon was well-policed), too few volunteers (about six) and the need for an administrator.

Ian Dugdale advised that two of his PCSOs were now speed-gun trained and said that he would ask them to try to schedule enforcement in East Tisted at a busy time.

Larry Johnson reported that traffic volumes had increased considerably since the last survey. Ian Dugdale agreed to investigate the possibility of organising pneumatic tubes for a traffic count and speed check.

The Chairman suggested that the possibility of a 20mph limit be pursued with the newly-elected County Councillor after the forthcoming elections.

Cllr Cutts noted that speeding was clearly a cause of concern within the village and suggested that in the meantime there was a programme to engage people in speeding prevention.

Refer also item 7.

*At 7.05pm the Chairman closed the 20mph speed limit discussion.*

b. Updates were received from:

- Matt Sheppard, Hampshire Constabulary – There had been three thefts in the village this year, a quad bike, some car parts and a garden bench. A couple of suspicious vehicles had been identified. Matt explained that if a vehicle was said to be 'known to the police' it had probably been reported before for suspicious behaviour or trespassing.  
Larry Johnson encouraged anyone who saw anything suspicious to report it to him as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Matt encourage people to call 101 and report any concerns.
- Larry Johnson - Neighbourhood Watch – Larry noted theft of the bench had caused concern and reported that people had been in touch with him expressing their thanks to the police so thanks to Matt and his colleagues.
- Larry Johnson (Basil Lansdale) – Community website – Basil had handed this over to Larry. It was noted that this was a Community website and that the Parish Council might require their own. Councillors thanked Basil for his work on the website over many years.

*At 7.15pm the Chairman thanked all and closed the meeting for public participation. Hampshire Constabulary and most Villagers left the meeting.*

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

Subject to the correction of Village Hall Funds from £20,000 to £2,000 in item 3b the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.



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### Review of Action Points:

- Cllrs Nichols and Cutts added as bank signatories – complete and in effect
- Cllr Cutts has signed the Register of Interests, the declaration of acceptance of office and attended training – complete
- repairs to play facilities – agenda item
- possible application for 20mph zone – agenda item
- possible reclassification of A32 – agenda item
- appointment of internal auditor for 2016/17 - agenda item
- submission of precept request for 2017/18 – complete
- future plans and projects – agenda item
- display of Parish Council minutes inside the Village Hall – implemented/on-going.

*7.20pm Charles Louisson (District Councillor) arrived.*

### Matters arising:

Cllr Evison advised that further to item 3b of the Minutes Larry Johnson had advised that he had been advised by the Charity Commission that, despite old documents saying that Parish Councillors were the Trustees of the Village Hall, the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) were de facto the Trustees as they managed the Hall and its finances. It was noted that Cllr Bowtell was both a member of the Parish Council and the VHMC and would liaise as necessary.

The Chairman invited Charles to give his update.

Charles Louisson reported that:

- Council Tax Rates had been set for the year. EHDC were reducing their budget by a little but this was more than offset by increase from the County Council and Police and Fire Services. Overall there would be an increase of approximately 4%.
- The implications of the recent White Paper on Housing were not yet clear.
- Ferris Cowper had announced that he intended to step down as Leader of EHDC.

The Chairman thanked Charles.

## **5. Planning**

The Chairman declared an interest in the planning applications so did not participate in this item.

- Application SDNP/17/00514/FUL: The Old Dairy East Tisted Alton: Silage Clamp, was received and circulated by e-mail for consideration (to Councillors other than the Chairman) There was no objection and no comment was submitted.
- Application SDNP/17/01012/HOUS, Plaindell Cottage Plain Farm Lane East Tisted, Rear two storey extension, was considered by Councillors other than the Chairman. No objections were raised.

## **6. Response to the Rural Crime Survey**

Councillors noted the submission of the Parish Council's response, drafted by Larry Johnson and agreed by e-mail, to Hampshire Police & Crime Panel's scrutiny of rural crime and thanked Larry for his contribution.

## **7. Highways**

The Chairman confirmed that he would pursue request for a 30mph limit on the A32 and a 20mph limit along Station Road with Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor).

Cllr Cutts suggested that a briefing for Villagers be prepared to supplement the meeting minutes and that this be distributed via the Neighbourhood Network. This proposal was agreed and the Chairmen agreed to draft a summary.

**ACTION: CHAIR**



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The Chairman confirmed that he would pursue the possibility of reclassifying the A32 as a B-road with the new County Councillor.

### 8. General Store

Cllr Evison reported that she understood that there was concern that the 'general store' element of the Village shop was not financially viable and queried what might be done to encourage its use, perhaps the installation of white and greens signs as for the farm shop? Cllr Cutts suggested that they might reconsider the range they stocked.

It was agreed that no action could be taken without more information.

Charles Louisson suggested that Ropley community-run store might be a source of ideas.

### 9. Facilities

Cllr Evison advised that Brian Davey had looked at the equipment that needed repair and suggested that splits might be filled. A budget of £100 was agreed for repairs.

### 10. East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils Meeting 8.3.17

Cllr Evison briefly reported matters presented at the EHAPTC meeting.

- There was a presentation on planning by Simon Jenkins of EHDC. He outlined the roles of Planning and Enforcement and encouraged Councils to focus upon planning issues in their responses.

- A review of EHDC internal ward boundaries was underway. Parish boundaries are not under review however parishes might be reallocated between ward in order to balance numbers or link them to parishes of similar make up. Refer Attachment 1.

- Devolution – no developments to report.

- TAG Farnborough – EHDC have objected as have Parish Councils. Not aware of any further action that can be taken.

- Speed and traffic measures – EHDC have no money. Parish Councils might like to work on 'Community Funded Initiatives'. Refer Attachments 2 & 3.

### 11. Finance

a. The Quarterly Financial Statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, below, was agreed.

<b>Date</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	<b>Bank Balance</b> (Reconciled to Bank Statement 67)	<b>£4,443.44</b>
Payments Out	09.01.17 Cheque 475 to Playsafety (play equipment inspection 2016)	£79.80
Payments In	None	
<b>Date</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	<b>Bank Balance</b> (Reconciled to Bank Statement 68)	<b>£4,363.64</b>
<b>Notes:</b>		
2015/16 Six month contingency estimated £1,900		
2016/17 Six month contingency estimated at £1,200		
2016/17 Precept £3,500 (£2000 in April and £1,500 in October 2016 – received)		
2017/18 Precept £3,500 (£2000 in April and £1,500 in October 2017 – anticipated)		
Cheques outstanding:		
474	£42.00 HALC Minute Taking Training Course Cllr Evison October 2016 (paid Dec 2016)	
476	£320.00 Brian Davey – Pond and playground mowing July-Oct 2016 (paid Jan 2017)	
477	£120.00 Brian Davey – Winter pond works (paid Jan 2017)	



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. The following annual payments/donations were agreed:  
- To the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England annual membership £36 for 2017/18  
- To the Parochial Church Council for upkeep of the church yard donation of £300 2016. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Simon Carter regarding the level of need for 2017.  
- To the Village Hall Management Committee for use of the premises for meetings annual hire charge of £75, in place of an hourly charge per meeting to commence April 2017.  
c. As e-mail correspondence had produced no response it was agreed to try to contact Derek Hall by letter to ask him whether he wished to continue as Internal Auditor and, if not to write thanking him for his past support. **ACTION: CLERK**  
In the event that no contact could be established or that Derek advised that he no longer wished to continue as Internal Auditor it was agreed to appoint candidate D as Internal Auditor for 2015/16.

**12. Future Plans and Projects**

Cllr Evison suggested that these ideas might be held over as funds might be required for a Community Funded Traffic Initiative.

- Defibrillator – Cllrs Nicols and Cutts encouraged acquisition of a defibrillator. Charles Louisson suggested that, if it were simply a matter of funding, the Parish Council might apply for a Councillor Grant. It was agreed to seek Villagers’ views at the Annual Parish Meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**
- Notice Board – It was agreed to continue to manage with the existing small board by the shop supplemented by use of a board within the Village Hall.
- Bulbs around the pond - Councillors agreed a budget of £25 to buy additional bulbs to go around the trees near the village pond. **ACTION: Cllr Evison**

**13. Meeting Schedule**

- a. The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 6.30pm and is to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm. It was agreed to do a handbill publicising this and liaise with Larry Johnson regarding distribution. **ACTION: CLERK**
- b. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate proposed meeting dates for the remainder of 2017/18 the schedule to be agreed at the next meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.

*Helen Evison*  
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Agreed as a true and correct record.

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