



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 6 December 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Attending: David Bowtell (Chairman)
Mary Jane Carter (Councillor)
Ronnie Crumplin (Councillor)
Emma Dillnutt (Clerk)
Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch)
Basil Lansdale (Web Master)
Kevin MacEntaggart (Councillor)

Apologies Rec'd: Chris Graham (District Councillor)
Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor)
Sir James Scott (Councillor)
Louisa Whatmore (Hampshire Constabulary)

1. Apologies.

Apologies had previously been received from Mark, Sir James and Louisa. (N.B. apologies have since been received by email from Chris). David welcome Basil and Larry to the meeting and reminded all present that this was a closed council meeting and input from non-councillors would be requested.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 September 2012, having been previously circulated, were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes.

Discussion deferred to 7.c. below.

4. Declaration of interests.

Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation had been granted, Councillors may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which they have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. Councillors must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.

5. Chairman's business.

David mentioned that he had attended a meeting set up by the South Downs National Park Authority who had been asked by Colemore and Privett parishes to investigate microlight activity at Froxfield. There are concerns that the use of the landing strip causes unnecessary noise pollution, is unsafe and use could increase if unchecked.

Having consulted with surrounding parishes and other interested parties SDNPA have concluded that the South Downs National Park is for the



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enjoyment and recreation of all – including the microlight pilots. This landing strip has planning permission through a “right of existence” having been used for this purpose for 25 years and the aircraft movements of around 400 per year are not considered excessive.

The club using the strip is conscious of the concerns raised and will be as helpful as possible to work with the parishes to resolve matters. They have also given assurances that they are not planning to expand the current activity.

6. Sub-committee’s update

- a. Planning – no applications received.
- b. Pond – no action taken.
- c. Traffic and highways - Larry has attended a meeting in Selborne about the SpeedWatch initiative. This involves communities purchasing their own speed camera for a £3-5K outlay with sets of volunteers using the camera to obtain evidence of speeding to pass on to the Police. The Scheme is subject to risk assessment, approval and scheduling by the Police to determine where and when the camera may be used. Ropley parish have previously approached East Tisted to share the cost of a camera and whilst East Tisted have currently declined the invitation, the Councillors felt it may be something to look at in the future.

In the meantime, the 30mph signage through the village is being addressed. Mark Kemp Gee and Larry have met with Ian Janes, from Hampshire Highways and the work to make the speed limit signs law enforceable will take place in January 2013.

Also agreed at that meeting were the erection of car park directional signs for the Post Office as well as white lines across the entrance to the Post Office car park to try and stop people parking and blocking the entrance. It was agreed, however, that the main issue with using the Post Office car park is the hedge which obscures views of the road when leaving. This is a matter for Sam to take up with Rotherfield.

- d. East Tisted Village Website update.

Webmaster’s report for 6th. December 2012.

- We have revamped the “style” of our pages to improve legibility having received some feedback that it wasn’t that easy to read.
- Having split the Parish Council into “archive” and “current” – it’s easier to see what is happening.
- I now publish the Next Meeting dates on Facebook as well as in our web pages
- Facebook pages have had an issue with a dispute between two “Villagers”. We do have a Village “moderator” for the Facebook site – John Curgenvin.

That’s all for now.

The Council thanked Basil for his continued efforts.



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- e. Neighbourhood Watch – Larry has attended a NW meeting where the new Chief Constable presented some new and interesting initiatives being introduced across the area. The Council congratulated Larry on the success of the Scheme within the village and thanked him for his continued efforts. Colemore are interested in NW and Larry will forward their details to Petersfield district.

7. Parish clerk

- a. The Quarterly Financial Statement was formally approved.

6 Sept 2012	Bank Balance		<u>£2,815.31</u>
Payments Out	Chairman's Allowance	£ 62.46	
	Emma Dillnutt (Aug-Sep)	£ 115.78	
	Rotherfield Park CC (2 nd Stage)	£ 550.00	
	Emma Dillnutt (Oct-Nov)	<u>£ 129.50</u>	
	Total	<u>£ 728.24</u>	
Payments In	Precept (2 nd Stage)	£1,500.00	£3,587.07
Amounts Allocated	Community Projects	£ 600.00	
Funds Available			<u>£2,987.07</u>

Six month contingency calculated to £2,200.
2012/13 Precept £3.5K - £2K in April and £1.5K in October.

The 2013/14 Precept will be formally agreed by email when guidance has been received concerning the outcome of the government's consultation on 'Localising Support For Council Tax' and how it affects the Parish.

- b. Requests for financial contributions - East Tisted with Colemore Parochial Church Council – Mary-Jane declared an interest in and made no comment when the Council approved a £250 contribution towards churchyard mowing. **Action: Emma**
- c. Playground - the remedial works (mainly cleaning and some rubber retreading) to the playground, as recommended by last December's ROSPA inspection, have not yet been completed by RPCC, despite the works being commissioned in May. David has written to Chris Fuller asking that the works be carried out before the end of 2012 when the next statutory inspection is due to be carried out.

If the work is not done the Council will be in breach of an insurance requirement to undertake recommended repairs. The Council asked Emma to seek assurance from Chris Fuller that the work will be completed and if unable to do so, obtain a refund of the monies paid and request Playsafe Playgrounds undertake the work as well as the annual inspection in January. **Action: Emma**

The council also asked Emma to look at the terms of the grant obtained to build the playground. It is felt that the expense of maintaining and insuring the equipment cannot be justified when it



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seems that no one in the village actually uses the facility. The equipment could be sold and monies recouped. **Action: Emma**

8. 2013 meeting dates:

Thursday 28 February, Thursday 23 May (AGM & Open),
Thursday 5 September, Thursday 5 December

All meetings commence at 7.30pm and will be held in the Village Hall.
Please update your diaries accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Agreed as a correct record of events

David Bowtell – Chairman

Date

PLEASE NOTE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONTAINED HEREIN IS
WRONG AND SHOULD READ:

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	Total	<u>£ 857.74</u>	
			£1,957.57
Payments In	Precept (2 nd Stage)	£1,500.00	
			£3,457.57
Amounts Allocated	Community Projects	£ 600.00	
Funds Available			<u>£2,857.57</u>
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