

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 28 February 2013 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)

Kevin MacEntaggart (Councillor)

Apologies Rec'd: Chris Graham (District Councillor)

Basil Lansdale (Web Master)

Louisa Whatmore (Hampshire Constabulary)

Copy to: Sir James Scott (Councillor)

Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor)

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Basil, Louisa and Chris.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 December 2012, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record except the Neighbourhood Watch meeting attended by Larry was in Alresford and not Selborne. Also, the Clerk pointed out an error with the Financial Statement which would be corrected and the minutes annotated prior to signing by the Chairman. **Action: Emma**

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes.

7.c. Having researched the files, Emma has found no restrictive terms attached to the grant monies paid to build the playground in 2006.

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.

The four grit bins in the village have proved very useful during the snow in keeping the roads clear although it was noted that HCC have been slow to refill the bins when requested.

Pete Rose has asked for a bin to be installed on the road to Monkey Lodge – Emma will confirm this is within the village boundary and make the request to HCC Highways department. **Action: Emma**



Emma reiterated that HCC grit must only be used on public highways and NOT private property. The Council asked Emma to obtain costings for a small grit bin for Appleton View which is currently believed to be an unadopted road. **Action: Emma**

6. Is there a Parish Plan and if not, do we need one?

The Council thanked Larry for his question and discussed the need for a Parish Plan. The general feeling was that due to the restricted budget that would be available and the scope for development within the village being very small that it was not necessary at this time.

7. Sub-committee's update

- a. Planning no applications have been received.
- b. Pond and Recreation Ground:-
 - RPCC have completed the repairs and cleaning of the equipment as requested.
 - David and Emma inspected the playground in January and decided that due to wooden components and their relatively limited lifespan, areas of the equipment requiring significant, costly maintenance would be decommissioned. This decision was duly ratified.
 - David asked Emma to prepare an email communication asking for views from villagers. **Action: Emma**
 - Emma has been assured by Playsafe Playgrounds that the annual ROSPA inspection has been undertaken and she awaits their report. Emma will prepare a list of options available for the ongoing inspection of the playground for agreement prior to the next inspection being due. **Action: Emma**
 - The Parish Council would like to place the annual mowing contract on a more professional level and asked Emma to prepare a specification and obtain three quotes. **Action: Emma**
- c. Traffic and highways Larry asked if Station Road could be swept at the bottom to remove the grit that has been washed down the hill and David asked that the large pothole in the road by David Appleton's house be reported. **Action: Emma**
- d. East Tisted Village Website and Communications David would like more abridged communications to be placed on the website, in the Parish Magazine and distributed with Larry's Neighbourhood Watch material to keep villagers up to date. **Action: Emma**
- e. Neighbourhood Watch Update Larry said that our scheme is a year old and there are now 40 members. David thanked Larry for his continued efforts and congratulated him on the huge success of the scheme in the village.

8. Parish clerk

- a. The decision previously made by email to retain the 2013/14 precept at the same level as 2012/13 (£3,500) was duly ratified.
- b. The Clerk realised an error in the Quarterly Financial Statement and asked for it to be approved at a later date via email (please see attached).



c.. Requests for financial contributions - none have been received

9. Next Meeting:

Thursday 23 May – AGM commencing at 7pm and the Open meeting at 8pm.

Please update your diaries accordingly.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Agreed as a correct record of events

David Bowtell – Chairman

Date

See attached for approval.



8. b. Quarterly Financial Statements – December 2012 and February 2013

For approval – please agree by return email.

December 2012

6 Sept 2012	Bank Balance		£2,815.31		
Payments Out	Chairman's Allowance Emma Dillnutt (Aug-Sep) Rotherfield Park CC (2 nd Stage) Emma Dillnutt (Oct-Nov) Total	£ 62.46 £ 115.78 £ 550.00 £ 129.50 £ 857.74			
			£1,957.57		
Payments In	Precept (2 nd Stage)	£1,500.00			
6 Dec 2012	Bank Balanced		£3,457.57		
Amounts Allocated	Community Projects	£ 600.00			
Funds Available			£2,857.57		
Six month contingency calculated to £2,200. 2012/13 Precept £3.5K - £2K in April and £1.5K in October.					

February 2013

6 Dec 2012	Bank Balanced		£3,457.57	
Payments Out	East Tisted with Colemore PCC Emma Dillnutt (Dec-Jan) Total	£ 250.00 £ 149.13 £ 399.13		
Payments In	None			
28 Feb 2013	Bank Balance		£3,058.44	
Amounts Allocated	Community Projects	£ 600.00		
Funds Available			£2,458.44	
2012/13 Six month contingency calculated to £2,200. 2013/14 Precept £3.5K - £2K in April and £1.5K in October.				