



## East Tisted Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12 February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

<b>Present:</b>	David Bowtell (Chairman)	Mary Jane Carter (Councillor)
	Kevin MacEntaggart (Councillor)	Sir James Scott (Councillor)
	Emma Dillnutt (Parish Clerk)	Christine & Brian Hailstone (Villagers)
	Larry Johnson (NW Co-ordinator)	Irene Johnson (Villager)
	Arjen Neele (ETSB Campaign)	Sandra Nichols (Villager)
	Dave Nops (Hants Constabulary)	Basil Lansdale (Webmaster)
	Arthur Scott (ETSB Campaign)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ronnie Crumplin (Councillor)	Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor)
<b>Copy to:</b>	Chris Graham (District Councillor)	Jess Hornsby (Hants Constabulary)

#### 1. Apologies and welcome.

The Chairman RECEIVED apologies from Ronnie and Mark and welcomed those present. He then invited members of the public to speak if they so wished. None did and Members therefore CONSIDERED the emailed question raised by Basil Lansdale as follows:-

Hi Emma,

With the increased pressure on our area for more housing, we are protected in many ways by the Scotts owning most of the "free land".

Is it worthwhile reinforcing our protection by having a Village Plan?

Indeed may I be controversial by saying that we might need protection against the Scotts at some future time (i.e. a Solar Farm or other development).

Your views?  
Basil.

Basil further elaborated that many of the surrounding villages already have parish plans or village design statements in place with a consensus that these help to keep the status quo within their communities. They are a useful tool when considering planning applications and can help provide a future focus for residents. East Tisted has a private to Rotherfield estate dwelling split of 40/60 respectively, therefore might this not be a worthwhile exercise for all?

Following a round the table discussion, Members RESOLVED, by unanimous vote, that they still do not consider the production of a parish plan or a village design statement to be of any real benefit to residents. However, if villagers feel they wish to produce a plan themselves, the Parish Council would be supportive.

#### 2. Minutes & Matters Arising.

Members RECEIVED the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2014 (previously circulated) and AGREED for the Chairman to sign them as a correct record. The following were matters arising:



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### 2.4. Provision of Superfast Broadband in East Tisted.

Members RECEIVED an update report from the ETSB Campaign and noted with interest that investigations are ongoing as to whether the village would actually benefit should the upgrade be made within BT/HCC's roll out plans. Unfortunately the village is so far from the existing equipment and is therefore unlikely to see much of an improvement. If this is the case then a privately funded installation siting a box in the village may be the only option. Negotiations continue.

### 2.5.b. Speedwatch Scheme.

Hampshire Constabulary has confirmed that the A32 is already afforded the highest level of speed enforcement and therefore cannot be included under Speedwatch, leaving just Station Road which has been approved. Unfortunately the situation with the A32 is also the case in Farringdon who, as a result, will not be able to operate a scheme and therefore share the cost, making the scheme a non-starter for both villages. Kevin asked if speed bump(s) could be installed on Station Road and the Clerk confirmed she will invite members of Hampshire Constabulary to the Open meeting in May to give residents an explanation and also to discuss traffic calming measures. The Clerk has obtained wheelie bin stickers for distribution to residents.

**Action: CLERK**

### 6.d. A32 Flood Action Group (FAG).

The Clerk REPORTED that the inaugural meeting of this Group was held on 30 Jan 2015 resulting in a plan for HCC's engineers to walk the Lavant with knowledgeable residents to identify pinch points which cause water to back up and to identify areas requiring improvement.

## 3. 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. None was received.

## 4. Chairman's business.

Members AGREED that the Ground Maintenance Specification should be reviewed and tendered for on a three year basis. The current specification, drawn up in 2013, is therefore still valid and Members formally APPROVED the existing suppliers to continue their works for the 2014/15 growing season at unchanged cost. The Clerk will diarise to review the specification and invite tenders in 2016. **Action: CLERK**

## 5. Official Notices.

- a. Members RECEIVED Hampshire Police & Crime Panel's Final Report (from their first proactive scrutiny session on rural policing) with no comment.
- b. Members RECEIVED notification from EHDC of the possible costs of the 2015 Parish elections. These will be £250 for an uncontested and up to £2,500 should an election be required. Funds will be paid from Parish contingency reserves as the 2015/16 precept request has already been made to EHDC.

The Clerk also REPORTED that she now has the nomination forms for any residents wishing to stand for the Parish election on 7 May. Forms are required to be delivered to EHDC offices in Petersfield, in person, between 27 March and by 4pm on 9 April.

Further information for candidates can be obtained from the Electoral Commission's website on <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>, the Democratic Services team at EHDC on 01730 234370 or the Clerk is always happy to help.



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### 6. Sub-committee's update

- a. Planning – no planning applications have been received.
- b. Pond – nothing to report.
- c. Traffic & highways – Members RECEIVED notice of the safety marking works to be undertaken at Hedge Corner on the A32 Gosport Road. A date has yet to be confirmed and public notice will be given when a date is known.
- d. East Tisted Village Website – Members RECEIVED the Webmaster's report with thanks. Basil then left the meeting.
- e. Neighbourhood Watch – Members RECEIVED the NW Co-Coordinator's report with thanks.

### 7. Parish clerk

- a. Members unanimously APPROVED the Quarterly Financial Statement (attached).
- b. Members RECEIVED the Transparency Code for smaller (under £25K receipts) authorities (published in December 2014) intended to phase out external audit by 2017. In the meantime, the Parish Council is required, from 1 July 2015, to fulfil the requirements of this Code, as well as undertake the usual audit process with BDO. The Clerk confirmed that this does not appear unduly onerous as the required information is already published in agendas and minutes and so will simply need to be specified separately. The Clerk also confirmed Derek Hall's continued appointment as Internal Auditor. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c. Members APPROVED the £65 plus VAT cost of the annual ROSPA playground inspection for insurance purposes to be undertaken by Playsafety Limited. **ACTION: Clerk**
- d. Subscription/affiliation renewal requests – none received.
- e. Members unanimously APPROVED a £50 contribution to Home-Start WeyWater to support their valuable work in the community. **ACTION: Clerk**

David Nops, PCSO with Hampshire Constabulary, joined the meeting and REPORTED on the reorganisation taking place within the region. Jess Hornsby will be confirmed as our dedicated PCSO shortly. He also REPORTED that whilst there had been a slight lull in the crime rate over the Christmas period, in recent weeks levels have unfortunately started to increase. The Chairman thanked David for his time.

### 8. Next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM followed by the Village Open meeting. These are in the diary for Thursday, 14 May 2015; however, this date is to be confirmed once nominations for the Parish elections have been published.



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