



## East Tisted Parish Council

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### **Minutes of the Village Open Meeting held on Thursday, 23 May 2013 at 8pm in the Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	David Bowtell (Chairman) Mary Jane Carter (Councillor) Ronnie Crumplin (Councillor) Emma Dillnutt (Clerk) Kevin MacEntaggart (Councillor) Sir James Scott (Councillor)
<b>Attending By Invitation:</b>	Larry Johnson (Neighbourhood Watch) Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor) Louisa Whatmore (Hampshire Constabulary)
<b>Attending:</b>	Christine Hailstone (Villager) Irene Johnson (Villager)
<b>Copy to:</b>	Chris Graham (District Councillor) Basil Lansdale (Webmaster)

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#### **David Bowtell – Chairman’s Annual Review**

David welcomed the villagers to the meeting and then presented his Annual Review with highlights as follows:-

- Annual accounts have been audited and are ready for inspection should anyone wish to see them. Highlights are annual costs have reduced by £1,000, precept maintained at £3,500 with costs kept within this whilst maintaining the recommended 6 month contingency.
- Successful re-negotiation of ground maintenance agreement to ensure value for money. Contract split into two parts with both contractors residing in the village.
- Rotherfield Park Cricket Club further supported by retaining their services to upkeep the cricket pitch and outfield.
- Playground remedial works completed, insurance inspection done and decommission plans approved and put in motion.
- Continued support of Campaign to Protect Rural England and East Tisted Parochial Church Council for graveyard maintenance.
- A grit bin for Monkey Lane has been requested at no cost to the village with thanks to Hampshire County Council and Appleton has been confirmed as an adopted highway and therefore Council grit can be used to keep the road clear.
- Village communications remain active with the village website managed by Basil Lansdale supplemented by a Facebook page and the weekly Neighbourhood Watch email communications from Larry Johnson.

#### **Annual Police Review – PC Louisa Whatmore**

Louisa presented her annual review for East Tisted with two non-dwelling burglaries, one resulting in a quad bike theft. One criminal damage event and two thefts from motor vehicles, one of fuel and the other, a tax disc. Hampshire Constabulary’s Operation Staunton has had some success in bringing local jewel thieves to justice with custodial sentences.



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Louisa reiterated the need for remote homes to be adequately signposted for the emergency services to find them quickly. She also requested that villagers remain vigilant and stated the need for people to ensure their homes are secure with valuables kept within a properly installed ground safe if possible. The most effective deterrent is still a house alarm.

Also, now that the speed signs have been erected along Station Road, Louisa will ask her traffic team to proceed with enforcing the speed limit.

Louisa's contact number has changed to 101.

David thanked Louisa for her time in attending and updating the Council.

### Neighbourhood Watch Update - From Larry Johnson (report attached)

Larry ran through his annual review and the Council concluded that our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a resounding success. The Council again thanked Larry for his dedication to the cause and his continued efforts.

### Hampshire County Council Highways Update - From Mark Kemp-Gee

The new speed signs on Station Road have been erected and white lines to prevent parking outside the front of the Post Office & Stores are soon to be installed.

Mark thanked Louisa and her team for their excellent efforts in keeping our rural communities safe with limited resources.

### East Tisted Parish Website Update - (report attached)

#### Villagers Comment

David asked the villager's present if they had any questions. Mrs Johnson asked if it would be possible to have no parking yellow or white lines painted at the junction of Station Road and the A32 as increasingly, walkers and churchgoers are parking close to what is a very busy and dangerous junction. Mark Kemp-Gee has a surveyor's meeting and will bring it to their attention to see what can be done. **Action: Mark**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Agreed as a correct record of events

David Bowtell – Chairman

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### Neighbourhood Watch Update.

#### EAST TISTED NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

##### REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCIL AGM

Our scheme was a year old in January 2013.

We now have 40 members covering Gosport Road, Plane Farm, Station Road, Appleton Close and Bridle Close.

We are members of The Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Recent Activities:-

Attended a meeting of the Winchester and East Hampshire Neighbourhood Watch Association on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in Winchester.

This meeting consisted of a special general meeting and the AGM.

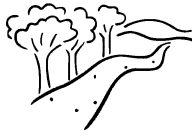
The special general meeting was to vote on resolution to dissolve HNWA and to discontinue the charitable status of the Association. This was agreed.

The new Association will be known as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Neighbourhood Watch Association.

A new service level agreement with the Police is to be formulated and discussed, then agreed with the new PCC.

Traffic signs:-

These have now been installed in the village.



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### East Tisted Village Website - Webmaster's Report 2012 / 2013.

- British Telecom Sponsored "official" Parish web-site.

The site has been visited as below – which shows how many times a particular page has been accessed.

	Visit counter
Home	2357
Who's who	653
2013 onward Parish Council Minutes	55
Parish Council Minutes from September 2011	334
Parish Council News	1988
Dates for your Diary	483
Web-site	445
News	423
Link to Village Facebook	479
Business and Social addresses	535
About us	406
Contact us	332
Guestbook	2957

I am surprised at the high volumes and especially the Guestbook volume, as we have had very few folk actually doing anything once they have accessed the page. Informally I have surveyed the businesses listed on the Business and Social addresses page, sadly none have recorded any business interest directly resulting from our register.

I will continue to post all messages to the community from the Parish Council on this site and believe that we should stay with this free service for the future.

- Village Facebook Page.

This continues with the more dynamic data for the Village and seems to be working well. One subscriber asked the moderator (Mr. John Curgenvin) to remove what was considered an offensive posting and this request was refused under the Facebook guideline for moderators.

- Neighbourhood Watch.

Mr. Larry Johnson has an excellent distribution list for Neighbourhood Watch and I tend to copy anything of Village interest to him to distribute as he thinks fit.

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Basil Lansdale / 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013.