



## East Tisted Parish Council

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 30 October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

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Members of the public are invited to attend and may ask the Council questions, or make a statement or present a petition. **Anyone who so wishes is requested to give advance notice to the Clerk, if specific answers are required, so that appropriate papers are available.**

The period of time which is designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 2 minutes.

A question asked by a member of the public during a public participation session at a meeting shall not require a response or debate.

Any person speaking at a meeting shall address their comments to the chair. Any person wishing to speak shall raise their hand when requesting to speak. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wishes to speak, the Chairman shall direct the order of speaking.

Attachments referred to in the following agenda are for the information of Members. With the exception of those items of a confidential nature, Attachments and Minutes will be available to be viewed, by appointment with the Parish Clerk, when the minutes of this meeting have been approved as a correct record by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

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#### 1. **Apologies and welcome.**

David welcomed those present and asked if any members of the public present wished to speak, they did not. David formally opened the meeting with apologies formally RECEIVED from Mark Kemp-Gee, Basil Lansdale and Sir James Scott.



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### 2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2014, having been previously circulated, were AGREED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman with the following matters arising:

4. Provision of Superfast Broadband in East Tisted. In Arjen Neele and Arthur Scott's absence, the Clerk REPORTED that HCC will confirm definitively by the end of November 2014 whether the village will be included in their roll-out plans. If not, the opinion of villagers will be sought to determine whether a plan to fund the installation privately is viable. BT have quoted a cost of around £25K for the upgrade to East Tisted and Newton Valence and Rotherfield has committed to financing the cost for their estate properties. The shortfall will need to be funded by other householders - assuming circa. 50 owners contribute around £500 each.

The Parish Council noted the high individual cost and questioned whether the upgrade would be perceived to be worth the investment. In the first instance however, Arjen and Arthur should keep up pressure on HCC to include East Tisted and provide the service as it has done to the surrounding villages of Selborne and Farringdon.

- 5.a. The Clerk REPORTED that Brian Davey had now completed the playground remedial works as detailed in the annual inspection report. An invoice has not yet been received but the quoted cost of 'around £100' was APPROVED by Members for payment when the time comes.
  - 5.b. Speedwatch Scheme – the Clerk REPORTED that Farringdon Parish Council had APPROVED the joint cost of the Scheme at their September meeting but Hampshire Constabulary had rejected the routes put forward to be enforced. Station Road in East Tisted is approved but the A32 is rejected on the grounds that this route is already afforded the highest level of speed enforcement by the Police. The Clerk has requested Hampshire Constabulary attend both Farringdon and East Tisted Parish Council meetings for an explanation as the joint scheme looks unlikely to proceed without Farringdon being able to enforce their A32 stretch. Unfortunately, despite this request being made in September, no response has yet been received.
- 7.d.iv) CLG Inquiry into Litter – Members RATIFIED the Parish Council's response which was previously APPROVED via email.

### 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. Unless dispensation has 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. None was received.



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### 4. Chairman's business.

None at this time.

### 5. Official Notices.

#### a. Enhancing the recruitment of Parish Councillors

Members ACKNOWLEDGED the separate but linked initiatives by HALC and EHDC to raise awareness and therefore enhance the recruitment of future Parish Councillors ahead of the May 2015 elections.

#### b. Amendment to Standing Orders

The amendment to s.1 of the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act [the 1960 Act] by The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 [the 2014 Regulations] specifying that from 6 August 2014 members of the public have a statutory right to film, take photographs or record full council or committee meetings was duly NOTED.

### 6. Sub-committee's update

#### a. Planning:

i) SDNP/14/04452/FUL - Landscaping Scheme and proposed hard standing for new parking areas at Lodge Farm East Tisted GU34 3QH. Members RECORDED No Objection.

b. Pond – no action taken although David asked if the wildlife belt should be trimmed at this time. The Clerk responded that this was usually undertaken during the early spring to provide nesting materials to wildlife; discussion was therefore DEFERRED until a future meeting.

c. Traffic and highways – the Clerk REPORTED that Mark Kemp-Gee has been making progress with HCC to action highway maintenance and repairs, particularly relating to flooding, before the onset of winter. An A32 Flood Action Group (A32FAG) is to be set up with representatives from the villages affected to report individual problems at high level. The Clerk volunteered and members AGREED that she will represent East Tisted. Members also thanked Mark for his continued efforts.

d. East Tisted Village Website – nothing to report.

e. Neighbourhood Watch Update – Members RECEIVED and Larry REPORTED that rural crime figures are increasing with villages being targeted. Hampshire Constabulary are restructuring which will mean that we will lose our PC and be assigned a PCSO for support at community level.

### 7. Parish clerk

a. Members APPROVED the Quarterly Financial Statement, CONSIDERED the projected 2015/16 expenditure and AGREED the precept to be requested in 2015/16 will remain unchanged at £3,500.

b. Members APPROVED and ACCEPTED the audited annual return and ACKNOWLEDGED the minor issues raised by BDO that grant monies be reported in the correct boxes.

c. Following the Clerk's attendance at a HALC Update session, she REPORTED that the new Openness and Transparency rules will require a more robust and clear way of reporting financial expenditure and decision making. The rules governing smaller councils have yet to be published and action will be taken once they are. When asked for clarification, the Clerk confirmed that minutes should be marked as draft until such time as they are approved by the Chairman.



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### 7. Parish clerk (continued)

- d. Subscription/affiliation renewal requests – none had been received.
- e. Members to CONSIDER requests for financial contributions from:
  - i) CPRE Hampshire - the request for additional financial assistance was DECLINED.
  - ii) East Tisted Parochial Church Council – Mary-Jane declared her interest and the remaining members APPROVED a £300 donation towards the upkeep of the churchyard.

### 8. 2015 Meeting Dates

Members AGREED the dates of the 2015 meetings as follows:-

- Thursday, 12 February 2015
- Thursday, 14 May 2015 (subject to election)  
(Councillors take office, AGM and Open Meeting)
- Thursday 10 September 2015
- Thursday 10 December 2015

As there was no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Agreed as a correct record of events

David Bowtell – Chairman

Date