



East Tisted Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16 September 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: David Bowtell (Chairman)
Ronnie Crumplin (Councillor)
Emma Dillnutt (Clerk)
Kevin MacEntaggart (Councillor)
Colin Rule (Councillor)
Sir James Scott (Councillor)

Chris Fuller (RPCC)
Colin Samuels (Sam) (RPCC)

Apologies: Basil Lansdale (Web Master)
Louisa Whatmore (Hampshire Constabulary)

Copy to: Mary Buckle (Pond Monitor)
Chris Graham (District Councillor)
Mark Kemp-Gee (County Councillor)

1. **Apologies.**
Apologies had been received from Basil Lansdale and Louisa Whatmore.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.**
The minutes of the Council's annual general and open meetings, held on 10 June 2010, having been previously circulated, were signed as a correct record by the Chairman with the following matters arising:-
AGM - 4.c.ii) RPCC Fundraising – see Chairman's business below.
Open Mtg – Provision of Dog Fouling Bins. Emma is awaiting information from the Dog Warden following assessment of the area. **Action: Emma**
3. **Declaration of interests.**
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached, and (subject to certain exceptions in the National Code of Local Government Conduct) to leave prior to discussion and voting on the item

Kevin stated his interest in AGM - 4.c.ii) RPCC Fundraising as Treasurer to the RPCC and Sir James stated his interest in 5.a.i) as owner of Rotherfield Park Mansion.
4. **Chairman's business.**
David thanked Chris and Sam for attending and invited questions from Councillors on their update report.

Impressed with the amount of work already done, the Council congratulated Chris and Sam on their fundraising achievements and the



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improvements made so far to the pavilion, in particular the "Cricket Force" initiative which has shown increased villager support for the club. The club are keen to complete the works already underway before properly planning any major enhancements that would involve obtaining grants. The aim is to upgrade the facilities and make them attractive to both visiting teams and the community in general. The council fully support this and the idea of a bench to commemorate George Fuller who was so active in his supports for the club and sadly passed away in August.

David asked Kevin how the club's finances were as a result of these fundraising activities and Sam interjected that he thought this an inappropriate question. David stated that he was requesting the information in regard to the £1,000 conditional support offered by the Council and therefore considered it an appropriate enquiry.

Sam also thanked the council for their support with the Village Fete which proved a great success this year. Plans for 2011 are already underway with a view the extending the event into the evening.

5. Sub-committee's update

- a. Planning - Rotherfield Park Mansion - SDNP/32325/004 – Glazing of one blind roundel window to south gable end, replacement of second floor inner courtyard west window and internal alterations – No objections made – consent given.
- b. Pond - Emma has weeded the central island and installed a weed suppressing membrane, moved the two pallets and covered them with fallen branches from the trees. Reattached the ladder for the ducks and covered the island with twigs and stones for nest building.
- c. Traffic and Highways
 - i) Station Road Surface Dressing – Emma will prepare an email to Iain Hopcroft for Colin's approval registering the Council's disappointment with the poor quality of the finish following the surface dressing to Station Road carried out in August and asking that the warning signs be removed as a matter of urgency.
Action: Emma
 - ii) East Tisted Stores – parking and turning problems. The Council suggested erecting a sign outside the stores requesting customers keep the entrance clear to try and encourage car park usage.
- d. East Tisted Website Annual Report - the council again thanked Basil for his efforts and look forward to further updates.

6. Parish clerk

- a. The Quarterly Financial Statement was reviewed and approved.
- b. Requests for financial contributions
 - i) RPCC have requested their second stage payment of £550 for mowing the pond area and maintenance of the recreation ground – this was approved for payment on 1 October 2010. **Action: Emma**
 - ii) Victim Support Hampshire & the Isle of Wight – it was agreed not to make a donation at this time.
 - iii) Hampshire Constabulary Update – PC Louise Whatmore has emailed to say that our PCSO Andy White has moved to pastures



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new and will be replaced by PCSO Tria Gibbs at the end of September. Louise will try to introduce Tria to the Council at a future meeting. The council asked Emma to email Andy thanking him for his support and wishing him well in his new role. **Action:**

Emma

- c. 2011 Census – Emma has a Councillor Handbook should anyone require information concerning the 2011 Census in England and Wales which will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011.

Any Other Business

Colin registered his disappointment at the news that Alton's Allen Gallery and Curtis Museum will cease to be funded by EHDC as part of their cost cutting review and will possibly close as a result. A consultation is currently underway and anyone wishing to can register their views by 6 October 2010.

7. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 December 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Agreed as a correct record of events

David Bowtell – Chairman

Date



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4. Chairman's Business (AGM - 4.c.ii) RPCC Fundraising)

East Tisted Parish Council Meeting Thursday 16th September 2010 Re: Rotherfield Park Cricket Club

2010 has seen Rotherfield Park Cricket Club (RPCC) hold their own in the County League Regional Two after two successive promotions in the previous years. You could say that for now RPCC have found their level and are currently enjoying the playing sides of an equal standard and making for more entertaining and rewarding cricket.

Ropley Cricket Club juniors used the ground on six occasions and the ground was let out to Bounders from London who enjoyed a fine afternoon of cricket at our picturesque ground in East Tisted.

Over the last couple of years there has been feedback from parties within the village that the club does not have enough members from within the village/community. To try and open RPCC to the youngsters, Chris Fuller (CF) and Colin Samuels (Sam) hosted three evenings of coaching at the ground which were attended by five children from the village. Since these evenings one of the juniors has now played a senior game and we are hopeful that, with additional coaching, at least another one will play for the club in the future. Our intention is to host these coaching evenings on a regular basis in 2011 and advertise to children in the Farrington and Selborne areas where there are no cricket clubs or facilities.

Off the field much has happened but, before commenting on works/improvements, we must comment on the sad passing of George Fuller who was a great servant to both the sport and the club and will be greatly missed by all. It is the intention of CF and Sam to put in a small memorial garden and bench at the ground as a sign of gratitude and respect for George's services to East Tisted and RPCC and we would be grateful if ETPC would agree to this, whereupon RPCC will organise the funding and installation of both.

As you are aware RPCC joined forces with the England Cricket Board Cricket Force (ECBCF) scheme in 2010 which proved to be a great success. New garage doors, panels, plasterboards, painting and a general tidy up have spruced the tired facility up. It has been estimated that in material and time the cost of these works would have been over £4,000.00 but through the ECBCF scheme the cost to RPCC was only £200.00. Both CF and Sam were last month invited to The Rose Bowl by Hampshire County Cricket Club where RPCC won the County OSCA (Outstanding Services to Cricket Award) for works carried out through the ECBCF scheme. Since then RPCC have been invited to Lord's by the ECB for the National OSCA's event. This is obviously a great honour for RPCC and fantastic that our efforts at grassroot level have been noted in the corridors of the home of cricket.



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The reason for the award is due to the positive feed back and support from within the community. Labour was supplied free of charge by Garry Bishop, Malcolm Childs, Steve Smith, Jon Proctor and Bob Elliott who are all residents of the village. Materials were supplied free of charge by Pelham Ceilings in Farringdon, Wolseley Building Merchants and Magnet; while the Post Office and Shop kept the workers fed and watered. All of this ensured that the ECBCF 2010 a great success for both RPCC and the community.

It is again RPCC's intention to host another ECBCF in 2011, CF and Dave Buckland (DB) are currently looking at the works required within our budget. The next few weeks should see the flooring levelled, partitions taped, joined and painted and some units supplied by Magnet installed.

With the £2,500.00 grant awarded by Hampshire Playing Fields Association it is hoped that electrics, power and lighting will be installed over the winter. RPCC is currently looking at the best way to install this as there is no power supply to the ground. It is our opinion that with a generator and a combi boiler this should be sufficient for our requirements. RPCC is also looking at installing Perspex windows to the building and again CF and DB are actively investigating costs.

A better water supply needs to be sought to install flushing toilets and a soak away with the club's final goal being the installation of a Portakabin and showers. It is impossible to set a timescale on these works; however in our minds it would be fantastic to have every thing in place by spring 2012.

Finance is a major concern and RPCC have been busy building up a war chest through the Fete, e-bay sales, re-cycling schemes, grass cutting round the village pond and social events. Coors Brewery kindly donated £500.00 as part of a community scheme they run and RPCC as still actively searching alternative avenues.

Early in 2010 Sam did submit a Grant Application to East Hampshire District Council (EHDC) but never had a reply. Once RPCC has a clearer picture of costings it is our intention to submit a fresh application.

To finish, while our plans for a small club are quite ambitious we feel that through the help of all parties we can reach our goals and leave a lasting legacy for the benefit of the cricket club and the community.



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5.d. East Tisted Web-Site :: Update

Very little to report for this quarter.

I have picked up that several folk are less than happy with the layout and presentation of the "new style" UK Villages site on which we currently post our news.

This follows the withdrawal of The Post Office sponsorship for UK Villages.

I am in discussions with Cambridge open systems.com which may give us free hosting and more control of the site.

I remain as sceptical as ever of the offerings from both HCC and EHDC where we could enjoy some benefits but with bureaucracy aplenty.

Trawling through the Yell directory, there are several businesses registered in East Tisted of which I was unaware and with which I will make contact in November.

E&OE

Basil Lansdale

10th September 2010



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6a. Quarterly Financial Statement

1 May 2010	Bank Balance		<u>£2,392.69</u>
<u>Payments Out</u>	Emma Dillnutt (May 2010)	£ 32.38	
	Emma Dillnutt (Jun 2010)	£ 65.20	
	Audit Commission	£ 58.75	
	Emma Dillnutt (Jul 2010)	<u>£ 70.39</u>	
	Total	<u>£ 226.72</u>	
<u>Payments In</u>	VAT Refund	£ 42.15	
16 Sept 2010	Bank Balance		<u>£2,208.12</u>
<u>Amounts Allocated</u>	Community Projects (pond)	£ 600.00	
	Mowing Contract	<u>£ 550.00</u>	
		<u>£1,150.00</u>	
Funds Available			<u>£1,058.12</u>
Six month contingency calculated to £2000.00. £1K conditional support offered to RPCC for pavilion refurbishment. 2010/11 Precept £4K - £2K each in April and October.			