

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

**PRESENT**

**Chairman Cllr. Miller (AM)**  
**Cllrs. Nankivell (PN), Budd (RB) and Tait (PT)**  
**Cllr. Roger Huxstep – HCC**  
**Cllr. Lisa Griffiths – New Alresford Town Council**  
**Cllr. Ernie Jeffs – WCC**  
**Mr. Russell Gordon-Smith**  
**Mr K. Fell (KF) – Clerk**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Thacker and Cllr. Rutherford.

**2. AGREE MINUTES OF 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016.**

The Minutes were agreed by Members and signed by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING.**

The Chairman referred to a letter from Mr Williams, Hobbs Close asking for another grit bin. The Clerk was waiting for a reply from Highways.

**KF**

**4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Nil.

**5. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR. R. HUXSTEP.**

Cllr. Huxstep mentioned Devolution, HCC had submitted a scheme on 4<sup>th</sup> September but no response had been received. Another bid had been submitted south of the County. At the Council meeting breast feeding support services was mentioned as it was under review. The Hants Now magazine was also referred to. There was a Supplementary Planning Development supplement on the Minerals and Waste Plan. The budget was the lowest of any County but it included a 2% increase for Adult Social Care. The Precept would increase by 3.99% which meant £41.41 for a Band D property.

Cllr. Huxstep was asked if the boundary changes would affect the Lengthsman scheme. Shedfield would still administer the scheme and it was OK for the next financial year.

Cllr. Huxstep was thanked for his report.

**6. WINCHESTER CITY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR. A. THACKER.**

Cllr. Thacker stated that Winchester would be raising their council tax but this was the first increase in 6 years. A Band D property would be around £1504.81 for HCC, Police, WCC, Fire and PC.

The crashed car on the A272 had now been removed and the potholes on the B3046 had been reported to highways.

Cllr. Thacker was thanked for her report. (see full report)

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

### **SENT**

Highways re grit bin at Hobbs Close.  
Letter to Highways re B3047 footpath.

### **RECEIVED**

WCC Meetings schedule, Licensing Act  
EHDC Local Plan  
Env. Agency Groundwater levels  
Tower Mint Medal for Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Boomtown tickets

## **8. Finance.**

The Clerk produced a financial statement.

### **TO PAY**

HCC Supplies	£55.02
Clerk's exps.	£121.66
Proposed PN	Seconded AM

The cheque to the village hall was held until AM had spoken to the Chairman of the village hall.

After discussion with BDO the PC Auditors and Martin Henderson it was agreed that Bishop's Sutton would not opt out of the new audit arrangements. However these will commence in the financial year 2017/18 and BDO had sent the papers for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

## **9. WEBSITE.**

Details of the Transparency Fund had been forwarded by HALC. Clerk to investigate. Meeting to be organised.

**KF**

## **10. LENGTHSMEN.**

The Chairman said that the Lengthsmen were in the village for 2 days on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February. They had cleared the footpath from the bridge to the PC boundary, however the path beyond was overgrown. Clerk to contact HCC to see if the path can be cleared. Chairman to let Clerk have house names.

**KF**

It was stated that in winter only one man was available.

## **11. SLR**

The Chairman said that the equipment had recorded 17,876 at the Western end of the village. There was a letter re speed monitoring in the correspondence. Nos in next BISMONTROPTIS.

Members thanked Peter Mills for monitoring the equipment, changing the batteries and erecting/ removing the equipment.

## **12. INDUSTRIAL PLANNING.**

It was believed that the solar farm had changed ownership and it was felt that if it was a British company then the maintenance/consultation would be better. Chairman to check

**AM**

## **13. RESIDENTIAL PLANNING.**

Nil.

## **14. NEW ALRESFORD DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.**

Nothing further.

## **15. HIGHWAYS AND HOBBS CLOSE.**

The Chairman said that the 30 mph signs had been painted on the road and the repeater signs would be erected around the 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**16. FOOTPATHS & WDALC.**

PN stated that there was nothing of note to report.

**17. OTHER MEETINGS.**

Nil.

**18. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR.**

Cllr. Jeffs WCC stated that it made sense that Bishop's Sutton was back in the Alresford boundary. Members discussed the traffic through the village.

Cllr. Griffiths NATC asked that if we write to highways re the footpath could we mention the speed limit reduction. Under the bridge was mentioned as being de-restricted.

Mr Russell Gordon-Smith said that he was a Landscape Architect and there was a problem at the solar farm with run off caused by the land being compacted when the panels were erected.

**19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.