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PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Parish Council held
on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm, held in Nursling
and Rowhams Village Hall, Nursling Street.**

Council Members Present:

Cllr P Bundy, Chairman (PB)	Cllr M Maltby (MM) Cllr G Barker (GB) Cllr T Swain (TS)	Cllr D Spooner Cllr H Painting (HP) Cllr G Orriss (GO)
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In Attendance: Clerk R Hamilton.

No.	No.	ITEM	Action by
1		Apologies. Cllr M Harding, Cllr S Williams and Cllr A Bulpit. PB advised HCC Cllr N Adams-King could not attend.	
2.		Declarations of Interests. None.	
3.		To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on 8th March 2022. MM highlighted the attendees shown as present at meeting was incorrect. The Clerk confirmed the correct attendees and will amend minutes. GB proposed and HP seconded, all agreed that the minutes of the Full Meeting held on Tuesday 8 th February 2022 were correct.	
4.		Adjournment for 10 Minute Public Question Time.	
	4.1	Several residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns over the lack of response from the Parish Council to their alternative proposals for the Home Covert path. A resident expressed the view that they would like to settle the issue and bring it to a close. PB advised that he had written in the Village News about problem with Ash Dieback in Home Covert Woods. Barker-Mills Estate are working in conjunction	

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		<p>with the Forestry Commission to assess the extent of the problem. The result could be that many trees may be felled. This may free up land to allow an alternative route, although it may require further planning permission. A resident queried Barker-Mills view on an alternative path. PB believed that they would be supportive of an agreed route.</p> <p>A resident asked for some feedback on the alternative route suggested by the residents. PB advised that until the extent of the work in Home Covert was known it was not possible to give definite feedback. PB did agree that the residents would be consulted when planned work on Home Covert was complete.</p> <p>During the discussion PB outlined the plan for a more permanent path alongside the Recreation Ground linking with central spine path through Home Covert. It was hoped that the central spine path would be improved to provide a route that was usable all year. The intention was for a route for residents at the north of Fen Meadow and a route for residents at the South of Fen Meadow plus Hillyfields. This would encourage walking to Nursling school and a reduction in the traffic dropping children at the school.</p>	
5.		To Dispose of Business Remaining from The Previous Meeting/ Chairman's Report.	
	5.1	Home Covert Path – Discussed during Public Question Time.	Continues
	5.2	Resilience Forum/Emergency Planning –. HP advised that there was no update.	Continues
	5.3	Planning Training – PB confirmed the Planning training had been delivered. The training had supplied an overview of the planning laws. PB would look at getting more specific planning training at some point in the future.	Complete
	5.4	SANG alongside Broadleaf Development. PB advised that the issues with the SANG were ongoing. The Clerk referred to complaints received from residents about the state of the public footpath.	Continues
	5.5	Re-levelling of Nursling Recreation Ground. The Clerk confirmed he had a discussion with AMS Contractors It had been agreed to reduce the invoice from £11,260.30 to £8,000 (exc VAT). Included in the invoice was temporary fencing costs of £2,800 that covered hire up to the end of September 2021. The reduction would mean the additional cost incurred would be reduced from £8,460 to £5,460. The Clerk suggested that a Zoom meeting be held with the Contractors if the Parish Council did not agree the reduced figure. The Clerk advised that further costs were incurred due to the	Continues

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		<p>topsoil issue and having to stop and restart. However, the total cost of the work would still be less than the second lowest quote and the Contractors had indicated that they may not finish the work if the dispute continued. The Clerk was asked if a further reduction could be achieved. The Clerk was unsure if this was possible. After further discussion it was agreed to pay the reduced amount. The Clerk will obtain a revised invoice and list the payment for formal agreement in the April 2022 Agenda.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that during the discussion it was indicated that the temporary fencing may be in place until early April, as wet weather had delayed some of the work.</p>	
	5.6	Village Hall extension. PB confirmed that a meeting had been held with the architect on 4 March 2022 It was agreed by those in attendance that it was worthwhile. The architect will incorporate the proposals made by the Councillors into revised plans.	Continues
	5.7	Financial Risk Assessment. The Clerk had held a meeting with SW and the revised risk assessment had been sent to Councillors for agreement or comments. DS suggested that if unexpected elections had to be held then the cost would be significant. The Clerk agreed to incorporate Election costs into the risk assessment. DS suggested the risk would be low	Complete
	5.8	HGV Lorries Nursling Street. No updates had been provided.	Continues
	5.9	Sculpture on the SANG. PB had supplied the name of the Test Valley contact to the JL, HP and GO. The individual responsible at TVBC had yet to decide on how the decision would be made but it was understood that some form of public engagement in the process was expected.	Continues
	5.10	<p>Fencing Nursling Recreation Ground. The Clerk provided an example of the permanent fencing purchased for the Recreation Ground. PB expressed his view that the fencing would provide a deterrent to travellers and joyriders, although nothing was fool proof.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that he would like some input from Councillors on the line of the fencing, gate design and access points. It was agreed that a site visit would take place prior to the site visit with the fencing contractor on 25th March 2022. JL, GO, MM, DS and PB all volunteered to attend. The Clerk will set up a date and invite all Councillors.</p> <p>GB thought the fence may pose a safety risk for young children. There was some discussion around alternative designs. The Clerk advised that alternative designs had been reviewed, but the cost was considerably more than this design - with one type costing over £60,000. It was suggested that</p>	Continues

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		the Clerk approach ROSPA to try and gain some input into the safety of the fencing.	
	5.11	Bus Routes Servicing Broadleaf Park Estate. The Clerk advised that a response had been received from Blue Star. This advised that the current bus service was not commercially viable, and it would not be expanded. The bus company indicated that HCC did have a Bus Service Improvement Plan and they could be approached. PB indicated he had highlighted this problem, but it was overruled by the Planning Inspector, when permission was granted for the development at the planning appeal. PB suggested that the Parish Council write to TVBC and HCC to see how they could assist with the problem.	Continues
	5.13	The Greening Campaign. The Clerk advised only one volunteer had come forward. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not participate in the campaign due to the low level of interest.	Complete
	5.14	Southampton National Park City – Tiny Forest Sites. The Clerk and HP met with a representative of Highways England and Tiny Forests. It looked like trees could be planted adjacent to the M27 bridge, but it was likely to take a few months before planting. The Clerk believed that the Parish's role would only be to assist with tree planting when required. It was agreed to conclude this item.	Complete
	5.15	The Queens Platinum Jubilee - The Clerk advised 2 volunteers had contacted him. PB said that it would not be viable to stage any event with 2 volunteers and will include a further request for volunteers in the next Village News.	Continues
	5.16	Chamberlayne Estates – The Clerk confirmed he had received a response from the management company. It had been advised a Tree Surgeon would assess the state of the trees screening the houses in Hedgerow Close and Armada Close. No timeframe had been provided but the Parish Council would be notified through the planning process. The Clerk will write and express the Parish Council's thanks for the reply.	Complete
	5.17	St Boniface Park Drainage issues. – The Clerk advised he had sent a reminder email to Southern Water but had yet to receive a response, following the survey and work that they had completed at St Boniface Park.	Continues
	5.18	Nursling Recycling Centre – The Clerk confirmed he had sent the Parish Council's response to both HCC and TVBC.	Complete
6.		Approval of Payments for Period Ending 28 February 2022	
	6.1	A schedule of payments and financial reports shown in appendices 1 – 3 for the months ending and 28th February 2022 were presented.	

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	6.2	The Clerk advised that the next 2 to 3 months would see substantial outlay by the Parish Council. This expenditure should be covered by the Annual Precept, Section 106 funds, and VAT repayments.	
	6.3	DS proposed the payments be accepted, TS seconded, and all agreed.	
7.		Police Report and Community Safety.	
	7.1	None.	
8.		TVBC And County Councillors Reports	
	8.1	TS advised that the Community Governance Review would be recommending that all of Romsey Extra Parish be absorbed into Romsey Town Council. This means there would be no change to Nursling and Rowhams Parish boundaries.	
	8.2	PB advised that there was no announcement from HCC as to the start date for the Baker's Drove junction public consultation.	
	8.3	PB confirmed the M271 roundabout work had been completed. The success of the works can be judged after the next period of heavy rainfall.	
	8.4	PB advised that TS is to formulate a response to the Local Plan 2040 document.	
	8.5	PB advised that Business grants were still available to 31 March 2022 due to the effect of the Omicron variant.	
	8.6	PB advised that Council Tax rebates of £150 would be made due to the increasing cost of energy prices.	
	8.7	PB provided some details in respect of recent TVBC prosecutions for fly tipping.	
9.		Horns Drove Woodland Tree Survey and matters arising.	
	9.1	The Clerk advised that the Tree Survey had taken place in January 2022. The Clerk had wished to accompany the tree surgeon during the survey. However, the tree surgeon had provided no advance notice of his visit and completed the survey before the Clerk had been notified.	Complete
	9.2	Following receipt of the tree survey The Clerk had visited the Woodland with the volunteer Tree Wardens to review the survey. It was agreed that another visit would take place in May or June when it would be easier to establish which trees needed attention. In the meantime, the Clerk would make an application to TVBC to obtain permission to carry out the works specified in the survey.	
	9.3	The Clerk advised that the survey recommended a closer visual inspection of the large Oak trees overhanging Horns Drove. This would involve climbing the trees and making the inspection. It was agreed the Clerk would investigate the cost of this inspection.	

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	9.4	The Clerk reminded the Council that the survey had been brought forward as a resident had complained about the trees to the rear of their garden. The survey has suggested cutting back overhanging branches by 3m, although there were no major issues with the trees. This work could not take place until after the nesting season in September or October. It was agreed to get the planning consent in place and assess the cost of carrying out this work.	
10.		Fencing costs for Nursling Recreation Grounds £31,066.64 (exc Vat), including £10,000 deposit (exc Vat). Agree fencing line, gate design and gate locations	
	10.1	See comments at 5.10	Complete
11.		Revised Financial Risk Assessment – comments and agreement.	
	11.1	DS thought that unexpected elections could be a financial risk, if more than one election was required in a year. DS indicated that the risk would be low. The Clerk will update the Financial Risk Assessment to include election costs.	Complete
12		Updated Assets Register at March 2022.	
	12.1	DS indicated that the land at Trowbridge Close was not included in the Asset Register and The Glebe should show a £10 annual cost. The Clerk will update the register. There was discussion around some of the items on the Register. It was agreed that a review could take place during the summer months.	Clerk

13	Schedule of Planning and TPO applications for Discussion 8 March 2022		
13.1	21/03748/FULLS. Grove Place, Upton Lane, Nursling. Erection of specialist nursing home and dementia unit. Objection.		
13.2	22/03754/ADVS. Land at Bargain Farm, Nursling. Erection of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs. No objection.		
13.3	22/00211/CLES. Willbox Ltd, Crescent Estates, Station Road, Nursling. Lawful Development Certificate to use land for storage B2 and industrial B2. Objection.		
13.4	22/00278/FULLS. 35 Cranmer Drive Nursling. – Loft conversion and elongate porch roof. No objection but requested TVBC to check if it was out of character for that area.		
13.5	22/00288/CLPS. Byways Toogood's Way, Nursling. Lawful Development Certificate to replace single garage with double garage. No objection.		

13.6	22/00319/FULLS. 15 Trowbridge Close, Rownhams. Two storey front extension and first floor extension above garage. No comment but asked TVBC to look at the character of the property.
13.7	22/00315/RESS. Plot AP6 Adanac Park, Nursling. Application for the appearance, layout, scale, and associated landscaping of three new light industrial buildings within the outline application boundary of consent reference 19/00669/OUTS. Not yet reviewed.
13.8	22/00327/VARS. Packridge Farm, Packridge Lane, Toot Hill. Vary condition 4 erection of single storey detached building. No objection.
13.9	22/00379/FULLS. 46 Testlands Ave, Nursling. Single storey rear extension, raise roof line for loft extension and dormer windows. Objection.
13.10	22/0360/FULLS. Cobra Lodge, Upton Lane, Nursling. Erection of kennels and consulting room. Objection.
13.11	22/00397/OBLS. Parkers Farm, Rownhams Lane. Amendment to seventh schedule 2.3, 3.1, 5.3 and 6.1. The Parish Council wished to object to this application and wanted the terms of the Section 106 to remain in place.
13.12	22/00458/FULLS. 38 Betteridge Drive, Rownhams. Single storey rear extension. No objection.
13.13	22/00462/FULLS. 25 Balmoral Way, Rownhams. Erection of new front porch. No objection.
13.14	22/00496/TPOS. 20 Rufus Close, Rownhams. T1 Fell oak. No objection suggested part remain as an Eco pole.
13.15	22/00491/FULLS. 29 Upton Crescent, Nursling. Extension, loft conversion and associated alterations to dwelling. To be reviewed.
13.16	22/00497/CLES. Lucky 8 Nursling Street. Application for lawful development certificate. No objection.
13.17	22/00475/FULLS. 51A Upton Crescent, Nursling. Single storey rear extension. To be reviewed.
13.18	22/0430/FULLS. Rownhams East Services M27. Erection of canopies over electric service area. To be reviewed.

14		Correspondence for Discussion and Action.	
	14.1	A resident in Broadbent Close had complained about Woodland trees overhanging the garden. The Clerk this fell into the area discussed under the Tree Survey. No work would be possible until September or October, but the Clerk would establish how much this work will cost.	
	14.2	A resident had complained about the lack of play areas. Currently Fen Meadow play areas are closed, Broadleaf parks has ongoing issues. There is a request for St Boniface Park to extend the path, additional play equipment, a bench and flower planting. There is a request for Jubilee Park for a multi-use games pitch, and questions about when Nursling recreation ground will open. The Clerk advised that an answer had been provided to most points. The Clerk was unaware why three small parks in Fen Meadow were fenced off and if a bench could be placed in Boniface Park with planting. PB	Clerk

		advised that Fen Meadow did not involve the Parish Council and it may be a dispute with Test Valley. PB said that a bench had been proposed in St Boniface Park previously and had met with opposition by local residents. Therefore, there were no plans to place a bench in the park. It may be possible to plant some wildflowers in early 2023.	
	14.3	Consultation on the draft “air quality in new development” supplementary planning document. The Town and Country planning (Local planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Noted.	
	14.4	Over Wallop Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan consultation draft and supporting documentation is now available for you to read and to comment on. The consultation will commence on the 21 February and end on 4 April. Noted.	
19.		Members questions.	
	19.1	GO asked how long the resurfacing work in Horns Drove would take. PB advised it would be two days.	
	19.2	TS asked about the van parked in Baker’s Drove. PB said that it was down to the Police to investigate and establish if there was a risk. If more yellow lines were introduced, it may just push the problem to another road.	
	19.3	TS mentioned that she had heard the Co Op store in Nursling Street would not now be expanding and queried if the flower troughs could be introduced. PB believed that we had to establish if this was correct before taking any action.	
	19.4	GB said that he had received a few complaints from residents in Upton Crescent that 4 or 5 minibuses from private schools were parking in the road in the morning. It seemed to be used as a drop off point for parents of children attending these schools. PB asked GB to obtain the names of the schools concerned.	GB
	19.5	GB asked about the planning issues at 1 Upton Crescent. The Clerk was unaware of any updates.	
	19.6	JL asked about dropped kerbs in Hillyfields. PB said that it would be part of the public consultation process.	
	19.7	JL asked if the Parish Council had to ask to take part in No mow May or was it a TVBC decision. The Clerk said that he would find out.	Clerk.
	19.8	DS confirmed that the NHS park and ride car park was due for completion in June 2022.	
	19.9	HP asked that the minutes be provided closer to the finish of the meeting. The Clerk advised that it took longer than normal to finalise the minutes, due to other work issues having to be dealt with. Normally, PB would proofread to spot obvious errors and then they are sent out to Councillors. The Clerk advised he will try to issue the notes earlier next month.	
	19.10	HP was concerned that the water pooling in Upton Lane, under the bridge, would prove a driving hazard if not	Clerk

		investigated. PB thought it best to ask Cllr N Adams-King to investigate this issue.	
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The meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next Full Meeting of the Council will be held on 12th April at 7:30pm.

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Date	Payment Type	Expense	CR	DR	Balance
04/03/2022	Credit	Ground Rent 20 and 21	30		63576.93
04/03/2022	Credit	Village News Adverts	400		63976.93
08/03/2022	Credit	VAT Refund to Jan 22	8998.6		72975.53
10/03/2022	Bacs	Annual Subscription		12	72963.53
10/03/2022	Bacs	February litter picking		300	72663.53
18/03/2022	Bacs	Work on telephone box Redbridge Lane		652.62	72010.91
15/03/2022	Bacs	Work on Recreation Ground		9600	62410.91
15/03/2002	Bacs	Dog/Litter bin emptying		1232.58	61178.33
15/3/022	Bacs	Grounds Maintenance Oct 21 to Mar 22		5287.51	55890.82
21/03/2022	Bacs	Telephone Rental		21.59	55869.23
23/03/2022	Bacs	Turkey Oak Balmoral Way.		950	54919.23
25/03/2022	Credit	Village News Adverts	360		55279.23
28/03/2022	Credit	Village News Adverts	942.2		56221.43
28/03/2022	Bacs	January to March Expenses		667.76	55553.67
28/03/2022	Bacs	March Salary		775.64	54778.03
28/03/2022	Bacs	Paye/Nic quarterly payment		781.95	53996.08
28/03/2022	Bacs	Village News Print costs March 2022		713.52	53282.56
Total			10730.8	20995.17	