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**NURSLING &  
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 PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm**

**Council Members Present:**

Cllr P Bundy, Chairman (PB) Cllr S Williams Vice Chairman (SW)	Cllr A Bulpit (AB) Cllr H Painting (HP) Cllr J Lines (JL)	Cllr G Orriss (GO) Cllr T Swain (TS) Cllr G Barker (GB)
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**In Attendance:** Parish Clerk R Hamilton

No	No.	ITEM	Action by
1.		<b>Apologies.</b> The Clerk advised that Cllr M Harding (MH), Cllr M Maltby (MM), Cllr D Spooner (DS) and Cllr N Adams-King (NAK) had sent their apologies.	
2.		<b>Declarations of Interests.</b> None.	
3.		<b>To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</b>	
	3.1	The minutes were proposed by HP and GB seconded, all agreed that the minutes of the Full Meeting held on Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 were accurate and correct.	
4.		<b>Adjournment for 10 Minute Public Question Time.</b>	
	4.1	No members of the public attended	
5.		<b>To Dispose of Business Remaining from The Previous Meeting/ Chairman's Report.</b>	

5.1	Home Covert Path – JL advised that the felling of trees had commenced in Home Covert Wood. The Clerk said that he had not been informed of the tree felling and would visit the wood to check on the extent of the work.	<b>Continues</b>
5.2	Resilience Forum/Emergency Planning – HP had no further updates and the Clerk confirmed he had not received any communication from TVBC. There was a discussion about the problems over the water supply and the response from Southern Water.	<b>Continues</b>
5.3	SANG alongside Broadleaf Development – PB had still not received the latest report and will ask TVBC again. HP advised that at the recent meeting to discuss the SANG sculpture trail, HP had asked the Taylor Wimpey representative who was responsible for emptying the rubbish bins on the SANG. The Taylor Wimpey representative agreed to follow this up. No response had been received and SW reported that the bins were now full.	<b>Continues</b>
5.4	<p>Re-levelling Nursling Recreation Ground – The Clerk thought it unlikely the final treatments would now be completed until Spring.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that he had discussed with a contractor the redesign of the gate at the Social Club entrance. The grounds contractor did not wish to continue moving the concrete blocks when cutting the grass. The Clerk wanted to move the work forward to have the new design in place by the end of April. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should engage the contractor and did not require to go through the normal tendering process.</p>	<b>Clerk/PB</b>
5.5	Village Hall extension – JL would be arranging further meetings in 2023.	<b>Continues</b>
5.6	HGV Lorries Nursling Street – PB will ask NAK to provide further information about when the sign is to be erected.	<b>Continues</b>
5.7	Sculpture on the SANG – The Clerk advised no further volunteers had come forward. HP agreed to re-write the paragraph in the Village News asking for volunteers	<b>Continues</b>
5.8	Fencing Nursling Recreation Ground – GB had met with the two preferred contractors and been provided with updated quotes. The quote from B Storey was for £22,540 and did not include VAT. The quote from Ava Recreation was for £21,064 exclusive of VAT. The revised quotes included the construction of a concrete path and a new entrance point in the fencing beside Home Covert. After some discussion and consideration of the likely time scale it was proposed by SW to award the contract to B Storey, JL seconded, and all agreed. GB would contact B Storey to confirm when he could start the work on the path.	<b>Continues</b>

<b>5.9</b>	St Boniface Installation of adult fitness equipment. – JL would approach the contact at TVBC to obtain advice on the best equipment. It was believed that Section 106 funds were available for this project. TS advised she had a breakdown showing how the funds could be used. The Clerk would check on the details he held in respect of Section 106 funding.	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.10</b>	Garden Machinery – The Clerk confirmed he had collected the strimmer but still needed to purchase safety equipment and arrange training. .	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.11</b>	Internal Audit Matters – The Clerk advised that HMRC had contacted him and confirmed the Council did need to register for VAT purposes. They also queried some expenditure in relation to the Village Hall. The Clerk had been in contact with HALC seeking advice in respect of how best to allocate funds for the project. The advice given was to first of all establish how any VAT payments would be treated and if they could be reclaimed. It did appear that there was a route to reclaim VAT, and this would have a significant impact on the overall cost. The Clerk thought it best to engage a VAT consultant to confirm the legislative position. The Clerk had obtained details of two consultants from the Internal Auditor. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the consultants and investigate the best option to maximise the use of funds.	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.12</b>	Rufus Close/ St Boniface Trees – The Clerk confirmed the work had been completed and the homeowner was satisfied. The Clerk advised that one of the issues was the quick growth of brambles and these were not covered by tree surveys. The Clerk proposed that a program be started to reduce the brambles in St Boniface Park. The proposal was to treat one small section and cut the growth back. If successful, then other sections could be reduced in successive years. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost to carry out work on the brambles.	<b>Complete.</b>
<b>5.13</b>	Balmoral Play Area. The Clerk advised that the contractor had visited and inspected the Play Area, the climbing wall and the skate Park. However, the contractor had not yet supplied a price for each job. The Clerk would chase up the Contractor and, if there was no response he would look into alternatives.	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.14</b>	Dismantling the climbing wall. See 5.13	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.15</b>	Repairs required the skate park. See 5.13.	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.16</b>	Investment of Council Funds. The Clerk advised that a further account could be set up with CCLA and he had obtained the application form. The Clerk outlined the investment details for the Public Sector Deposit Fund and how it worked. SW proposed that the account be opened, TS seconded, and all agreed.	<b>Continues</b>
<b>5.17</b>	Works Jubilee Park and Barker Mill Close. PB advised that the	<b>Continues</b>

		work had not yet been carried out.	
	<b>5.18</b>	Cricket Pitches. The Clerk advised that the soil analysis indicated that the existing soil was not suitable to create cricket pitches. The alternative was to create the pitches, and this would carry a considerable cost. There would also be the cost of maintenance after it had been constructed. The Clerk suggested that a decision be postponed until the final date for the extension of the Village Hall was known. Then the cost of the pitch could be investigated further, and a decision made. The Parish Council agreed this course of action.	<b>Complete</b>
	<b>5.19</b>	Draft Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document. TS advised that it had not been possible to send a response before the deadline on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	<b>Complete</b>
	<b>5.20</b>	Nursling Street hedging – The Clerk had reported the hedging to HCC.	<b>Complete</b>
<b>6.0</b>		<b>Approval of Payments for Period Ending 30/11/22, 31/12/22 and Finance.</b>	
	<b>6.1</b>	A schedule of payments and financial reports for the months ending 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 and 31 <sup>st</sup> December were presented to the Council.	
	<b>6.32</b>	The Clerk advised that income from the Village News was being received by way of standing order to minimise the cash being handled. TS proposed the reports be accepted, JL seconded and all agreed.	<b>Complete</b>
<b>7.0</b>		<b>Police Report and Community Safety</b>	
	<b>7.1</b>	None.	
<b>8.0</b>		<b>TVBC and County Councilor's Reports.</b>	
	<b>8.1</b>	NAK was unable to attend but did provide information to PB to provide an update to the Council.	
	<b>8.2</b>	PB advised that an application had been made to close Rownhams Lane for 2 to 3 weeks and it would be closed during the day. It was not known why this closure had been requested but it was thought likely to be for road resurfacing.	
	<b>8.3</b>	PB advised that a full planning meeting would be held on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 in respect of the Nursling Recycling Centre application. The intention was to object to the proposed increase in the traffic levels by 25% and seek conditions to implement a booking system for the site and an accurate count of vehicles. PB agreed to attend the planning meeting along with the Clerk.	
	<b>8.4</b>	PB advised that TVBC were seeking an enforcement notice to	

		evict the tenants from the land beside Bracken Lane and the hearing would be held in January 2023.	
	<b>8.5</b>	TS reported that the problems with the water supply from Southern Water was mainly confined to Chilworth. Residents were advised they could collect supplies of water at Cantell school or in Eastleigh, but it was not very well planned and conflicting information was provided.	
<b>9.</b>		<b>Approval of Precept of £70,000 for the year ending 31 March 2024.</b>	
	<b>9.1</b>	The Clerk advised that the main reason for the larger Precept was the increase in band D properties from 2,523 to 2,598. However, there was an increase of 18 pence per property to round the Precept up to £70,000. If the Precept was set at a figure of £69,500 the charge per property would be approximately the same as 2022/23.	
	<b>9.2</b>	The Clerk had sent Councillors' a draft budget for 2023/24 prior to the meeting but highlighted the difficulty in estimating expenditure in the current economic climate. There was discussion in respect of the budget with the consensus being that the Precept be maintained at the same level as 2022/23 and any shortfall being covered by reserves.	
	<b>9.3</b>	SW proposed that the Precept be set at £69,500, TS seconded, and all agreed.	<b>Complete</b>
<b>10.</b>		<b>Approval for Barclays Bank Debit Card to fund miscellaneous expenses incurred by the Parish Clerk (Recommendation by Internal Audit).</b>	
	<b>10.1</b>	The Clerk advised that the Mandate from Barclays Bank specified that the request for a debit card be shown in the minutes and approved at a full Council meeting.	<b>Complete</b>
	<b>10.2</b>	SW proposed that a debit card be requested from Barclays Bank, TS seconded, and all agreed.	
<b>11.</b>		<b>Review of use of Nursling Recreation Ground by dog walkers and conditions for use.</b>	
	<b>11.1</b>	AB advised that he had witnessed an incident in Jubilee Park and was concerned at the behaviour of some dog owners. AB believed that the Parish Council should prepare a set of rules governing behaviour of dog owners. PB advised that a set of byelaws had been prepared by himself and a previous Parish Clerk. The Clerk agreed to review the Parish records to find the byelaws or contact Test Valley for their rules in respect of parks. The Council could then consider how best to implement the existing rules.	<b>Continues</b>
	<b>11.2</b>	AB suggested that an area in Jubilee Park could be fenced off to allow dogs to be released from their leads. PB said that Jubilee Park was run by TVBC, and they would have to take that decision.	

<b>12</b>		<b>Review of Village News Costs and approval of the increased print costs by Ordnance Survey.</b>	
	<b>12.1</b>	The Clerk had provided the Councillors with a summary of the income versus costs of the Parish Council from October 2021 to November 2022. The Village News had made a profit of approximately £1,700 but the printing costs were increasing, and VAT would have to be charged on the adverts in the Village News. The Clerk estimated if the income and costs remained unchanged there would be a loss over the next 12 months of £3,000.	
	<b>12.2</b>	The Clerk advised he had been unable to obtain a quote from a printer for the Village News before the meeting. The Clerk would contact printers with a view to obtain an alternative costing for the magazine. The view of the Councillors was that the current format was popular and read by most residents. Therefore, the preferred option was to keep the format and monthly issue of the Village News unchanged. The Clerk was asked to seek the editors' views on increasing the advertising rates for the Village News and report to the next meeting. PB advised that MM may have a contact for a printing company and details could be provided to the Clerk.	<b>Continues /Clerk</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>Approval of Deed of Modification of the Section 106 and 106A agreement relating to land at Redbridge Lane, Nursling.</b>	
	<b>13.1</b>	PB explained the background to this issue with the Section 106 agreement being amended without the Parish Council's knowledge. The change affected how the funds available for projects could be used and the sequence of the work on projects. PB had arranged for a change in the agreement and that fee being paid by Bloor's Builders.	
	<b>13.2</b>	PB advised that only one small section of the agreement had been deleted and a copy of the modification had been issued prior to the meeting. SW proposed the Deed of Modification be accepted, GO seconded and all agreed.	<b>Complete</b>
<b>14.</b>		<b>Consultation on Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update.</b>	
	<b>14.1</b>	The Clerk advised that this was a very extensive document covering all of Hampshire but Section 185 related specifically to the Nursling Recycling Centre in Lee Lane. The deadline for any feedback was the end of January 2023.	<b>Continues /Clerk</b>
	<b>14.2</b>	PB thought it best to wait until after the decision had been made on 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 before considering feedback. It was agreed to wait until the outcome of the Nursling Recycling Centre planning hearing.	

15		<b>Developments and Applications. Appendix 1 attached</b>	
	15.1	<b>22/02878/FULLS.</b> 2 The Mews, Rownhams. Loft conversion with rear dormers and roof lights to front. <b>Objection.</b> The additional rooms have potential to be used as bedrooms meaning parking has to be considered.	
	15.2	<b>22/0354/FULLS.</b> Wychwood, Nursling Street. Erection of new dwelling with access, parking, and landscaping. <b>Objection.</b>	
	15.3	<b>22/02956/VARS.</b> Land at Adanac Park. Variation of condition 14 of 20/01421 and condition 2a of 18/01543/OUTS. <b>No objection.</b>	
	15.4	<b>22/02903/FULLS.</b> 44 Testlands Avenue, Nursling. Single storey rear extension with loft conversion and dormers on the side. <b>Objection.</b>	
	15.5	<b>22/02494/FULLS.</b> Danebury Way, Nursling. Erection of external storage. <b>No objection.</b>	
	15.6	<b>22/02934/OUTS.</b> Adanac Park, Brownhill Way, Nursling. Erection of drive through charging station. <b>No comment.</b>	
	15.7	<b>22/03005/TPOS.</b> 41 St Evox Close, Rownhams. T1 Oak reduce overhanging branches by 2m and shape crown. <b>No objection.</b>	
	15.8	<b>22/02985/CLPS.</b> 4A Winfrith Way, Nursling. Certificate of proposed lawful development for use as a dwelling house. <b>Objection.</b>	
	15.9	<b>22/03017/FULLS.</b> 4 Testlands Avenue, Nursling. Single storey flat roof extension to replace conservatory. <b>No objection.</b>	
	15.10	<b>22/03112/CLPS.</b> 14 Broadmead Road, Nursling. Certificate of proposed lawful development for single storey rear extension and loft conversion. <b>No objection.</b>	
	15.11	<b>22/03094/FULLS.</b> Pillarbox Cottage, Toothill. Demolition of extension and workshop. Construction of 2 storey side extension. The Clerk advised this had been sent out to late to meet the deadline. <b>However, the decision was that there was no objection.</b>	
	15.12	<b>22/03110/FULLS.</b> 41 Upton Crescent, Nursling. Demolition of conservatory, extension to form day room, shower room and extended lounge. <b>To be reviewed.</b>	

	<b>15.13</b>	<b>22/02987/FULLS.</b> Unit 140 Mauretania Road, Nursling Estate. Temporary installation of industrial storage tent (retrospective). <b>No objection.</b>	
	<b>15.14</b>	<b>22/02903/FULLS amended.</b> 44 Testlands Avenue, Nursling. Single storey rear extension with loft conversion and dormers. on the side – amended scheme. <b>To be reviewed.</b>	

<b>16</b>		<b>Correspondence for Discussion and Action 3/1/2023</b>	
	<b>16.1</b>	<b>Parking and state of area adjacent to the Co-Op Nursling Street.</b> The Clerk advised he had met with a resident concerned over the parking on double yellow lines opposite the Co-Op and the poor condition of the landscaping in the area. It had been highlighted the area was not under the control of the Parish Council. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Planning application in respect of opening a new Co-Op in Romsey Road before considering further.	<b>Complete</b>
	<b>16.2</b>	<b>Notice of Election for 4th May 2023 and date for Parish Councillor nominations 22nd March 2023.</b> The Clerk highlighted the key dates for nominations. It was agreed that the Clerk would deliver nominations approximately a week prior to the submission deadline on 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	<b>Complete.</b>

<b>17.</b>		<b>Members Questions</b>	
	<b>17.1</b>	AB asked about the speaker system for meetings. PB said that MM is still working on the refurbishment of the system.	
	<b>17.2</b>	HP asked about approaching TVBC for some advice on managing the Horns Drove Woodland. PB advised that there was an Ecologist working in TVBC, but it may be difficult for them to find the time to assist. The Clerk suggested contacting the Woodland Trust for advice and it was agreed to try this option as a start.	<b>Continues/Clerk</b>

**The meeting closed at 9:15pm.**

**The next Full Meeting of the Council will be held on 7.30pm 7th February 2023.**