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**NURSLING &
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
 Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7:30pm**

Council Members Present:

Cllr P Bundy, Chairman (PB) Cllr M Maltby (MM) Cllr G Barker (GB)	Cllr T Swain (TS) Cllr J Lines (JL) Cllr G Orriss (GO)	Cllr W Ashdown (WA) Cllr P Lomax (PL) Cllr K Dunleavy (KD)
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In Attendance: Clerk R Hamilton

No.	No.	ITEM	Action by
1.		Apologies. The Clerk advised that Cllr B Richards (BR), Cllr H Painting (HP) and Cllr N Adams-King (NAK) could not attend.	
2.		Declarations of Interests. None.	
3.		To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Full Meeting of the Council held on 14th November 2023.	
	3.1	The minutes were proposed by KD and WA seconded, all agreed that the minutes of the Full Meeting held on Tuesday 16 th November 2023 were accurate and correct.	
4.		Adjournment for 10 Minute Public Question Time.	
	4.1	No members of the public attended the meeting.	
5.		To Dispose of Business Remaining from The Previous Meeting/ Chairman's Report.	
	5.1	Balmoral Way Speeding Vehicles (Item 4.3 November 2023 minutes) – The Clerk had written to HCC and was awaiting a response. PB advised that he was in contact with Chilworth Parish Council to acquire Speed Indicator Monitors. These would	Continues

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		be solar powered and could record the speed of vehicles. It is hoped these devices would help combat speeding vehicles. TS said the Kings Somborne signs were effective and KD suggested moving the signs around Parish locations.	
	5.2	Home Covert Link Path – PB confirmed that he had been in contact with the Barker Mill Estate. They are currently seeking quotes for both the felling and removal of Ash trees.	Continues
	5.3	Resilience Forum/Emergency Planning – PB advised there was no update on this item. PB did like the idea of a checklist mentioned at the last meeting and would request a copy to review.	Continues
	5.4	SANG alongside Broadleaf Development – TS advised there was still a puddle across the new path, but it had improved. GO asked why the path stopped at the SANG entrance. TS advised that it was never the intention for the path to circle the SANG and the path was complete.	Continues
	5.5	HGV signs regarding lorries using Nursling Street and Paulette Lacave Ave plus Hillyfields dropped kerbs – PB hoped NAK could provide an update at the next meeting.	Continues (NAK)
	5.6	Sculpture Trail on the SANG – PB advised that an artist had been selected and had visited the site. The design was not yet finalised and there would be further consultation.	Continues
	5.7	Path Nursling Recreation Ground – PB said that he had undertaken a few visits to the path when it had rained. There was no indication of puddling and it appeared to be working well. There were a few areas that needed additional topsoil added but the path was now complete.	Complete
	5.8	St Boniface Park Installation of adult fitness equipment. – JL said that an article about the gym equipment had been included in the Village News and 50+ responses had been received via the QR code. Responses had been received during the Scouts Christmas Fair and the 10 items of equipment had been narrowed down to 6. The Clerk confirmed he had received some negative feedback from a resident close to St Boniface Park. JL advised that the next step was to finalise the design and then consult with residents local to St Boniface Park.	Continues
	5.9	Garden Machinery – No update.	Continues
	5.10	Internal Audit – The Clerk advised that he had sent further information to the Vat consultant with details of the planning application and hoped to receive some feedback.	Continues
	5.11	Climbing wall – The Clerk advised he was still awaiting the security gate to be installed and until the gate was removed from the storage bunker the work could not be completed.	Continues
	5.12	Works Jubilee Park Entrance Gate – PB advised this work had now been completed.	Complete

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	5.13	Coronation Tree. - The Clerk will contact TVBC to check if there are any spare trees for the Parish Council use this year.	Continues
	5.14	Defibrillators- PB confirmed that the ducting had been installed to the telephone box and he would contact Bloors about the power supply.	Continues
	5.15	Installation of Security Barrier – PB advised the Contractor had indicated they would fit the security barriers at the end of January 2024. JL pointed out that it would still be possible to enter the car park using gaps in the hedging. PB said that discussions had been held about additional security measures when the gates were in place.	Continues
	5.16	May Fair – GO advised that a meeting had been held to prepare Risk Assessments for the May Fair and the children’s entertainment had been confirmed at no cost. PL advised that he had residents from ONRA who wished to volunteer.	Continues
	5.17	Park Benches – JL and GO had visited North Baddesley to look at their benches. The site for the benches needs to be established and 6 benches were being considered. Two benches would be placed at either end of the Recreation Ground with two alongside the football pitches. PL advised that benches needed to be placed back from the side of the pitches for safety reasons, as they could pose a danger to players. JL will survey the Recreation Ground to look at the best location.	Continues
	5.18	Open Gardens – KD advised that due to an operation that she would be out of action a lot of the summer and it may be best to postpone this item to later in the year. This was agreed.	Complete
	5.19	Maintenance of hedgerow and landscaped areas- The Clerk advised that TVBC had cut the hedgerow and were catching up with outstanding work. It was agreed this item be closed.	Complete
	5.20	Beacon and Dropped Kerbs in Hillyfields – No update and this item to be included under item 5.5 for future meetings.	Complete
	5.21	Speed Recording Devices (item 12.1 November 2023 minutes) – PB will be liaising with a Chilworth Councillor to source the best value device. It was thought Collards would contribute some funds toward the purchase to reduce the cost further. PB would propose two cameras be sited permanently at Station Road. PL suggested that this could be discussed at the next Lee Lane liaison meeting. The date of the liaison meeting was to be confirmed by PL.	Continues
	5.22	Tree Survey - The Bund (item 13.1 November 2023) - The Clerk advised that after discussion with PL he had selected MJC Tree Services Ltd. The quote was not the cheapest, but the surveyor was well qualified. The survey had been carried out on the survey on 9 th January and the report had been received. on 15 th January. The Clerk confirmed with PL that it would be preferred that the same surveyor be used to ensure a consistent standard and format be used for future surveys.	Complete

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	5.23	Brian Storey quote for £2,046 (item 14.1 November 2023 minutes) – This item was relisted at item 9.	Complete
	5.24	Security Arrangements Recreation Ground (item 17.1 November 2023 minutes) – The Clerk advised that he was waiting for the installation of the security gate before progressing this item.	Continues
	5.25	Refurbishment of Skate Park (item 19.1 November minutes) – The Clerk advised that HAGS, who had installed the skate park, no longer carried out this type of work. Two quotes had been obtained from Vita £19,427.95(exc VAT) and Infinity Playgrounds £20,978 (exc VAT). The quotes differed slightly but the main work relates to repairing the grass banks and steps then covering the banks in a plastic mulch. This would reduce erosion and suppress weeds. The covering could be in green to ensure it blended into the surrounding grass. It was suggested that the Clerk seek some advice from Test Valley to establish what work was necessary before deciding.	Continues
	5.26	Gate by Home Covert (item 20.4 November minutes) – JL said that this item should be a continuing item. JL and GO had met with the Police and discussed the gate in the fencing and the Police did not object. PB and MM said that this contradicted the advice they had been given. After a discussion over the merits of an additional gateway it was agreed to provide an entrance along the lines of the other entrances. The Clerk will arrange for the gate entrance to be installed.	Continues
	5.27	Tanglewood Lake gate – TS will chase up contact at TVBC.	Continues
	5.28	Parish Council Website (item 20.6 November minutes) – MM advised that he is producing an updated website, and it should be complete by the end of the month and GO could have access. KD pointed out areas of the website that required updating and links that did not work. PB asked all Councillors to send details of any problems to MM and the Clerk.	Continues
	5.29	Beehives in Woodland (item 20.7 November minutes) – The Clerk confirmed he had met with the person seeking to place a beehive in the woodland. The Clerk confirmed it was not a business, but a hobby and he would only be wanting to place 2 hives in the woodland. The hives would be at least 60 metres from houses and well away from Horns Drove. A local property was visited that contained 2 hives and there had been no issues. WA raised concern over Health and Safety. The Clerk did not think there was a significant risk unless the public were inside the woodland. Visitors in the future could be made aware of the risks before entering. It was agreed that two hives could be placed in the Woodland.	Complete
6.0		Approval of Payments for Period Ending 30/11/23 and 31/12/23 plus Finance Reports.	

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	6.1	A schedule of payments and financial reports for the months ending 30 th November 2023 and 31st December 2023 was presented to the Council. TS proposed the reports be accepted, MM seconded, and all agreed.	Complete
7.0		Police Report and Community Safety	
	7.1	PB advised that neither Sgt Challis nor his replacement could make it this evening.	
8.0		TVBC and County Councilor's Reports.	
	8.1	PB had been provided a list of items from NAK to update the Parish Council.	
	8.2	Redbridge Lane – The speed limit reduction from 40 to 30mph has formally been agreed.	
	8.2	NAK and Caroline Nokes held a meeting with Southern Water last week. They agreed to revised arrangements for lorry access to the Toothill reservoir should they need to tanker from it again. They will also be reinstating the verges damaged when they were using the area in November.	
	8.3	NAK to arrange a meeting of the Lee Lane Liaison panel, possibility in late February 2024.	
	8.4	Aster Sewerage Charges – Caroline Nokes and NAK held a meeting Bjorn Howard, CEO of Aster and Baroness Scott to discuss sewerage charges .	
	8.5	NAK had made some funds available from the HCC Councilor grant to the May Fair.	
	8.6	PB advised that TVBC would hold a meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the Draft Local Plan 2040 to approve its release for Public Consultation. PB give a rough outline of what would be in the plan and how it would affect the Parish. There was a long discussion about the potential implications for the Parish. It was suggested that a separate meeting be held to form a Parish Council response that would be discussed at the March 2024 meeting. PB suggested that PL organise a meeting and formulate a response.	
9.		Brian Storey quote of £2,046 (exc VAT) to extend the path from the Skate Park to the path alongside Home Covert.	
	9.1	WA proposed the quote be accepted, TS seconded, and all agreed.	Complete
10.		Approval of payment of £1450 to Portal Plan Quest Ltd in respect of the Sports Pavilion extension planning	

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		application.	
	10.1	TS proposed the payment be accepted WA seconded and all agreed.	Complete
11.		Test Valley Borough Council Grounds Maintenance quote for the year ending 31st March 2025 £10,567.98 (exc VAT) – Previous year £13,036.06.	
	11.1	PB confirmed that the quoted figure was £10,567.98 and differed from the amount shown on the original Agenda of £13,818.43. The Clerk had met with TVBC Grounds Maintenance manager and TVBC could not offer the same service as in previous years. The amount of grass cutting in certain areas had been reduced and resulted in a reduced quote.	Complete
	11.2	TS proposed the quote be accepted and MM seconded all agreed.	
12.		Approval of Budget for the year ending 31st March 2025.	
	12.1	PB advised that the number of Band D properties in the Parish had increased, and this meant if they kept the same charge per property the budget would increase from £69,500 to approximately £72,000. Queries were raised in respect of a few areas of expenditure, but it was agreed to accept the budget as presented. TS proposed that the Precept for the year be set at £72,000, GO seconded, and all agreed.	Complete
13.		Confirmation of Precept Requirement for the Year Ending 31st March 2025.	
	13.1	See above.	Complete
14.		Consultation in relation to the Proposed Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan – deadline for a response is 5th March 2024.	
	14.1	PB suggested that this be considered at the same time as the TVBC Local Plan for 2040. The deadline for a response was 5 th March 2024.	Continues
15.		Developments and Applications. Appendix 1 attached.	
	15.1	23/02766/TPOS Rownhams House, Rownhams. – T1 and T2 - Oak - Reduce overhang by up to 2m, T3 - Oak - Reduce overhang by up to 4m. No objection.	
	15.2	23/02767/TPOS Grove Place, Upton Lane, Nursling. – Tree works in accordance with schedule. No objection.	
	15.3	23/02885/TPOS St Johns Nursing Home, Rownhams Lane – T1 Twin stem Ash tree fell to the ground. Objection.	
	15.4	23/02904/CLES SHB Hire Ltd, Mill Lane, Nursling. Lawful implementation of planning permission 19/02772/FULLS	

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		comprising landscaping and erection of acoustic fencing. No comment.	
	15.5	23/03027/TPOS 2 Redward Road Rownhams = T1 Beech Tree Crown lift by 4m. Objection suggested less than 4m.	
	15.6	23/03009/FULLS Nursling and Rownhams Hall, Joe Bigwood Close, Nursling, Southampton - Ground and first floor enlargement to create pavilion, incorporating changing rooms, toilets, social area and bar on first floor, increase roof pitch to main hall and provision of solar panels, and provision of external cladding to existing walls. No objection.	
	15.7	23/3055/FULLS Land at Mill Lane Nursling – Battery Energy Storage Facility, substation and fencing. Objection.	
	15.8	23/02936 Packridge Farm, Packridge Lane, Toothill - Use three former ancillary dwellings to Packridge Farmhouse (comprising a detached bungalow (the Dairy), a flat over a detached garage (the Studio) and stationing of mobile home (the Log Cabin) as holiday accommodation. No objection.	
	15.9	23/03059/FULLS 2 Trowbridge Close, Rownhams – Remove Conservatory and replace with single storey extension. No objection.	
	15.10	23/03079/ADVS Bargain Farm, Frogmore Lane, Nursling – Display of 12 non-illuminated signs. No objection.	
	15.11	23/03139/FULLS 12 Fenryhurst Avenue, Rownhams – Convert garage to create additional living space. Objection due to inadequate parking for the number of bedrooms.	
	15.12	23/03198/TPOS 1a Upton Crescent, Nursling. – TPO.TVBC.0811 T1 Ash pollard to previous points on stem. Objection.	
	15.13	23/03240/FULLS Roseholm 1 Mill Close, Nursling. – Demolish bungalow and garage and erection of new bungalow with detached double garage. Review not yet complete.	
	15.14	23/03192/FULLS Rownhams House, Rownhams. – Installation of solar panels to flat roof area and all associated works. Objection – insufficient detail supplied to support the application.	
	15.15	23/03193/LBWS Rownhams House, Rownhams. – Installation of solar panels to flat roof area and all associated works. See	

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		above.	
	15.16	23/03239/FULLS 17 Emmett Road Rownhams – Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension with replacement glazed canopy. No objection.	

16.		Correspondence for Discussion and Action – see Appendix 2.	
	16.1	Request by resident for Parish Council to fund the production of a booklet showing walks with accompanying maps to be provided to residents of the Parish. The Clerk outlined his discussions with the resident, and it was agreed to establish the costs to print 100 copies. If the cost was reasonable then the Parish Council would cover the costs.	Continues
	16.2	Test Valley Borough Council have advised that on 17 th January 2044 the first full draft of the Local Plan to 2040 will be considered by the Council and, if approved, will be issued for consultation in February 2024. Noted.	Complete
17.		Members Questions	
	17.1	MM noted that flooding had occurred at the M271 roundabout by the golf course. GB expressed his view that it was leaves blocking the drains rather than an underlying problem.	Complete
	17.2	WA asked about the steps to the public footpath on Nursling Street. The Clerk advised he had reported it to HCC who passed it to a third party, this presumably was the Barker-Mill Estate.	Complete
	17.3	PL advised that ONRA had complained to HCC about the closure of the bridge across the Test River, It was noted there was to be a new footbridge, but the timescale was unknown.	Complete
	17.4	KD received thanks from the Scouts for the Parish Council grant in support of their Christmas Fair.	Complete
	17.5	KD said that in the coming year the Parish Council should consider purchasing a Christmas Tree to place outside the Village Hall.	Continues

	17.6	PL expressed the view that the Parish Council should become involved in the issues surrounding Station Road. HCC, TVBC and National Highways have refused to accept responsibility and, therefore, the Parish Council should become involved. PB suggested that the matter be brought up at the Lee Lane Liaison panel.	Complete
	17.7	TS asked if future meetings could start at 7pm. There was agreement to this proposal. PB advised that it would have to wait until March, as the Village News February edition would have a 7:30pm start time.	Complete

The meeting closed at 10:25pm.

The next Full Meeting of the Council will be held on 7.30pm 6th February 2024.