

EAST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting 10.1.2023

Lockerley and East Dean Parish Rooms at 7pm

Present

Councillors: Jeff Hatcher, Rachel McDonnell, Ian Jeffrey (Borough Councillor for Test Valley), Nick Adams-King (Hampshire County Council councillor for Romsey Rural)

+ 1 member of the public

Also present was the Clerk to the council, Alex Walker

1. Apologies

Paula Rickaby

Not present but no apologies received - Tim Coomer, Chris Conduct

The meeting was not quorate making any resolutions passed at the meeting invalid (no resolutions were passed)

2. Open Forum

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

Without a quorum the minutes were not signed and will need to be approved and signed at the next meeting.

4. Declarations of interest on agenda items

None

5. Borough Councillor for Test Valley and HCC Report

HCC

- Nick Adams-King apologised for the potholes in the roads. As it is so wet HCC is concentrating on patching potholes temporarily to make the roads safe then fix them properly when the weather improves.

Borough Councillor

- Councillors had been sent Mid Test Matters 42. Ian Jeffrey shared some key points
- The Cost-of-Living Grant scheme, set up by Test Valley Borough Council, has doubled its budget. TVBC has also created a Cost of Living Support Hub at www.testvalley.gov.uk/costoflivingsupport. It provides useful information and signposts people to agencies and groups which offer a range of help, from local food banks and warm welcome spaces to financial advice. The URL to direct organisations to apply is: www.testvalley.gov.uk/costoflivinggrantscheme
- Public asked for their feedback on public space designs as Andover regen plans take shape. The design guide is available at www.testvalley.gov.uk/andoverpublicrealmspd and people have until 12 noon on 3 February to submit their feedback.
- Vigo Park in Andover is set to undergo a major £350,000 renovation, after Test Valley Borough Council's (TVBC) cabinet approved funding
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund. As part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda three funding streams were made available, the high profile Levelling Up Fund, to which the Council submitted a bid for Andover Town Centre, rural England prosperity fund; and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). The aim of the UKSPF scheme is to support the UK government's Levelling Up commitment through three investment priorities of (a) Communities and place;

(b) Supporting local business; and (c) People and skills. The Councillor Community Grant Scheme closes for application at 23:00 on Wednesday 22nd March 2023.

- Bulky Waste Collection Service Changes. From the 1st January 2023, the council must segregate any waste domestic upholstered seating it collects, as it may contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

6. Aster Sewage removal - update

- Nick Adams-King reported that sewage treatment plant reports from 2014/15 had been produced by Aster but unfortunately not for Glebe Meadow. This report is missing at the moment. The reports detail the work which needs doing.
- BBC Radio Solent will be interviewing residents of Glebe Meadow on Thursday. The member of the public agreed to his partner being interviewed.
- Nick confirmed that TVBC handed the sewage plants over in good condition to Testway/Aster
- Aster said 3 years ago that sewage charges would not be going up significantly but in reality costs have gone up from £32 to £101 per month
- Nick and Caroline Noakes will meet the CEO of Aster on Friday 13th January.
- Nick outlined the 3 possible options for homeowners using Aster sewage plants
 1. Communities take over the sites and Aster compensates residents or gives loans
 2. Communities get grants from Aster towards individual plants
 3. Aster get all plants up together and own the costs themselves
- The Clerk will report the River Dunn smelling and looking brown to the Environment Agency. Is sewage overflowing into the River Dunn? (Added on 19.1.23 - report number 2124584)

7. Resilience Plan update - postpone to next meeting

8. Lockerley PC relationship - update

There has been no communication with Lockerley PC.

9. Parish Rooms update - postpone to next meeting

10. May parish council elections

Advice has been received from TVBC and circulated to all councillors

11. Budget and precept (including website)

Councillors discussed the budget for the next financial year (2023 - 2024) and anticipated that costs would be about the same as this year. The precept would stay the same at £1,750. The precept form was completed and signed by the Chair.

12. Correspondence

None

13. Councillors discussed possible actions e.g. mugs for each household or a bench.

14. Finance and Cheques to sign

Balance of accounts:

Club, Charity and Trust - 2.1.23 £8,840.49

Business Account - 2.1.23 £4,273.61

Three cheques to sign:

Alex Walker - November and December salary - £262.00

Andrew Bravery - UK domain renewal £14.39

Andrew Bravery - Wordpress Website Renewal - £251.64

12. AOB

None

13. Items for next meeting

Parish rooms - feedback from the Lockerley Meeting and Lockerley Parish
Council Resilience plan

King's Coronation

Parish Council Elections

Aster sewage removal

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7pm in Lockerley and East Dean Parish rooms

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed by the Chair Date