

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 2005, AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Martin (in the Chair),
Bowman, Cox, Holdstock, Larkin,
Smith, Stephenson and Taylor

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence was received from
Councillors P. Martin and
District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

6647 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January, 2005, were approved as a correct record, subject to the insertion of the word “no” before “complaints” on the first line of Minute 6638.

6648 **Matters Arising**

6632 – 6616 – 6601 – 6590 – Despite writing three letters since November 2004, the Clerk had still not received a reply from Lafarge Aggregates. He had that day spoken to an Officer who had promised to speak to his colleague when he returned from leave.

6633 – It was noted that the information about monthly visits of the skip were published for the financial year.

6640 – Councillor Larkin reported that the revisions to WDC Planning Enforcement Policy were in line with the Parish Council’s view so he had not considered it necessary to respond to the consultation document.

6649 Public Forum

No member of the public attended. There was a brief discussion on the Grass Layby in Davis Street and on the effectiveness of the visits of SID.

6650 Police Matters

Copies of WPC Craske's report were circulated at the Meeting.

6651 Vacancy on Council

Members were again reminded of the Vacancy.

6652 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Enforcement Officer regarding activities at Tile House, Wokingham Road, and apparent inconsistencies in implementation of WDC policy regarding ditches and water courses.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Drake was making enquiries about the use of lighting at Keyzers Bridge Farm Equestrian Centre in Wokingham Road.

6653 Provision for Young People in the Parish

The Chairman reported on the results of her inspection of School Road Playing Field and the Community Shelter.

The Mobile Youth Facility was being held in the Village Hall during the Winter months. WDC Mobile Project Co-ordinator was hoping to obtain volunteers to help with the Village Clean Up.

The Clerk submitted a copy of an Email from a resident drawing attention to a number of matters at the School Road Playing Field. During the debate, Members discussed the possible appointment of a Warden/Handyman to undertake various tasks in the Parish. It was agreed that Members would prepare suggestions for consideration at the next Meeting.

6654 Parish Design Statement

Councillor Larkin reported that, at the request of WDC he had written to eight builders/developers and had received one reply. WDC had been informed of the consultations taken and the Council's Design Statement was to be submitted to the March Meeting of WDC Executive.

6655 The South East Plan – Consultation Draft

The Clerk circulated information together with a copy of the Draft Plan on which comments were invited by 15th April, 2005.

It was agreed that the Consultation Documents be circulated to Members for consideration at the next Meeting.

6656 Map showing Public Rights of Way in Parish

The Clerk reported that WDC had a large signboard showing a parish map with all public rights of way and had asked if the Parish Council would be interested in funding the installation of the sign at a convenient location in the Parish. Councillor Stephenson agreed to discuss the matter with WDC Officers.

(Councillor Stephenson left the Meeting and took no part in the subsequent discussions)

6657 Royal Garden Party 2005

BALC had invited Parish Councils to submit nominations for attendance at the Royal Garden Party on 19 July, 2005.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be nominated.

6658 Calor Village of the Year Competition

The Council noted a letter from CCB announcing sponsorship from Calor Gas Ltd., for the Village of the Year Competition for Berkshire. The Competition was about villages doing their best for residents

6659 Fair Trade in Wokingham District

The Clerk reported on correspondence from the Deputy Leader of the WDC Liberal Democrat Opposition Group on a Motion to be submitted to Council on 17th March, 2005.

6660 Discussion Documents from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

The Clerk reported that Discussion Documents entitled ‘Citizen Engagement and Public Services: Why Neighbourhoods Matter’ and ‘Vibrant Local Leadership’ were included in the Correspondence Folder.

6661 Davis Street – Grass Layby

The Clerk had previously circulated a letter from WDC responding to the Parish Council’s letter following discussion at the last Meeting. The terms of a reply were agreed.

WDC had indicated that there was no case for the provision of a Vehicle Activated Sign in Davis Street.

(Councillor Stephenson was not present during the discussion and voting.)

6662 Requests for Grant

(a) Wokingham Citizens’ Advice Bureau.

RESOLVED: That a Grant of £100 be approved.

(b) Wokingham Job Support Centre.

RESOLVED: That a Grant of £50 be approved.

(c) Womens’ Royal Voluntary Service.

RESOLVED: That information be sought on activities in the Parish.

6663 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

1.	Cannon Horticulture (Emptying bins)		54.64
2.	Chris James (Paint for Youth Shelter and work on Christmas Tree – two years)		1079.83
3.	Inland Revenue (R. Wardle Tax)		75.03
4.	R. Wardle - Salary (February)	266.03	
	Office/Internet	47.00	
	Mileage (64 @ 50.5p)	<u>32.00</u>	<u>345.03</u>
			<u>1554.53</u>

6664 Information Reports

Councillor Taylor reported on suggestions made about the Village by pupils of St. Nicholas Hurst C of E Primary School.

RESOLVED: That the pupils be thanked for their suggestions and their interest in the Village.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

