

**ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005, AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Martin (Chairman),  
Bowman, Holdstock, Larkin, P. Martin, Smith and Stephenson.

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillor Cox  
District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

**6684 Vacancy on Council**

The Chairman varied the order of business to deal with this item first.

The Clerk had previously circulated information supplied by Mr. Brian Albert Shults of Tailend, Forest Road, Wokingham. Mr. Shults explained why he was interested in serving as a Parish Councillor.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Shults be co-opted on the Council.

Mr. Shults then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. As he had previously been supplied with a copy of the Agenda for the Meeting he was permitted to take his seat on the Council.

**6685 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2005, were approved as a correct record.

**6686 Matters Arising**

6666 -6648 – 6632 – 6616 – 6601 – 6590 – An Officer of Lafarge Aggregates had promised to contact the Clerk before the next Meeting.

6666 – 6652 – Councillor Drake was having discussion with WDC Officers regarding the unauthorised development at Tile House, Wokingham Road.

6666 – 6656 – Councillor Stephenson hoped to report to the next Meeting on a suggested location for the parish map showing public rights of way.

6667 – The Clerk reported that the gates to the development at the rear of Rosevale, School Road were intended to protect the development until sold after which they would be removed. Councillor Drake was discussing the matter with WDC Officers.

6670 – Councillor Larkin had circulated by Email a draft letter to SEERA on the consultation document on the South East Plan and Members approved the letter, noting that copies would be sent to Councillor Drake and the local M.P. Theresa May.

6671 – It was noted that the Contractor was in contact with WDC regarding the height of the Community Shelter in School Road Playing Field. The Clerk reported on correspondence from Wicksteed Leisure regarding the surface in the play area. It was agreed to take no action pending the Report on the RoSPA inspection but the Clerk in consultation with Councillor Larkin was authorised to make arrangements for repairs considered urgent.

6683 – The Chairman thanked Members for their support on the Clean-up Day on 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk was requested to advise WDC of fly tipping in Whistley Mill Lane.

**6687 Public Forum**

No member of the public attended.

There was a brief discussion on some planning issues.

**6688 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

**6689 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

The Chairman reported that meetings in the Large Village Hall were well-supported as the young people enjoyed the facilities there. Two parents had offered to help and arrangements were being made for their authorisation.

The Contractor who had erected the Community Shelter in School Road Playing Field was in communication with WDC, as it had been established that the roof height was over four metres by 250mm. The Contractor was proposing to reduce the height by 300mm.

It was noted that the electricity supply panel had been the subject of criminal damage.

**6690 Parish Design Statement**

Councillor Larkin confirmed that WDC had approved the Statement and enquiries were being made about the production of copies. He intended to submit a report to the next Meeting.

**6691 Police Community Support Officers**

The Clerk reported that Thames Valley Police were offering to fund 50% of the cost of Community Support Officers for local areas. Reference was made to the suggestion that the Council employ a Warden on a part-time basis. On the information obtained so far the most common appointment was of a litter warden.

RESOLVED: That the offer be noted.

**6692 Consultation Documents**

The Clerk reported that he had handed to Councillor Larkin the following documents:-

Bracknell Forest Borough Council Local Development Framework –  
Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Development.

WDC Approved Local Development Scheme 2005-2008.

Developing and Land Use Planning Strategy for Wokingham District.

**6693 Berkshire County Blind Society**

The Society reported that five visually impaired persons lived in the Parish.

RESOLVED: That the Council make a contribution of £50 for the current year.

**6694 Community Council for Berkshire**

The Clerk reported that the CCB had invited to Council to be come a member.

RESOLVED: That the invitation be noted.

**6695 Parnell Metalworkers**

The Clerk reported that Parnell Metalworkers were undertaking work for Parish Councils and had asked if any work was required in Hurst.

RESOLVED: That, as no work is required at the present time, the offer be noted.

**6696 Sane Planning in the South East (SPISE)**

RESOLVED: That the Council renew Membership for the year.

**6697 Campaign to Protect Rural England**

RESOLVED: That the Council subscribe to the CPRE for the year.

**6698 Wokingham Sports, Leisure and Recreation Strategy**

The Clerk reported that WDC had organised a Consultation Workshop for Town and Parish Councils on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, between 2.00 p.m. and 3.00 pm. Any Member who could attend was asked to let him know.

**6699 Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

1.	Eastbourne Borough Council (Deposit Conference Hotel Accommodation)	28.32
2.	British Telecommunications (Clerk's telephone)	113.19
3.	Viking Direct (Stationery)	307.96
4.	Allianz Cornhill Insurance Ltd. (Annual Insurance)	669.56
5.	Wokingham District Council (Rent of Allotment Land)	16.00

6.	Sodexo Land Technology (Grass cut March)		85.54
7.	Inland Revenue (R. Wardle Tax )		75.03
8.	R. Wardle - Salary (April)	266.03	
	Office/Internet	47.00	
	Mileage (18 @ 50.5p)	<u>9.00</u>	
		322.03	
	Less contribution for stationery and telephone	<u>74.11</u>	247.92
9.	Berkshire County Blind Society (Grant)		50.00
10.	CPRE (Membership Subscription)		25.00
11.	SPISE (Renewal of Subscription)		<u>30.00</u>
			<u>1648.52</u>

**6700 Information Reports**

It was noted that the Horse Show was to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Council had hired a stall in the previous year and it was agreed that there was no need to hire a stall for the current year.

The Chairman reported on the discussion at a recent meeting of the District/Parish Conference, which she had attended with the Vice-Chairman.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

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