

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 2006, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence was received from
Councillor Mrs. E. Roberts and
District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

In the absence of the Chairman at the commencement
the Vice Chairman opened the meeting

6941 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

6942 **Matters Arising**

6922 – 6907 – 6874 – 6861 – 6845 – 6828 – 6704 – 6686 – 6666 – 6657 – 6601 - 6583 – 6580 – The Clerk reported that WDC at Dinton Pastures had obtained the original art work at a cost of £63.00 plus VAT. To bring the map up-to-date required further art work at an estimated cost of £50 plus VAT. No estimate had been produced for fitting. WDC had asked the Parish Council to meet the cost and the Clerk was requested to continue the dialogue.

6922 – 6907 – 6892 – 6878 – The new Contractors had confirmed that the cost of emptying the dog bin was £2.50. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries about replacing the old dog bin and acquiring a further two bins, one for installation in School Road Playing Field and one for installation near the Village Halls.

6922 – 6907 – 6892 – 6878 – It was noted that the Vehicle Activated Signs were functioning.

6922 – 6907 – 6892 – 6888 – Councillor Stephenson had previously circulated a note regarding the current position on a new Thames Crossing.

6922 – 6907 – 6893 – Councillor Larkin had marked some plans showing the Council's ownership of land for submission to the Land Registry.

6922 – 6913 – Following the submission of the Council's comments on the Consultation Papers on Developing a Land Use Planning Strategy for the District and a Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement, Councillor Larkin and the Clerk, with Councillor Drake, had met WDC Planning Officers. Councillor Larkin reported on the discussion and elaborated on WDC draft proposals. It would be four years before agreed new proposals would be in force.

6923 – The Clerk was requested to remind WDC about the potential danger of the signs at the Jolly Farmer in Davis Street.

5932 – Councillor Larkin had previously circulated a report on burial grounds following a meeting he and the Clerk had had with the Vicar and Churchwardens and representatives of Winnersh Parish Council. It was agreed to note the report.

6936 – The Clerk confirmed that Richard Burrows would undertake grass cutting during 2006.

6939 – Councillor Holdstock agreed to provide a tractor in connection with the Village Clean up and the Clerk was requested to contact WDC regarding the location of skips. (Subsequently agreed three in Village Halls Car Park and one in Davis Street)

5940 – The Clerk was awaiting a reply from WDC on their policy on duplicate/multiple planning applications.

6943 **Police Matters**

PCSO Daniels attended the meeting and outlined the crime figures for December 2005/January 2006. Members commented thereon. Councillor Shults, who had attended the Area Neighbourhood Pre Action Group following Police Re-organisation had previously submitted a report summarising the discussion. He circulated a Questionnaire issued by the Police. It was agreed that Councillor Shults would continue to represent the Council at meeting.

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6944 **Public Forum**

No member of the public attended. There was a brief discussion on the occupation of a property in Hogmoor Land and the Clerk was requested to advise WDC. It was agreed to authorise Gavin Verdin to spend up to 8 man-hours clearing brambles and tidying the area by the entrance to the playing field on the School Road entrance.

6945 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

6946 **Provision for Young People in the Parish**

The Chairman reported that the Mobile facility had been able to park in the lay-by at the entrance to School Road Playing Field. One of the Youth Workers had been killed in a car accident and WDC were recruiting a replacement..

6947 **Community Orchard**

Councillor Bowman reported that a report was still awaited from WDC.

6948 **Street Clutter**

Councillor Bowman suggested that consideration should be given to a reduction of street signs in the rural area. Members were asked to identify signs for discussion at the next meeting and it was agreed that Hurst Village Society be asked to invite suggestions from residents through the HVS Newsletter.

6949 Consultative Documents

The Clerk reported receipt of the following documents:

- (a) RBWM Local Development Framework –Core Strategy and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) Preferred Options Document and Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report.
- (b) Bracknell Forest BC Local Development Framework – Regulation 26: Pre-Submission Public Participation
- (c) WDC Scoping Report for residential design build supplementary planning document (SPD)

Councillor Larkin had the copies and would advise Members if any of the proposals affected the Parish.

6950 Variation of Main River – Old Loddon River

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Environment Agency regarding an application to change status of a channel from ordinary watercourse to Main River or from Main River to ordinary watercourse. The proposal was to be advertised in the Wokingham Times on 15 February 2006.

6951 Wokingham Residential Design Guide

The Clerk had previously circulated information on WDC Workshops held on 8 and 17 February.

6952 Street Nameplates

Members were invited to advise the Clerk of any nameplates, missing, damaged or time-expired. WDC had advised that money was available for expenditure during the current financial year.

6953 Grants for UK Rural and Smaller Communities

The Clerk reported on the available grants, application for which could only be made through the UK Villages Web Site.

6954 **Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward		7189.85
1. Cannon Hygiene Ltd.		57.36
	(Emptying bins December)	
2. Thames Water Utilities Ltd.		6.13
3. Gavin Verdin (Litter picking 3 months to January)		140.00
4. Chris James (Christmas Tree)		552.25
5. Wokingham District Council		155.63
	(Refund of overpayment – Design Statement)	
6. Inland Revenue (Clerk January)		130.92
7. R. Wardle – Salary February	291.37	
	Arrears	173.48
	Office/Internet	47.00
	Mileage 103 @ 52.7p	54.28
		<u>566.13</u>
		<u>1608.42</u>

Balance in Savings Account £17,550.95

Income since last meeting

WDC reimbursement of Design Statement printing costs	£1044.94
R. Wardle (Telephone)	£46.05
H. J. Larkin (Sale of Seven Design Statements)	<u>£35.00</u>
	<u>£1090.99</u>

6955 Information Reports

It was reported that the Hurst Village Halls Trust had reached an agreement with a Developer regarding land at the rear.

Councillor Stephenson invited Members to access the BALC Web Site.

The meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

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