

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 22nd MAY, 2006, AT 7.35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Smith (Vice-Chairman in the Chair),
Bowman, Cox, Holdstock, Larkin,
P. Martin and Shults.

District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors J. Martin, Roberts and Stephenson

7004 Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wayne Smith be elected Chairman for the current Municipal Year. Councillor Smith completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

RESOLVED: That the thanks of the Council be recorded to Councillor Jan Martin for her service as Chairman over the last six years.

7005 Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jan Martin be elected Vice Chairman for the current Municipal Year.

7006 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th April, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

7007 Matters Arising

6983 – 6957 – 6942 – 6922 – 6907 – 6874 – 6861 – 6845 – 6828 – 6704 – 6686 – 6666 – 6657 – 6601 – 6583 – 6580 – Councillor Stephenson had not reported any progress on the display of the Parish Map.

6983 – 6957 – 6952 – WDC had confirmed that a Hinton Road Nameplate had been ordered.

6983 – 6963 – Councillor P. Martin confirmed that the new dog bins were in place and the Clerk confirmed that the Contractor who emptied them had been notified.

7008 Public Forum

It was noted that WDC were consulting informally before submitting a Planning Application for the provision of a fence at Dinton Pastures.

Councillor Drake commented on the provisions of the South East Plan as it affected Wokingham District.

There was a brief discussion on the protection of trees in the Parish.

7009 Appointment of Committees

RESOLVED: That Members be appointed to the following Committees for the current Municipal Year as indicated:-

Allotments, Playing Fields and Pond

The Chairman (Ex-officio), Councillors Holdstock, Larkin, Shults, J. Martin and Roberts

Footpaths and Rights of Way

The Chairman (Ex-officio), Councillors Bowman, Cox, P. Martin and Stephenson

7010 Representatives on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: That Members be appointed to represent the Council as indicated:-

Village Halls – Councillor Smith with Councillor P. Martin as Deputy

Police Interface – Councillor Shults

Campaign against Waste – Councillor Bowman

Wokingham District Association of Local Councils

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk

Parish Web Site Co-ordinator – Councillor P. Martin

Representative on CPRE – Councillor Larkin

7011 Police Matters

PCSO Daniels was unable to attend the Meeting but copies of her Report had been previously circulated.

7012 Internal Auditors

RESOLVED: That Auditing Solutions Ltd., be appointed Internal Auditors for the current Financial Year.

7013 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

A Member commented on apparent inconsistencies in decisions.

Councillor Larkin submitted a plan for circulation showing the settlement boundary.

7014 South East Plan Consultation

The Plan was still circulating and it was agreed to discuss comments at the next Meeting.

7015 Provision for Young People in the Parish

In the absence of Councillor J. Martin, there was no report.

7016 Community Orchard

There was no progress to report. As the matter had been discussed at the Meeting with Officers of WDC, the Clerk was request to make enquiries.

7017 Play Area Safety Inspection

The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the Report and Councillor Larkin commented thereon. He had taken note of the items mentioned and would “keep his eye” on the equipment.

Councillor Bowman had some information about Lottery Fund Grants for the purchase of play equipment and would obtain copies.

7018 Townsends Pond

Councillor P. Martin agreed to arrange for the Pond surround adjoining the highway to be cleared.

7019 Requests for Grant

RESOLVED: That Grants be made as indicated:-

Readibus	£300
Keep Mobile	£850
Berkshire County Blind Society	£50

7020 Community Council for Berkshire

The Clerk submitted a letter from the CCB inviting membership which was noted.

7021 Notification of Emergencies

The Clerk reported that WDC Emergency Planning Team wanted to include Parish Council Representatives in their warning system alerting emergencies and it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should be included on the list.

7022 Correspondence

The Clerk reported correspondence on:-

Change in date of the meeting of WDC Highways Consultative Board

Application for new Street Trading Consent to sell Ice Cream, etc. throughout the whole of Wokingham District.

WDC Recruitment Open Day

SPISE News – Spring Edition

Wokingham Cultural Strategy Consultation

Questionnaire on which the Clerk sought guidance. He was asked to Email the Questionnaire to Members.

7023 Finance

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward		12863.54
(Less cheques 772, 776 and 777)		<u>314.98</u>
		<u>12548.56</u>
1.	Wokingham District Council (April Skip and Allotments Site)	118.23
2.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bin March to April)	11.75
3.	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd. (Annual Subscription)	35.00
4.	Wybone Limited (Dog bins)	411.83
5.	Gavin Verdin (Litter picking, etc.)	120.00
6.	Playsafety Limited (Inspection of play equipment)	84.60
7.	NALC – Conference	389.00
8.	Inland Revenue (Clerk May)	84.56
9.	R. Wardle – Salary May	299.81
	Office/Internet	47.00
	Mileage 81 @ 52.7p	<u>42.68</u>
		<u>389.49</u>
		<u>1644.46</u>
	Balance in Savings Account	£16,353.19
	Income since last meeting	£8250.00 (Precept)
		£55.98 (Allotment Rents)

7024 **Information Reports**

Councillor Shults circulated a report of the Neighbourhood Action Group meeting held on 17th May.

Councillor Larkin reported on the success of the “Race Night” to raise funds for the Pantomime.

Members supported the suggestion of the Chairman to obtain sponsorship for the placing of decorative tubs throughout the Parish. Members were invited to Email him about suggested locations and possible sponsors and he would suggest a date when Members could meet to discuss locations.

The Meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

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