

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 26th JUNE, 2006, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from
Councillor J. Martin and District Councillor Drake.

7025 Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May, 2006, were approved as correct records.

7026 Matters Arising

7007 – 6957 – 6942 – 6922 – 6907 – 6874 – 6861 – 6845 – 6828 – 6704 – 6686 – 6666 – 6657 – 6601 – 6583 – 6580 – Councillor Stephenson reported that he had been unable to contact the appropriate WDC Officer, who was currently on holiday.

7008 – Councillor Stephenson reported on his conversation with a WDC Officer regarding the reasons for the application to provide a fence and on the consultation proposed.

7014 – Members thanked Councillor Larkin for preparing the Council's comments on the South East Plan Consultation, a copy of which had been sent to WDC.

7027 Public Forum

No member of the public was present. Reference was made to the problems caused by indiscriminate parking of the vehicles of visitors to the Horse Show and the Clerk was requested to congratulate the Organisers on the success of the Show and ask that adequate measures be introduced to control vehicle parking at future Shows.

7028 Police Matters

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

7029 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

7030 Provision for Young People in the Parish

WDC Youth Organiser had reported that there was a failure in the electricity supply at School Road Playing Field. Councillor Larkin reported on his findings after making an inspection of the fault. It was agreed that the Chairman would make enquiries regarding a suitable electrician or, failing that, Southern Electric be asked to repair the fault.

7031 Street Clutter

It was agreed that a list be prepared before requesting a visit of a WDC Officer.

7032 Bracknell Provisional Local Transport Plan

The Clerk reported receipt of a copy from Bracknell Forest Borough Council of the Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.

7034 Hinton Road/Wokingham Road Junction

The Clerk reported that WDC had written outlining the proposal to make changes to the junction of Hinton Road with Wokingham Road for the turning of large vehicles. Councillor Larkin indicated his intention to ask for a copy of a plan showing the proposal.

7035 Wokingham District Mencap

The Clerk reported that Wokingham District Mencap were requesting volunteers.

7036 Wokingham and District CAB

The Clerk reported that Wokingham and District Citizen' Advice Bureau were to hold their AGM on 28 June 2006.

7037 Age Concern

The Clerk reported that Age Concern Twyford and District were planning a meeting on 13 July 2006.

7038 Home Start

The Clerk reported that the Home Start Wokingham District AGM was to be held on 10 July 2006.

7039 Grass Cutting of Playing Fields

The Chairman and Clerk reported on the charges made by the current Contractor and on the charge offered by Quadron Services who had a Contract with WDC.

RESOLVED: That the current Contract be terminated immediately and a Contract be entered into with Quadron Services.

7040 Protecting Wokingham's Oldest Residents

The Clerk reported that a resident had asked the Council to reconsider its decision not to contribute towards Wokingham's Veteran Tree Project.

RESOLVED: That a representative of WDC be invited to attend the next meeting to explain the benefits of making a contribution to the project.

7041 Parish Skip

The Council's attention was drawn to the continuing misuse of the monthly skip in the Village Halls Car Park.

RESOLVED: That the service be discontinued after the delivery of the September Skip and Notice be given to the proposal,

7042 **Community Library**

Councillor J. Martin had drawn attention to proposals for the redevelopment of the local Library in the centre of Twyford, which provided a service for neighbouring villages, including Hurst.

RESOLVED: That the Council support the project.

7043 **Finance**

(a) Report of Internal Auditor

Consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the Report of the Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED: (i) That, in association with Bisham Parish Council, the Quotation of RBS Accounting Solutions for 'Alpha' Software for Parish Councils be accepted and Members be advised when the on site training is planned.

(ii) That no action be taken to review and update the existing Standing Orders or prepare Financial Regulations.

(iii) That the remaining recommendations be noted and implemented when possible and appropriate.

(b) Accounts for year ended 31 March 2006

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be approved for submission to the External Auditor.

(c) The following accounts were approved for payment:

7044 **Information Reports**

Councillor Shults reported that TV Police were arranging a speed check of vehicle speeds in Hinton Road on 28 June 2006.

Councillor Bowman referred to the need for repair of a drain at the junction of Hogmoor Lane/Poplar Lane and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries of WDC.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

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