

# **ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2006, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors Cox and P Martin

## **7045 Public Forum**

The Chairman varied the Order of Business.

Mr. Andy Glencross (WDC Countryside Officer (Biodiversity)) attended to explain the Wokingham Tree Project to record and protect historic trees in the District to create a database which would enable trees to be monitored and protected. The Project was to start in October and the cost for including the Parish was £590 which could be spread over two Financial Years. Mr. Glencross answered questions of Members.

RESOLVED: That the Council contribute £295 for the current Financial Year and Hurst Village Society be invited to make a similar contribution in the next Financial Year.

## **7046 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

**7047 Matters Arising**

7026 - 7007 – 6957 – 6942 – 6922 – 6907 – 6874 – 6861 – 6845 - 6828 – 6704 – 6686 – 6666 – 6656 – Councillor Stephenson reported that WDC had agreed to display the Parish Map in the Car Park at Dinton Pastures at no cost to the Parish Council. He intended to check on the actual location.

7026 – 7008 – There was no further information on the proposal of WDC to consult on the location of the fence suggested to protect walkers from golf balls at Dinton Pastures.

7030 - The electricity supply in School Road Playing Field had been restored.

7034 – Councillor Larkin had received from WDC a copy of their proposals at the Hinton Road/Wokingham Road junction and he was in communication with the Officers.

7039 – It was noted that the new Contractor had now cut the grass in Davis Street and School Road Playing Fields.

**7049 Police Report**

There was no Report.

**7050 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

Councillor Shults noted that a vehicle was parking on the footpath outside Concorde Garage in Forest Road advertising the Garage's services. He was advised that this was a matter for the Police.

**7051 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

Councillor J. Martin placed a copy of the Quarterly Report in the Correspondence Folder.

**7052 Community Orchard**

It was noted that no action was being taken and the Clerk was requested to contact WDC seeking progress.

**7053 Street Clutter**

Councillor J. Martin reported on a list she had prepared and proposed to discuss with an Officer of WDC when he visited the Parish.

**7054 Proposed Diversion of Footpath 20**

The Clerk reported that the Council had been invited to comment on a proposal to divert Footpath 20 round Hurst School, with the object of providing some protection for the children.

RESOLVED: That, in the circumstances, no objection be offered to the proposal, but the Council request that, should the School transfer to another site, the original footpath line be reinstated.

**7056 Thames Valley Police Museum Open Day**

The Clerk reported that a Family Open Day was to be held at Sulhamstead on 12 August 2006.

**7057 Views on Neighbourhood Policing**

The Clerk reported that the Deputy LPA Commander had invited views and the Council supported the comments he proposed to make.

**7058 Sandford Farm, Woodley**

The Clerk reported that Wharf Land Investments Ltd. invited Members to an Exhibition at Chapel Hall, Loddon Bridge Road, Woodley, on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2006. The Company had offered to make a Presentation to the Council.

RESOLVED; That the offer of a Presentation at the present time be declined with thanks.

**7059 Highway Design Guide**

The Clerk submitted a letter from WDC on a proposal to review the document and publish a First Revision towards the end of the year. The draft document was available on the Council's Web Site [www.wokingham.gov.uk/spg/drafthighwaysdesign](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/spg/drafthighwaysdesign)

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be requested to obtain draft copies for Members.

**7060 Society of Local Council Clerks Local Conference**

The Clerk reported that there was to be a Local Conference at Aylesbury on 28 September 2006, intended for Councillors, potential Councillors and Clerks.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to attend.

**7061 Letting of Agricultural Field**

The Clerk referred to the discussion at the last Meeting on a suggestion to increase the rent of a field leased by the Council. He reported on the likely cost if the Council employed an Agent to conduct negotiations and prepare a new agreement. The Chairman agreed to speak to WDC about the situation.

**7062 Cleaning of Village**

The Chairman reported on his discussions with an Officer of WDC regarding the disposal of green waste. The Officer had stated that the Council could hire skips without cost for two clean-ups a year.

RESOLVED: That a Clean-up Day be held on Saturday, 14 October, 2006.

**7063 Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward	4196.40
(Less cheques 790, 791, 792, 793, 796, 797, 798, 799 and 800)	<u>2155.14</u>
	<u>2041.26</u>

1.	British Telecommunications plc (Clerk's telephone)		107.53
2.	Wokingham District Council (June Skip)		102.23
3.	Thames Water Utilities Ltd. (April to July)		69.33
4.	Bracknell Pest Control Limited (Checking on rats at Townsend's Pond)		41.12
5.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins May/July)		11.75
6.	Gavin Verdin (Litter picking June)		65.00
7.	Pasture Care (Grass Cutting – 4 cuts)		£350.00
8.	Inland Revenue (Clerk July)		84.56
9.	R. Wardle – Salary July	299.81	
	Office/Internet	47.00	
	Mileage 98 @ 52.7p	<u>51.6</u>	398.46
10.	The I.T. Shop (Printer for Clerk)		<u>250.00</u>
			<u>2230.10</u>

7064 **Information Reports**

Councillor Shults reported on the results of the speed check in the Village. 23% of vehicles were recorded as being over the speed limit. The Committee at its next meeting proposed to look at Youth Facilities and it was proposed to carry out a speed check at Sonning in August.

Councillor Stephenson drew attention to the amount of traffic using Lines Road.

Councillor J. Martin reported on correspondence with WDC Deputy Chief Executive.

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the BALC AGM.

7065 **Councillor Mrs, J. Martin**

At the conclusion of the Meeting the Chairman presented a bouquet to Councillor Martin in appreciation of her service as Chairman of the Council for six years.

The Meeting ended at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....