

# ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2006, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

PCSO Daniels

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors J. Martin, Roberts and Stephenson  
District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

The Chairman varied the Order of Business to enable Public Forum and  
Police Matters to be dealt with first.

## 7066 **Public Forum**

Two members of the public attended. Members discussed with the  
Reverend John Coombes arrangements for an event to take place on  
6 December 2006 (St. Nicholas Day). The ideal arrangement would be  
for a meeting to be held at the tree in School Road Playing Field,  
followed by a torchlight procession to St. Nicholas Church for worship  
then a return to the Village Halls for light refreshments. Because the  
school children were to meet in the Church on the morning Mr. Coombes  
thought it unlikely that two processions could take place on the same day.  
Councillor Holdstock agreed to ask for the donation of a tree to be set up  
and decorated before 6 December and the Clerk was requested to liaise  
with the School on possible arrangements.

Mr. Coombes had previously written to the Clerk about the position regarding a burial ground in Hurst and Councillor Larkin gave an up-to-date report. WDC were carrying out a survey of land holdings and one of the issues to be considered was the provision of a District burial ground.

A member of the public expressed disappointment at the decision to cease providing a monthly skip and Members explained the reasons why they were compelled to withdraw the service. The Chairman mentioned that the Council were arranging to provide skips on 14 October 2006.

**7067 Police Matters**

PCSO Daniels commented on the Crime Report for July/August, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member. She also drew attention to the request of the Police for community minded people to be involved in local Police activities.

**7068 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

**7069 Matters Arising**

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Councillor Stephenson had previously circulated Members advising them that the Parish Map showing public rights of way had been displayed.

7045 – The Chairman reported that the request for the Hurst Village Society to make a contribution towards the Wokingham Tree Project was to be considered during the week.

7058 – Councillor Larkin reported on his attendance at the Exhibition on proposals for Sandford Farm, Woodley.

7061 – The Chairman reported on his discussions with Officers of WDC regarding the Agricultural Field in Dunt Lane leased by the Parish Council and on the further action he proposed to take.

**7070 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

(Councillor Holdstock declared an interest in Application F/2005/8433 and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon).

Councillor Larkin reported that the Clerk had given to him a CD and documents issued for consultation by WDC on developing a land use planning strategy for Wokingham District. A response was requested by 11 October 2006. Members thanked Councillor Larkin for agreeing to draft a response regarding the proposals for Hurst.

**7071 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

The Chairman reported that he had been advised that facilities were not being fully utilised and suggested that some publicity be given to the Council's provision.

**7072 Street Clutter**

Councillor Bowman reported that she, with Councillor Jan Martin and Mrs. Janet Spiller had walked part of the Parish with an Officer of WDC during which he had prepared a list of changes. Implementation would depend on available finance.

**7073 School Governors**

The Clerk reported that WDC had written about a number of vacancies including one at Hurst School. Councillor Smith had expressed an interest and the Council supported his nomination.

**7074 Volunteer Centre**

The Clerk reported that the AGM was to be held on 14 September 2006.

**7075 CVA Event**

The Clerk reported on a Networking Event to be held at Dinton Pastures on 15 September 2006.

**7076 Berkshire County Blind Society**

The Clerk reported that the AGM was to be held on 4 October 2006.

**7077 SPISE**

The Clerk reported that a Seminar was to be held on 23 September 2006.

**7078 Local Strategic Partnership**

The Clerk reported that Wokingham District Parish and Town Clerks had been invited to nominate a representative to be involved in developing a communications strategy.

**7079 Funding for Children's Play Projects**

The Clerk reported that WDC had been allocated just over £240,000 by the Big Lottery Fund for projects delivering children's play activities and the Council were inviting applications for projects in inclusion in WDC portfolio. The Chairman undertook to make enquiries about acceptable projects.

**7080 Footpath Provision**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Stephenson had Emailed a copy of the Lodge Road Footpath with completion date. There were insufficient funds to provide the footpath between Sawpit Lane north and Lee Farm.

**7081 Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward	5910.40	
(Less cheque 810)		<u>2155.14</u>
		<u>5669.40</u>
1. Southern Electric (May-August School Road PF)		16.03
2. SLCC Bucks Branch (Local Conference Chairman-Clerk)		50.23
3. Post Office Limited (Stamps)		169.00
4. Wokingham District Council (Veteran Tree Project half year £295) (August (last) Skip £102.23)		397.23
5. Gavin Verdin (Litter picking July)		50.00
6. W. Smith (Reimbursement of Expenses)		30.00

7.	Bracknell Pest Control Ltd. (Monitoring Townsend's Pond)		41.12
8.	RBS Accounting Solutions (Alpha Finance Software)		£634.50
9.	Inland Revenue (Clerk August/September)		169.12
10.	R. Wardle – Salary August	299.80	
	Salary September	299.80	
	Office/Internet	94.00	
	Mileage 71 @ 52.7p	<u>37.42</u>	<u>731.02</u>
			<u>2288.25</u>

Estimated Balance in Savings Account    £2390.10

Income since last meeting    £22.50 (Allotment Rents)  
    £120.00 (Rent of land)

The Clerk was requested to attach a copy of Cash Book payments to future reports and he was authorised to appoint RBS Accounting Solutions to assist with budget preparation and closure of Year End Accounts for the current year.

The meeting ended at 9.0 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

