

# ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2006, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. An apology for absence was received from  
District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake.

## 7082 **Public Forum**

The Chairman varied the order of business to enable this matter to be dealt with first. Ms Debbie Coleman of WDC Children and Young People's services attended with a colleague, Angela, and outlined the changing pattern of use of facilities. She sought the consent of Council to change the day of visitation of the Mobile from Tuesday to Wednesday and the Council gave approval.

## 7083 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

## 7084 **Matters Arising**

7066 – The Chairman reported that he was issuing an invitation to parents and children to meet at the Christmas Tree on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. There was some discussion about arrangements for erection of the Tree.

7073 – The Clerk reported that, currently, there was no vacancy for a School Governor in Hurst.

7047 – 7034 – Councillor Larkin was in discussion with Officers regarding improvements at the junction of Hinton Road.

7080 – Councillor Paul Martin reported that he had found the new footpath entrance padlocked but following his enquiry the padlock had been removed.

**7085 Police Matters**

The Report of PCSO Jacqueline Daniels had been previously circulated.

Councillor Shults reported on the Police invitation for Town and Parish Councils to pay for the services of a PCSO. The Clerk reported that other Town and Parish Councils had expressed their objection to the proposal and the Chairman of Wokingham DALC would be raising the matter at a meeting with the TV Police Authority.

**7086 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attach to these Minutes.

Councillor Larkin had previously circulated to Members suggested comments on the Site Allocations Development Plans Document circulated by WDC for consultation and Members indicated their support of the contents.

The Clerk reported that Application F/2006/8043 in respect of proposed development at Peacocks, School Road, had been withdrawn. An Informal Appeal was to be held into the refusal to grant permission for the erection of one dwelling at 1 Laburnham, Lodge Road (Application F/2005/3886).

**7087 Street Clutter**

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries regarding the current position.

**7088 Community Orchard**

The Clerk reported that he had been informed that WDC would be considering land holdings at a meeting in November.

7089 **Readibus**

The Clerk submitted an invitation from Readibus to their celebrations of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 19 October 2006

7090 **Wokingham and District CAB**

The Clerk submitted letters from the CAB seeking grants for the current and next years.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 be made for the two years to 31 March 2008.

7091 **Strategic Flood Risk Assessment**

The Clerk submitted a letter from WDC seeking help in providing details of any localised regular flooding (such as from rivers and streams, ditches, culverts, sewers and other structures). Members identified some sites and were invited to inform the Clerk of any other sites of which they were aware.

7092 **Fidelity Cover**

The Clerk reminded Members that the Internal Auditor had recommended that the Council consider increasing its Fidelity Cover and he informed Members of premium rates. The current cover was a maximum of £2,000. Reference was made to the current Deposit Account Balance.

RESOLVED: That the Council's Fidelity Cover be increased to £25,000 at a cost of £65.00 a year.

7093 **Sports Personality of the Year**

The Clerk reported that Members were invited to attend the 2006 Awards to be held on 17 November at Reading Blue Coat School.

7094 **Resignation of Councillor**

The Clerk reported that he had received the resignation of Elizabeth Roberts prior to the commencement of the Meeting. The vacancy would be advertised and if there was no request for an Election, the Council could fill by co-option.

7095 **Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward	3435.82	
(Less cheque 15)		50.00
		<u>3385.82</u>
1. SLCC (Local Council Administration)		48.00
2. Britannia Adelphi Hotels (Conference Accommodation)		325.15
3. British Telecommunications (Clerk's telephone)		72.03
4. DK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying bins July-September)		11.75
5. Slough Borough Council. (Paper)		17.62
6. Viking Direct (Stationery)		151.60
7. Inland Revenue (Clerk October)		84.57
8. R. Wardle – Salary October	299.80	
Office/Internet	94.00	
Conference Expenses	16.80	
Mileage 645 @ 52.7p	<u>339.92</u>	750.52
9. Wokingham and District CAB (Grant for two years)		<u>200.00</u>
		<u>1661.24</u>

Estimated Balance in Savings Account £29640.10

Income since last meeting £8250.00 (Half year Precept)  
£376.50 (Bisham Parish Council reimbursement)

7096 **Information Reports**

The Clerk was requested to establish from WDC the extent of the work proposed on the vegetation in Dinton Pastures fronting Davis Street.

It was noted that the lights in Dolphin School car park had not been removed but were dipped and the Clerk was requested to inform WDC Enforcement Officer.

Councillor Bowman suggested that when the Council requested the sending of a letter it should be recorded in the Minutes. She asked that WDC be requested to take action to protect the grass verge at the junction of Hogmoor Lane with Poplar Lane.

Councillor Paul Martin reported that one of the litter bins in School Road Playing Field had been damaged and it was agreed that it be replaced. The Clerk was requested to advise WDC that the litter bin outside the Playing Field required replacement because of fire damage.

The Clerk was requested to advise WDC that top soil had been removed and replaced by hard standing at Little Culverts, Dunt Lane.

It was agreed to purchase lights for the Christmas Tree and there was a discussion regarding the arrangements for acquisition, erecting and decorating.

Members supported the proposal of the Chairman to arrange for the clearing of rubbish in Townsend's Pond during Clean up day on 14 October.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

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Date.....

