

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 8th JANUARY, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

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

7128 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th December, 2006, were approved as a correct record.

7129 **Matters Arising**

7116– 7098 – 7084 – 7047 – 7034 – WDC proposals in respect of the Hinton Road/Wokingham Road junction were still awaited despite reminders from the Parish Council.

7116 – 7098 – 7096 – The Clerk had written to the Chief Executive and had had a response from an Officer about proposals to reduce the height of the vegetation in Davis Street but had received no information about the Community Orchard. He was asked to contact the Chief Executive again.

7116 – 7114 – Councillor Larkin reported that Mrs. Sanderson had agreed to represent the Council at meetings to discuss the Veteran Tree Project and she would continue to keep the Council informed. Members expressed their thanks.

7116 – 7123 – WDC had agreed to keep the Council informed on the proposals of Slough Estates on redevelopment of Winnersh Triangle. The Clerk had received a CD of the proposals which Councillor Larkin agreed to examine.

7127 – Both WDC and the Police had checked on the complaint about the obstruction of Hogmoor Lane caused by vehicle parking.

7130 Public Forum

One member of the public attended. The Chairman was thanked for the Christmas arrangements regarding the tree and refreshments after the December meeting.

Reference was made to the lack of drainage in Hogmoor Lane outside Pear Tree Cottage and the Clerk was requested to draw this to the attention of WDC. He was also requested to make enquiries of WDC regarding the pollarding and lopping of trees at Badgers Lodge, Hogmoor Lane.

7131 Vacancy on Council

RESOLVED: That Mrs. Penny Curry be co-opted to the Council. (Mrs. Curry subsequently signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.)

7132 Police Report

The Report of PCSO Jacqueline Daniels had been previously circulated.

7133 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

Councillor Shults agreed to contact WDC Enforcement Officer regarding works at Manor Farm Binfield Road. The Clerk was requested to check with WDC regarding notification of decisions by Email

7134 Provision for Young People in the Parish

The Clerk had previously circulated information from WDC Mobile Provision Co-ordinator regarding curtailment of the Service and he was requested to seek a return of the payment made for the Youth Worker for 2007-2008. He was also asked to seek information on the age group targeted. (Subsequently established 11+). Council recorded thanks to the Co-ordinator, Debbie Coleman for her work for the Parish.

7135 Timetable of Meetings

The following dates for future Meetings were approved:

8 January	7 January
12 February	11 February
12 March	10 March
2 April	14 April
14 May (Annual)	21 May
25 June	
30 July	
3 September	
8 October	
12 November	
10 December	

7136 BBO Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group

The Clerk submitted an invitation to subscribe at a cost of £42 per annum. It was agreed to refer the invitation to Hurst Village Societyt.

7137 BALC – SGM

The Clerk reported that a Special General Meeting was to be held at Pangbourne on 13th January 2006. No Member was available to attend.

7138 Circulars from WDC

It was agreed to ask WDC to send Press Releases and lists of Planning Applications by Email, thus saving on printing and postage costs.

7139 Budget and Precept 2007-2008

Members considered a Draft Budget previously circulated by the Chairman together with information previously circulated by the Clerk on income and expenditure during the current year.

RESOLVED (i) That the Budget be approved and the Precept for 2007-2008 be £18,000. (Approved Budget attached).

(ii) That the allotment rent be increased to £10.00 per pole with effect from 1st April, 2008.

(iii) That, at the next Meeting, consideration be given to the allowance made to the Clerk as reimbursement of expenses.

(iv) That information be sought from WDC on available Grant and Section 106 money.

(v) That regular inspections for rats of Townsend's Pond be discontinued.

7140 Finance

The Accounts set out below were approved for payment:

	Brought forward	7560.23
	(Less cheque 851)	<u>30.00</u>
		7530.23
1.	P. J. Martin (Cutting of keys)	6.00
2.	SPISE (Renewal of Subscription)	30.00
3.	W. Smith (Reimbursement of expenses on Christmas Tree and refreshments)	294.64
4.	Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc (Increase in Fidelity Cover)	34.39
5.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying bins November/December)	11.75
6.	Inland Revenue (Clerk January)	84.56
7.	R. Wardle – Salary January	209.81
	Mileage 29 @ 52.7p	<u>15.28</u>
.		<u>686.43</u>

Balance in Savings Account £15037.09

Income since last meeting £63.20
(Contribution for Clerk's telephone)

7141 Information Reports

Councillor Stephenson confirmed that he had received the key for the Davis Street Notice Board which now showed current notices.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

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