

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

One member of the Press

APOLOGIES: District Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

7156 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

7157 Matters Arising

7143 – 7129 – 7116 – 7098 – 7084 – 7047 – 7034 – It was noted that WDC had work in hand to improve the junction of Hinton Road with Wokingham Road.

7144 – The Council had not been consulted by WDC on the changes proposed at Dinton Pastures as, following discussions with the Golf Club it was likely that the operation would remain unchanged other than the farmhouse becoming part of the District Council's management rather than with third parties.

7148 – The Clerk had been informed that, in regard to the Community Orchard, the meeting with officers/members would not take place until after the Property Review Group had considered its priorities for the coming year. The Group would not be meeting until May/June time.

7158 Public Forum

No member of the public attended.

7159 Police Matters

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

7160 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

Reference was made to Planning Application F/2006/8946 \for the proposed erection of an indoor riding school and equine therapy centre, and use of the land for siting of a temporary mobile home for residential occupation by a full-time manager at Hurst Grange Farm House, Pound Lane, Hurst. The Application was to be considered by WDC Planning Committee at a meeting on 14th March, 2007, and the Officer recommendation was to grant approval. Members were agreed that insufficient consideration had been given to the road traffic implications of the proposal. As no Member was available to attend, the Clerk was requested to convey the Council's concern and to request that the Committee make a site visit before coming to a decision.

7161 Highway Matters

Councillor P. Martin reported on his attendance at a meeting of WDC Highways Panel and outlined the discussion on Quiet Lanes and Variable Speed Limits. He had suggested to the Panel that Hogmoor Lane/Poplar Lane should be designated a Quiet Lane and Members indicated their support to such suggestion.

7162 Provision for Young People in the Parish

The Clerk reported that WDC had refunded the Council £556.80 following discontinuance of the mobile provision.

The Chairman reported on the attempts to obtain a grant for the children's play equipment in School Road Playing Field.

7163 Royal Garden Party 2007

The Clerk reported that Berkshire Parish Councils had been invited to submit nominations for four representatives of Berkshire Parish and Town Councils to be invited to attend a Royal Garden Party on 17th July.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Larkin be nominated.

7164 **Berkshire County Blind Society**

RESOLVED: That a grant of £50 be made to the Society in the next financial year.

7165 **External Auditors**

The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission had appointed UHY Hacker Young to be the Council's external auditors for the financial year 2006/07, pending a further competition inviting tenders on a county-wide basis.

7166 **Overseas Mail to British Forces Overseas**

The Clerk submitted a letter from Tewkesbury Borough Council seeking support to the reinstatement of the service by which British forces and their families stationed overseas could receive parcels free of charge as they could in 2003.

RESOLVED: That the Council give support to the proposal.

7167 **SEERA – Regional Housing Strategy Review**

The Clerk reported receipt of a Consultation Paper which Councillor Larkin agreed to consider.

7168 **FINANCE**

	Balance brought forward	5673.05	
1.	British Telecommunications (Clerk's telephone)	174.17	
2.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins)	11.75	
3.	Slough Borough Council (Paper)	23.50	
4.	Bisham Parish Council (Reimbursement for Stationery)	154.21	
5.	Inland Revenue (Clerk March)	84.56	
4.	R. Wardle – Salary March	299.81	
	Mileage 69 @ 52.7p	<u>36.36</u>	<u>336.17</u>
.			<u>784.36</u>
	Balance in Savings Account	£15037.09	

7169 **Information Reports**

Members discussed the arrangements for Village Clean-up on 31st March, 2007.

It was noted that the Caretaker of the Village Halls was to leave soon.

7170 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. (The Clerk also left the Meeting).

The meeting subsequently ended at 9.23 p.m.

Signed.....

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PART II

7171 **Reimbursement of Clerk's Expenses**

Further consideration was given to the Clerk's Expenses and it was agreed that the Chairman would advise the Clerk in writing of the Council's proposals.