

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 2nd APRIL, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Borough Councillor Drake at 8.42 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Cox and Mr. R. Wardle (Clerk)

7172 Record of Minutes

In the absence of the Clerk on sick leave, Councillor Stephenson agreed to take the Minutes.

7173 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th March, 2007, were approved , subject to the addition of Councillor Curry's apologies, notified at the March Meeting.

7174 Matters Arising

7160 – When discussing Planning Applications, the Chairman reported that there was £25,000 Section 106 money available which could be applied first to Martineau Lane Play Area and the balance could be considered for play equipment in School Road Playing Field. He was arranging a site meeting with WBC personnel and would report back to the next meeting.

7175 Public Forum

A member of the public raised the issue of registering Martineau Green as a village green. It would be more secure and strengthen its status in law rather than reliance on the WDC agreement with the Martineau developers. The member of public showed a copy of the 1993 agreement and reported that WDC had owned the land since 1946.

It was agreed to reimburse the member of the public £10 for the copy of the WDC agreement.

The member of the public agreed to contact the Open Space Society for their guidance on registering Martineau Green as a village green.

7176 Police Matters

Councillor Shults agreed to check availability of the SID machine and the availability of the Police/Fire engine and Mobile Police Station demonstration for the Hurst Horse Show.

PCSO Daniels was unable to attend the Meeting but a copy of her report was circulated.

7177 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

In regard to Planning Application F/2006/0553 there was no evidence of occupation.

Hurst Grange Farm House, Pound Lane, Planning Application F/2006/8946, Councillors Smith, Larkin and Stephenson had attended the meeting of WBC Highways Committee on 4th April to represent the Parish Council's view.

Councillor Larkin had read the SEERA Regional Housing Strategy Review document and the Council accepted his suggestion that no response was required.

7178 Finance

(a) Payments

1.	Wokingham District Council (Allotments)		16.00
2.	Gavin Verdin (Litter picking)		170.00
3.	C.P.R.E. (Annual Subscription)		27.00
4.	Inland Revenue (Clerk April)		84.56
5.	R. Wardle – Salary April	299.81	
	Mileage 17 @ 52.7p	<u>8.96</u>	<u>308.77</u>
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Balance in Savings Account £15037.09

(b) Review

It was noted that the Council's insurance cover was due for renewal on 1st June, 2007, and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries of Insurers dealing with local government insurances.

The Chairman reported that he proposed to talk to the chairman of BALC regarding the benefits of membership and he would report back to the next meeting.

7179 Information Reports

Council accepted that there was a need to provide a dog bin for the Davis Street Playing Field.

It was agreed to check with WBC regarding action taken on the Dolphin School lights

It was agreed to draw to the attention of WBC an exposed drain in Lodge Road .

It was agreed that the Council would make available up to £50 to have the mound of muck on the Allotments site tidied

It was noted that the Village Halls Caretaker was leaving, and, to date, no replacement had been appointed. Councillor Martin advised that he was not proposing to accept re-appointment as the Council's representative on the Village Halls Committee.

It was agreed that the Village Clean-up was a great success. 48 adults and 18 children had participated. Litter was still being collected on Saturday afternoon.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....