

**ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2007, AT 7.35 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Smith (Vice-Chairman in the Chair),  
Cox, Curry, Holdstock, Larkin, J. Martin,  
P. Martin, Shults and Stephenson .

PCSO Jacqueline Daniels  
One member of the press

OFFICER: R. Wardle

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillor Bowman and  
Borough Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

**7180 Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wayne Smith be elected Chairman for the current Municipal Year. Councillor Smith completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**7181 Election of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jan Martin be elected Vice Chairman for the current Municipal Year. Councillor Martin completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**7182 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

**7183 Matters Arising**

7174 – The Chairman referred to his further discussions regarding Section 106 money and improvements to amenity areas in the Parish.

7179 – The dog bin for the Davis Street Playing Field had been ordered but no yet delivered.

71178 – The Clerk reported that it was not possible to obtain information on alternative Council Insurance before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007, but he would obtain information as requested

**7184. Public Forum**

Councillor Stephenson had noted that solar panels had been provided on a building in Dinton Pastures and the Clerk was requested to enquire whether Planning Permission should have been sought.

Work had been commenced on the provision of the netting fence round part of Dinton Pastures and it was agreed that enquiries should be made regarding the cost. It was understood that members of the Golf Club were being required to pay increased fees to help meet the cost of the additional premium on insurance cover.

**7185. Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED: That Members be appointed to the following Committees for the current Municipal Year as indicated:-

Allotments, Playing Fields and Pond

The Chairman (Ex-officio), Councillors Curry, Holdstock, Larkin, Shults and J. Martin

Footpaths and Rights of Way

The Chairman (Ex-officio), Councillors Bowman, Cox, P. Martin and Stephenson

**7187 Representatives on Outside Bodies**

RESOLVED: That Members be appointed to represent the Council as indicated:-

Village Halls – Councillor Curry with Councillor Smith as Deputy

Police Interface – Councillor Shults

Campaign against Waste – Councillor Bowman

Wokingham District Association of Local Councils -

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk

Parish Web Site Co-ordinator – Councillor P. Martin

Representative on CPRE – Councillor Larkin

**7188 Police Matters**

PCSO Daniels referred to her report previously circulated.

**7189 Internal Auditors**

RESOLVED: That RBS Accounting Solutions Ltd., be appointed Internal Auditors for the current Financial Year.

**7190. External Auditors**

It was noted that UHY Hacker Young had been appointed by the Audit Commission as External Auditors

**7191 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

Councillor Larkin drew attention to the decision of WBC Planning Committee on Application F/2006/8946 in respect of development at Hurst Grange Farm House, Pound Lane, Hurst. He, with Councillors Smith and Stephenson had attended the meeting of the Committee.

**7192 Vehicle Activated Signs**

Members were agreed that some attention should be given to the location of the VAS on the north side of the Village currently considered unsuitable and that WBC be invited to agree a site meeting with Members.

**7193 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

Councillor J. Martin, reported that youths had been seen playing football in School Road Playing Field. Following a complaint from a resident Councillor Larkin had adjusted the clock controlling the Community Shelter light.

**7194 New Code of Conduct**

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the New Code and prior to the commencement of the meeting each Member had signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

RESOLVED: That the New Code be adopted.

**7195 Maintenance of Play Areas**

The Chairman reported that the estimated cost of the provision of new gates at Davis Street Playing Field was £863 plus VAT.

The Clerk circulated a quotation for work at School Road Playing Field amounting to £969.76.

RESOLVED: (a) That the estimate for work at Davis Street Playing Field be approved.

(b) That the Clerk be requested to obtain a break-down of the cost of the work proposed at School Road Playing Field and a further quotation be obtained if possible.

The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the RoSPA inspection of play equipment and Councillor Larkin commented thereon.

**7196 Membership of BALC**

The Chairman was seeking further information on the benefits of membership.

**7197 SLCC Regional Conference**

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to attend the Regional Conference at Binfield on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007.

**7198 Finance**

	Balance brought forward	4938.14
1.	Allianz Cornhill (Insurance)	788.57
2.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins)	11.75
3.	Gavin Verdin (Litter picking)	50.00
4.	Thames Water Utilities Ltd. (Allotments January to April)	12.51
5.	National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd. (Renewal of Membership)	35.00
6.	Playsafety Ltd. (Inspection of Play Equipment)	84.60
7.	Inland Revenue (Clerk May)	84.56
8.	R. Wardle – Salary May	299.81
	Mileage 11 @ 52.7p	<u>5.80</u>
		<u>305.61</u>
.		<u>1372.60</u>
	Income £150 - Allotment Rents	
	Balance in Savings Account	£15037.09

7199 **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 9.50 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

## PART II

### 7200 **Reimbursement of Clerk's Expenses**

The Chairman reported on his discussions with the Clerk and a formula was agreed to be put to the Clerk.