

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 25th JUNE, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Bowman, Cox, Curry,
Holdstock, Larkin, J. Martin, P. Martin and Shults

Borough Councillor Drake

OFFICER: R. Wardle

One member of the Press

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received from
Councillor Stephenson.

7201 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May, 2007, were approved as correct records.

7202 **Matters Arising**

7184 – The Clerk had been advised that planning permission was not required for solar panels fitted flush to a roof and, therefore, permission had not been sort for the provision at Dinton Pastures.

7200 – The Chairman and Vice-Chairman were authorised to discuss with the Clerk a formula for payment of expenses.

7203 **Public Forum**

No member of the public was present.

7204 Police Matters

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

The Chairman reported on the discussion he had had with four Officers from Mouchel Parkman and WBC to discuss the location of the Vehicle Activated Sign in Wokingham Road, south of the Village. He had been accompanied by Borough Councillor Drake. Further enquiries were to be made.

7205 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

7206 Provision for Young People in the Parish

It had been noted that the Community Shelter was being well-used.

7207 Requests for Grant

The Clerk submitted requests for grant from Keep Mobile and Readibus. It was agreed to defer consideration pending further information.

7208 CCB Conference

The Clerk reported that the CCB were organising a One Day Conference on the subject "Save the Planet – What Berkshire can do."

7209 Wokingham Countryside Services

The Clerk reported that there was to be a public meeting at Dinton Pastures on 11 July to discuss "Vision for the Future."

7210 Consultation on Draft Screening Report

The Clerk was requested to obtain a copy of the Screening Report prepared by WBC. Reference was made to WBC's likely proposal to release six sites which would cover development provision for five years two months.

7211 Basketball provision in Davis Street Playing Field

The Clerk reported that the English Basketball Association had advised that the ownership of the goal had been transferred to the Council. He was requested to obtain polycarbonate backboards offered free.

7212 Reform of the Planning System

The Clerk reported that a White Paper on reform of the planning system had been published and comments were invited by 17th August, 2007.

7213 Emails

The Clerk drew attention to the increasing number of Emails being sent to Members and suggested that it might be appropriate, when preparing the Budget for 2008/2009 to consider whether permission should be sought for Members to be able to claim a small allowance as a contribution towards the cost of materials.

7214 Mapping Software

The Clerk submitted a letter from the Land Management Information Service regarding the offer of mapping software for Parish and Town Councils.

7215 Berkshire Association of Local Councils

The Clerk had circulated information on the service provided by the Association including a copy of the latest edition of The Communicator.

RESOLVED: That consideration be given at the next meeting to the Council's membership.

7216 **Finance**

(a) Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward	3688.04	
(Less cheques 884 and 885)	<u>37.90</u>	
	3650.14	
Bank error	<u>67.50</u>	3717.64
1. Southern Electric (School Road PF)		17.90
2. SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins)		11.75
3. Wybone Limited		164.62
4. Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. (Fittings for Play Equipment)		26.88
5. H. J. Larkin (Padlock and chain for School Road PF)		23.09
6. Country Care (Gates for Davis Street PF)		1015.20
7. Inland Revenue (Clerk June)		Nil
8. R. Wardle – Salary June	299.81	
Mileage 66 @ 52.7p	<u>34.78</u>	<u>334.59</u>
.		<u>1594.03</u>

Balance in Savings Account £24,957.02

(b) Audit of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2007

RESOLVED: That the Accounts be approved for submission to the External Auditor.

7217 **Information Reports**

Councillor Curry reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Village Halls Trust.

The Chairman reported on responses received to the invitation in the Hurst Village Newsletter and on likely cost of improvements to the Village. A letter would shortly be sent inviting sponsorship.

Councillor Stephenson had drawn attention to the poor arrangements for car parking at the Horse Show.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

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