

# ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: R. Wardle

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

## 7218 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

## 7219 **Public Forum**

Mr. John Edwards, Chairman of Hurst Village Halls Trust attended and made a presentation on the Trust's likely Capital Projects. A Planning Application would be submitted soon for the erection of a pair of two bedroom semi-detached houses at the rear with a frontage on Orchard Road and he hoped that the Council would give their support or not object.

Councillor Stephenson reported on the circumstances of a property in Davis Way and the Clerk was requested to write to WBC.

## 7220 **Police Report**

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

**7221 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

**7222 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

There was nothing to report.

**7223 Membership of BALC**

Members gave further consideration to this matter.

RESOLVED: That the Council cease membership of BALC/NALC after 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007.

**7224 Requests for Grant**

RESOLVED: That grants be paid for the current year as follows:-

Keep Mobile	£700
Readibus	£450

**7225 BALC – One Day Conference**

Council noted that BALC were organising a One Day Course covering the basics of town and parish council procedures at Reading University on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

**7226 Amen Corner, Bracknell**

The Clerk reported that Bracknell Forest BC had prepared an Action Plan in respect of Amen Corner and it was included in the Correspondence Folder.

**7227 Caravan Sites for Travellers**

The Clerk reported that comments were invited by 20 September 2007 on proposals for the provision of caravan sites for Gypsies and Travellers – Berkshire Stakeholders Engagement. Documents were included in the Correspondence Folder.

**7228 Council Notice Board**

Councillor Paul Martin reported on the replacement cost of polycarbonate glazing for the damaged glass front of the Parish Council Notice Board on the Village Halls Site and the Council accepted the quotation of Greenbarnes Ltd.

**7229 Village Improvements**

The Chairman reported on the replies received to his request for donations to make improvements to the Village. The Chairman promised to keep Members informed during Recess and it was agreed that a Special Meeting be convened, if necessary, to discuss matters of urgency.

**7230 Finance**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward		2269.69
1. Berkshire Association of Local Councils (Annual Subscription)		266.29
2. Thames Water Utilities (Allotment Site April-July)		58.47
3. Viking Direct (Stationery)		257.77
8. Inland Revenue (Clerk July)		Nil
9. R. Wardle – Salary July	299.81	
Office	155.00	
Travel	<u>34.28</u>	489.09
10. Readibus – Grant		450.00
11. Keep Mobile – Grant		<u>700.00</u>
		<u>2221.62</u>
Income	Allotment rents	37.50
	Bisham Parish Council – Reimbursement of Stationery	109.69
	Balance in Savings Account	£24,957.02

**7231 Information Reports**

Councillor Stephenson referred to a large pothole in Orchard Road which had caused serious damage to a car. Councillor Shults noted that the notice outside the Jolly Farmer, Davis Street, was encroaching the highway.

The Clerk reported on some of the items discussed by Wokingham Clerks with Mr. Douglas Patterson, Chief Executive WBC, before he left to take up a new appointment with the London Borough of Bromley. It was likely that a new Chief Executive would not take the appointment until about Christmas time.

Mr. Wardle, the Clerk to the Council reported that he had, that evening, handed notice of his resignation as Clerk to the Chairman. He indicated that he would be willing to work in tandem with the new Clerk after 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2007, if the Council wished. Members asked that their thanks be recorded for Mr. Wardle's service over a period of nine and a half years.

The Meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....



