

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY, 8th OCTOBER, 2007, AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Borough Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

OFFICERS: R. Wardle (Clerk)
Mrs. J. Haines (Clerk Designate)

APOLOGIES. Apologies for absence were received from
Councillors Bowman and Stephenson.

7246 **Clerk to the Council**

The Chairman introduced Mrs. Jane Haines who had formally accepted the appointment of Clerk to the Council on the retirement of the present Clerk. As agreed, she would be working for a short time in tandem with him.

7247 **Public Forum**

No member of the public was present.

7048 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September, 2007, were approved as a correct record.

7049 Matters Arising

7233 – Councillor Larkin reported that there had been over 60 requests for information for the Clerk’s post and 16 Applications. Of the 12 Candidates interviewed, the Interview Panel were agreed that Mrs. Haines was the most suitable. The Post had been advertised on WBC Web Site and in the Maidenhead Advertiser.

7238 – Councillor Drake outlined discussions on the Review of Polling District/Places/Stations.

7050 Police Matters

No Report had been received.

7051 Planning Applications

Members discussed the list of applications attach to these Minutes.

7052 Provision for Young People in the Parish

WBC Children and Young Peoples Services had stated that Councillor J. Martin had resigned from the Northern Parishes Area Committee. The Clerk was requested to advise the Service that Councillor Martin had not resigned and proposed to continue as the Council’s representative.

7053 Berkshire Minerals and Waste LDF

The Clerk was requested to circulate information received from the Joint Strategic Planning Unit on Consultation Documents published.

7054 Sports Personality of the Year

The Clerk reported that Members were invited to attend the 2007 Awards to be held on 23 November at Reading Blue Coat School.

7055 WDC Environment Team

The Clerk reported that WBC had invited Parish Councils to meet the Environment Team.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for Members and the Clerk to attend an Evening Session.

7056 **Finance**

(a) Request for Grant

The Clerk submitted a request from Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre for a Grant to mitigate/reduce the expected deficit for 2007 of about £600.

RESOLVED: That a Grant of £50 be made.

(b) Internal Auditor's Report

The Clerk had previously circulated the Report of the Internal Auditor for the year from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007. The Council noted the Report and agreed that the current arrangements were adequate.

(c) Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	Balance brought forward	2219.69
1.	RBS Software Solutions (Maintenance of Alpha System)	58.75
2.	Hurst Village Halls (Hire of Committee Room for Interviews)	33.75
3.	Maidenhead Advertiser (Clerk's Vacancy)	123.38
4.	Post Office Ltd. (Postage Stamps)	184.00
5.	P. J. Martin (Reimbursement of cost of renewal of Web Site)	23.49
6.	Greenbarnes Ltd. (Notice Board front)	108.66
7.	Viking Direct (Stationery and Equipment)	126.16
8.	Hurst Village Halls (Hire of Small Hall)	105.50
9.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins August-October)	23.50

10.	Inland Revenue (Clerk October)		84.56
11.	R. Wardle – Salary October	299.81	
	Office	40.00	
	Telephone	75.00	
	Travel	<u>19.00</u>	433.81
12.	Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre (Grant)		<u>50.00</u>
			<u>1355.56</u>

Income	Reimbursement for Stationery	52.00
	Allotment Rents	15.00
	Half year Precept	9.000.00

Balance in Savings Account £24,957.02

7057 Autumn Clean-Up Day

The Chairman reported on the arrangements for the Clean-up Day on 27th October, 2007, and invited as many Members as possible to give support.

The following week-end, volunteers were required to plant donated flowers in the Townsends Pond area.

7058 Village Improvements

The Chairman outlined proposals for Village Improvements and likely financial support.

7059 **Information Reports**

Councillor Drake outlined proposals for the temporary closure of Hinton Road to enable repair works to be carried out to a property in Wokingham Road.

Councillor Larkin proposed to inspect a damaged fence in Davis Street Playing Field.

The meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

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