

# **ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors W. Smith (in the Chair),  
Bowman, Cox, Holdstock, Larkin,  
Shults and Stephenson.

Borough Councillor Mrs. Annette Drake

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

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received from  
Councillors Curry, J. Martin and P. Martin.

## **7260 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2007 were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman varied the order of business to enable discussion of Christmas Arrangements in the presence of Rev. J. Coombs.

## **7261 Christmas Arrangements**

There was general agreement on arrangements for 6 December 2007 and the tasks to be undertaken by Members. It was planned to provide refreshments from 6 p.m. and to switch on the lights at 6.30 p.m.

## **7262 Public Forum**

No member of the Public was present. Reference was made to the Court decision on illegal action in Davis Way; the possibility of a Planning Appeal following refusal of development; measures to protect countryside hedges and other planning issues.

## 7263 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

### **7255 –WBC Environment Team**

It was reported that WDC Environment Team were unable to meet in the evening as requested by the Parish Council. The Clerk was requested to ask WBC for a number of dates so that there could be agreement on the one most suitable (Date now proposed -17 December).

### **7059 - Davis Street Playing Field Fence**

Councillor Larkin confirmed that barbed wire had been used to replace the broken fence and he had referred the matter to the Chairman.

## 7264 **Police Matters**

### (i) **Police Report**

The report of PCSO Daniels had been previously circulated.

### (ii) **Speed Indication Device (SID)**

Councillor Shults reported on a discussion at a meeting of the Neighbourhood Action Group about the local use of a Speed Indication Device (SID). The Clerk was requested to ask WBC, as the Highway Authority, to arrange for a visit of SID to Hurst.

### (iii) **Davis Way**

Councillor Stephenson updated Members on activities in Davis Way. He had been informed that action was imminent regarding reinstatement of the highway.

## 7265 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

In addition, Members were advised of the following Appeals:-

- (i) **F/2007/0775** - Twyford Lodge, Billingbear Park: further comments to WDC by 3 December 2007.
- (ii) **F2007/0640** - Nelsons Orchard, Nelsons Lane: further comments to WDC by 4 December 2007
- (iii) **F/2006/9510** - Land adjacent to Grange Farm, Islandstone Lane: Informal Hearing at 10 a.m. on 22 November at WBC Offices.

**7266 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from WBC stating that, due to reduced capacity, the Mobile provision was to be withdrawn and the vehicle sold. WBC was proposing to continue the employment of a Street Worker in the Parish and would be seeking financial support from the Parish Council.

**7267 Twyford Parish Council - Library**

Twyford Parish Council sought support for the establishment of a library in Twyford.

RESOLVED: That the Council give support to the proposal.

**7268 Berkshire MS Therapy Centre**

The Clerk submitted a request for a grant from the Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre in Reading which was currently supporting two Hurst residents.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £100 be made to Berkshire MS Therapy Centre.

**7269 WBC Leaflet 'Are We Getting it Right?'**

Copies of the new WBC leaflet 'Are We Getting It Right?' were circulated. The Clerk was requested to ask WBC for information on its expenditure on publicity.

**7270 Finance**

**(a) Audit for Year Ended 31 March 2007**

The Clerk reported completion of the Audit (both internal and external) for the year ended 31 March 2007.

**(b) Salary of Clerks**

The Retiring Clerk reported the National Agreement on Clerks' Salaries of 2.475% from 1 April 2007. As the Council had agreed to pay up to 3% he had included the increase in the November payments.

(b) **Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward			1728.15
1.	Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre (Grant)		50.00
2.	HV Horticulture Ltd. (Flowers for Pond Area)		103.30
3.	Thames Water Utilities Ltd. (Allotments July-October)		26.80
4.	UHY Hacker Young (External Audit)		217.38
5.	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd. (Deposit for Play Equipment)		17347.70
6.	Inland Revenue (Clerk November)		101.33
7.	J. R. Haines - Salary November Office	383.96 <u>40.00</u>	423.96
8.	R. Wardle – Salary November Arrears Office Travel (150 @ 55.8p)	307.24 52.04 40.00 <u>83.70</u>	482.98
9.	W. Smith – Purchase of Laminator		31.98
10.	Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre Ltd. Grant		<u>100.00</u>
			<u>18,885.43</u>
Income	Contribution toward flowers	£20.00	
	WBC S106 payment	£23122.00	
	Balance in Savings Account	£24,820.11	

**7271 Information Reports**

A local sculptor had offered to donate a piece of his work to the Parish Council on permanent loan. He was proposing to visit the Parish with a view to selecting a suitable site. Members indicated support.

The meeting ended at 9.06 p.m.

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