

## ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,  
ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2007 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Borough Councillor Mrs. A. Drake

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

### 7272 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 November 2007 were approved as a correct record.

### 7273 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **7255 –WBC Environment Team**

As very few members were able to attend the proposed meeting on 17 December, it was agreed that WBC should be asked for alternative dates in the New Year.

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

The Chairman reported that he had been trying unsuccessfully to contact an adjoining owner and there was a possibility that it might be necessary to take formal action.

#### **7264 (ii) – Speed Indication Device (SID)**

WBC had been requested to locate SID in the Parish.

#### **7264 (iii) – Davis Way**

Councillor Stephenson reported that resurfacing work was taking place during the current week.

### 7274 **Public Forum**

No member of the Public was present. It was noted that the St Nicholas night event round the Christmas tree had been well attended and very well received. It was agreed to send letters of thanks to those who had helped make the event such a success. Reference was made to an investigation by a WBC Member regarding allotment provision in the Parish, the outcome of a planning inquiry and a number of current planning appeals.

**7275 Police Matters**

**(i) Police Report**

The report of PCSO Daniels had been previously circulated.

**(ii) Christmas Crime Menu**

Copies of the Thames Valley Police leaflet 'Christmas Crime Menu' were circulated to all members.

**7276 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.

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

(i) **F/2006/8461** - Willow Cottage, Wokingham Road. Informal Hearing to be held at 10 a.m. on 11 December.

(ii) **VAR/2007/0612** - Appeal: Walnut Tree Cottage, Broadwater Lane, Hurst. New comments to be received by 20 December 2007. Councillor Larkin agreed to review past papers to decide whether further comments were required.

(iii) **F/2007/1408** - The Rise, Forest Road, Wokingham. Appeal to be dealt with by written statements. New comments by 8 January 2008.

**7277 Provision for Young People in the Parish**

Councillor Jan Martin reiterated that the mobile provision had been withdrawn and the vehicle sold. Further information should be available after the next meeting of the Youth Committee on 17 January 2008.

**7278 Purchase of Play Equipment**

The Chairman outlined the latest plans for the playground. He confirmed receipt of the S106 monies and outlined future additional funding from other sources. It was noted that installation work would take around two weeks and was currently scheduled to begin at the end of March.

**7279 Conservation of Biodiversity**

Members were informed of legislation in the Natural Environment & Rural Communities (NERC) Act which introduced a new duty requiring all public authorities to have regard to the conservation of biodiversity. BBOWT had produced guidance for Town & Parish Councils on the implications.

**7280 Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area – Consultation on Interim Strategic Delivery Plan.**

Members were informed of consultation on a draft 'Interim Strategic Delivery Plan' on ways to maintain a balance between protecting the heath land and the need to provide new homes.

7281 **RBWM Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.**  
The Council noted that the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead had produced a draft methodology for assessing appropriate housing sites within the Borough up to 2031.

7282 **Dinton Pastures Consultation**  
Councillor Stephenson outlined the three options for improvements at Dinton Pastures which he had asked to be made available to view on the web-site. There was considerable discussion on the issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk request an on-site meeting between Parish Councillors and staff from Dinton Pastures to discuss the options in detail.

7283 **Telecommunications Pre Roll-Out Meeting**  
Members were informed of the annual meeting with mobile phone operators on 21 January 2008 to discuss the telecommunications roll-out information.

7284 **Councillor Training**  
Members were informed that BALC were offering a one day course for Councillors covering the basics of Town & Parish Council procedures.

7285 **Consultation on the Sustainable Resource Management Supplementary Planning Document**  
Members were informed of Bracknell Forest Borough Council's draft consultation document to make the Borough's buildings more environmentally friendly.

7286 **Local Safety Schemes**  
Members reviewed local safety schemes under consideration by WBC and in particular the three options proposed for Maidenhead Road, Warren Farm.

RESOLVED: That the Council make no objection to the proposed scheme.

7287 **Highways Consultative Board**  
WBC was seeking to create a definitive list of outstanding highways issues for all Town and Parish Councils.

RESOLVED: That the Council's response should highlight i) street clutter and ii) the location of the vehicle activated sign on the Wokingham side of Wokingham Road.

7288 **Finance**

(i) **Draft Budget 2008-09**

A Draft Budget for 2008-09 and Estimated Expenditure for the current year had been circulated before the meeting. It was agreed to give detailed consideration at the next meeting to the Budget and the Precept for 2008-09. Members sought more information on expenditure and balances in relation to committed expenditure before the next meeting.

(ii) **Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Balance brought forward		23,333.71
Less cheques 921 and 927		<u>17,369.44</u>
		5,964.27
1.	Southern Electric (School Road PF)	21.74
2.	Blachere Illumination UK Ltd.(Christmas Tree lights)	112.39
3.	Hurst Village Halls (Oct to Dec)	78.00
4.	SDK Environmental Ltd. (Emptying dog bins (Oct to Nov)	23.50
5.	S.L.C.C. (Annual Subscription)	91.00
6.	W. Smith (Reimbursement of expenses)	284.93
7.	Inland Revenue (Clerk December)	86.66
8.	J. R. Haines - Salary December	383.96
	Office	<u>40.00</u>
		423.96
9.	R. Wardle – Salary December	307.24
	Office	40.00
	Travel	<u>20.00</u>
		367.24
10.	R. M. Stephenson (Reimbursement of expenses)	<u>12.00</u>
		1,501.42
	Balance	<u>4,466.85</u>

**7289 Information Reports**

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries regarding the cutting back of the vegetation between Davis Street and Dinton Pastures.

**7290 Retirement of Clerk**

The Chairman formally thanked the retiring Clerk for his hard work for the Council over a period of more than nine years. All Councillors joined in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

The meeting ended at 8.47 p.m.

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