

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST,
ON MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2008 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Borough Councillor Mrs. A. Drake

OFFICERS: Mrs. J. Haines (Clerk)

7291 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 December 2007 were approved as a correct record.

7292 Matters Arising from the Minutes

7255 –WBC Environment Team

The Clerk reported that WBC were now unable to offer any dates until October as visits were only offered between November and early January.

7059 - Davis Street Playing Field Fence

The Chairman reported that more formal action may now have to be taken.

7264 (ii) - Speed Indication Device (SID)

The Clerk was requested to ascertain progress from WBC.

7276 – VAR/2007/0612 - It was reported that further comments, prepared by Cllr Larkin, had been sent to the Inspector in respect of the Walnut Tree Cottage appeal.

7289- Vegetation between Davis Street and Dinton Pastures

The Clerk was asked to write formally to WBC stressing that an undertaking had previously been made to the Council that the vegetation would be cut back.

7293 Public Forum

No member of the Public was present. Reference was made to the outcome of several planning appeals and clarification of planning guidance and decisions.

Members discussed the vandalism to the Christmas tree. It was agreed that the possibility of a more permanent structure would be considered as part of future landscaping works. The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of an insurance claim for the damage.

7294 Police Matters

The report of PCSO Daniels had been previously circulated. It was noted that the vandalism to the Christmas tree did not appear on the list although it had been reported to the Police.

7295 **Planning Applications**

- (i) Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes.
- (ii) There were no new appeals or informal hearings to report

7296 **Provision for Young People in the Parish**

There was nothing to report.

7297 **Dinton Pastures**

Members welcomed the opportunity to visit the site and felt that the experience had been valuable. The Clerk was asked to write to Chris Buggy to express their thanks.

Members discussed the options, issues and future opportunities for the site. Councillors agreed support for Option 1, but noted that there were a range of other possibilities that should be considered to support the development of the site and encourage more all-year-round use.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to draft a response to the Dinton Pastures Consultation, outlining the Council's support for Option 1 and suggestions for future developments.

7298 **Dates for Future Meetings**

The following dates for future meetings were approved:

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
19 May (Annual)	12 January
23 June	9 February
28 July	16 March
08 September	20 April
06 October	18 May (Annual)
10 November	
08 December	

A provisional date for the Village Clean-Up was agreed as Saturday 29 March 2008.

7299 **Correspondence**

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the Honorary Secretary of Hurst Cricket Club requesting a contribution towards running costs. Members were clear that this was not something to which the Parish Council could commit. It was noted however that the Cricket Club had regularly supported the St Nicholas Night Celebrations and provided free use of their car parking facilities.

RESOLVED: That with effect from December 2007 the Council gives a donation of £50 to the Cricket Club for the use of their car park at Christmas.

7300 **Budget and Precept 2008-09**

Members considered a Draft Budget for 2008-09 together with additional information on budget and commitments which had been previously circulated. There was considerable discussion on the issues raised, including new developments, use of assets, play equipment and liabilities. It was agreed that details of landscaping costs would be considered at a future meeting. In considering expenditure, it was noted that the Council had been successful in reducing costs for 2007/2008.

RESOLVED: (i) That the Budget be approved (agreed Budget attached).
(ii) That the Precept for 2008/09 be £19,500

7301 **Accounts**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Opening Balance as at 07.01.08 in Current & Deposit Accounts £29,625

Ref	Payee	£	£
10.1	Hurst Village Halls (Jan Meeting)		25.50
10.2	WBC Parish Share Code of Conduct		64.80
10.3	R. Wardle – Telephone		34.76
10.4	J Haines <i>Salary</i>	<i>383.96</i>	
	<i>Office</i>	<i>40.00</i>	
	Total		423.96
	Total Expenditure for January 08		<u>549.02</u>

Balances Remaining £29,076

7302 **Information Reports**

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries regarding previous planning decisions regarding lighting at Dolphin School.

The meeting ended at 8.55p.m.

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