

## ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST  
ON MONDAY 23 JUNE 2008 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICER: Mrs. J. Haines (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Curry and Cllr Drake

7384 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Jan Martin be elected as Vice Chairman for the current Municipal Year.

7385 **Vacancies on the Council**

The two vacancies on the Council were discussed. The Chairman reported that he had been approached by an individual expressing an interest and was awaiting further information.

7386 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2008 were approved as a correct record.

7387 **Matters Arising**

7264 - **VAS & Traffic Monitoring** – WBC had reported that they would supply the necessary information in the near future.

7381 - **Rental of Council Field**- The Chairman reported that he had now received information on market values and had had further discussions with the current lessee of the Council field. Discussions would continue.

7388 **Public Forum**

There was no member of the Public present.

7389 **Police Matters**

RESOLVED:

(a) That the report (previously circulated) be noted.

(b) That the Clerk e-mail details of the forthcoming Police Consultation meeting to all Councillors

7390 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the list of applications attached to these Minutes. Councillor Larkin agreed to review Application O/2008/1282 regarding land at Sandford Farm (received that day).

- 7391 **Provision for Young People in the Parish**  
Cllr. J Martin reported attendance at a recent meeting on 24 May.
- 7392 **Standing Orders**  
The Council considered the set of draft Standing Orders. Councillors discussed the need for an optional secret ballot when voting on co-option issues.
- RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders be adopted, subject to clarification that voting for co-option could be by secret ballot.
- 7393 **Play Area Works**
- (a) **School Road**  
The Chairman reported that the playground contractors had started work that morning on the School Road Play Area.
- (b) **Davis Street**  
There was considerable discussion about the Play Area at Davis Street and options for the way forward. It was agreed that the issue of the fence should be resolved as a matter of priority.
- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the Clerk contact WBC for further advice on options for the fence.
  - (ii) That once the specification was agreed, tenders be sought to undertake the necessary work
  - (iii) That the Clerk should write to S.S.E. Power to highlight the problem with the electricity cable.
  - (iv) That, subject to the outcomes of (i) – (iii) above, the Clerk inform the landowner of the need for the Council to undertake modifications to the fencing
- 7394 **Traffic Initiatives**  
Councillors discussed recent developments and the work with the SID. There was some discussion about the introduction of new signage and speed ‘gateways’ to help reduce traffic speed.
- RESOLVED: That the Chairman continue to pursue the issues with the Thames Valley Police.
- 7395 **Internal Audit Report 2007/08**  
RESOLVED: i) That the report be received  
ii) That the Clerk terminate the current agreement with the finance software company
- 7396 **Correspondence:**  
Receipt of the following correspondence was noted:
- (a) Town & Parish Charter
  - (b) Wokingham Borough Council Design Guide – Residential Design
  - (c) SERA – Review of Sub-Regional Allocation of Primary Land–Won Aggregates in the South East
  - (d) Amen Corner Action Plan – Issues & Options Report Consultation
  - (e) Notification of the future consultation on the WBC core Strategy
  - (f) The finalisation of the Wokingham Local Area Agreements

7397 **Twyford, Wargrave & District Volunteer Centre**  
 RESOLVED: That consideration be given to the grant request in September, when all other grants were to be considered.

7398 **Finance**  
 The following accounts were approved for payment this month:

	Prev. Balance		40,662.56
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Expenditure – Payee</b>		£
3.1	Allianz Insurance (2008/09)		823.18
3.2	Southern Electric (School Road Feb- May)		21.88
3.3	Nat. Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners (Annual Sub)		40.00
3.4	SANE Planning for the South East (Ann Membership)		60.00
3.5	Hurst Village Halls (June meeting)		20.25
3.6	SDK (Dog bin emptying 19/3/08-13/05/08)		24.14
3.7	Gavin Verdin (litter picking 5 sessions -27/04)		50.00
3.8	Quadron (Grass Cutting April x 2)		204.76
3.9	Quadron (Grass Cutting May x1)		102.38
3.10	Auditing Solutions (2007/08 audit)		158.62
3.11	J. Haines	Salary (June)	383.96
		Office	40.00
		Mileage	8.37
		Telephone (June)	20.00
		Postage (special)	6.11
			<u>458.44</u>
		Total Expenditure	<b><u>1963.65</u></b>
	<b>Income</b>		
	HM Revenue & Customs (VAT repayment)		3,187.87
	Wokingham DALC (Reimbursement of expenses)		60.00
	Allotment Rental (3 x £20 +18 x £10)		240.00
	Current Account Interest		<u>0.46</u>
		<b>Total Income for June</b>	<b><u>3,488.33</u></b>
		Balance	42,187.24

7399 **Diary Dates**  
 RESOLVED:  
 i) That the Autumn Clean-Up be held on Saturday 25 October 2008  
 ii) That the St Nicholas Night celebrations be held at 5pm on Sunday 7 December 2008

7400 **Hall Mark Award**  
 RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to congratulate Hurst Village Halls on achieving the Hallmark award.

7401 **Shared Information**

Issues raised included the dangerous state of the verges, particularly in Hogmoor Lane, sale of land at Martineau Lane, the pond, parking, and local wildlife

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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