

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST
ON MONDAY 13th July 2009 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Annette Drake.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk)
Mr. N. Christo (Area Manager, North) (part meeting)

7599 Vacancies on the Council

It was noted that one vacancy remains on the Parish Council. The Chairman has spoken with a potential candidate to cover the Davis Street area.

7600 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd June 2009 were discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk to amend minute 7590.

7601 Matters Arising

Some discussions were held around the treatment of CLP/2009/1033. This certificate related to Councillor Bowman's property and the Chairman explained how, at the previous meeting, the Parish Council was unclear as to precisely how these types of certificates should be treated. In the usual manner, where a member is involved, Councillor Bowman had temporarily left the meeting room.

Councillor Bowman was unhappy with the manner in which the case had been handled at the previous meeting and expressed her views to the Chairman. The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council had been asked to comment on these type of CLP's in the past, although we do need to seek further clarification from WBC. The Chairman apologised for any misunderstanding which had occurred.

Resolved: the Clerk to seek clarification from WBC regarding the referral of CLP's and their treatment; and

The Clerk to amend minute 7590.

7602 **Public Forum**

No matters were raised in the Public Forum.

7603 **Nick Christo – Playbuilder Briefing**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Nick Christo, Area Manager North, to the meeting. Mr Christo gave members a comprehensive and very informative briefing on the Playbuilder project and the stage at which the project is currently at. A “play value assessment” of some 130 areas is currently being undertaken and an independent assessment panel being created. The recruitment process for a project manager is underway. Mr Christo explained how cases will be managed on a case by case basis and significant pre work and consultation will take place.

The aim is to largely capture 8-13 year old children. Councillor Bowman raised previous discussions and work undertaken regarding the potential of the Community Orchard. She expressed her frustrations at WBC’s reluctance to work with the Parish Council.

The Borough Council will keep all interested parties and Parish Council’s informed as key milestone dates approach. Members were given the opportunity to ask Mr Christo questions. Members thanked Mr Christo for his time and clarity.

RESOLVED: Members to elect a “champion” and the Clerk to inform Mr Christo; and

The Community Orchard to be considered along side all other potential sites/projects.

7604 **Police Matters**

The Chairman confirmed that he is liaising with PCSO Anne Chalmers regarding possible dates for using the speed gun in the village.

7605 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the applications attached to these Minutes.

The Council had no adverse comments relating to applications LB/2009/1295 and F/2009/1290. However, objections were to be made regarding the following applications – F/2009/0803, F/2009/1274, F/2009/1230 and F/2009/1008.

RESOLVED: the clerk to express the Parish Council’s views to WBC.

7606 **Provision for Young People in the Parish**

Councillor Jan Martin confirmed that there was no update to bring to this meeting other than a map still needs to be completed.

7607 **School Road Play Area Works**

The Chairman updated the meeting on the current position with School Road:

- WBC has now ascertained all relevant utilities with the exception of Thames Water which is taking an unacceptably long time.
- Some discussion was held around the fencing and adjoining gates. No further issues had been raised by local residents.
- Discussions are continuing with WBC regarding the back boundary fence.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write to residents outlining the Parish Council's proposals;

The Clerk to pursue Thames Water directly; and

The Parish Council aim to commence work in early September.

7608 **Traffic Initiatives**

The Chairman updated the group on the progress with signage in the Parish. The question remains as to whether Hurst can have gated signs on entry to the Parish. The issue of maintaining such gated entrances was also discussed.

Two potential applicants have come forward regarding the position of lollipop person. WBC is currently checking suitability.

7609 **Finance**

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

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Accounts - July 2009

	£	£
Previous Balance		37,836.88

The following accounts are presented for approval this month:

Ref	Expenditure - Payee		
4.1	P.Martin - key cutting		7.00
4.2	Hurst Village Hall		25.88
4.3	Playdale - wetpour repair at School Rd		741.75
4.4	M Bradshaw	<i>Salary July 09</i>	
		<i>404.73</i>	
		<i>Office</i>	
		<i>60.00</i>	
		<i>Mileage</i>	
		<i>2.35</i>	
		<i>Stationery</i>	
		<i>3.00</i>	470.08
4.5	M Bradshaw*	<i>Salary Aug 09</i>	
		<i>404.73</i>	
		<i>Office</i>	
		<i>60.00</i>	464.73
4.6	SDK Environmental Ltd		18.35
	Total Expenditure		1,727.79
	Income		0
	Revised balance c/f		36,109.09

* Post dated cheque raised for August 2009 salary

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 Infrastructure supplementary planning document for the Strategic
 Development Location in the Council's Core Strategy**

Wokingham Borough Council has prepared a sustainability appraisal report
 circulated a copy of the draft scoping report for the sustainability appraisal which
 will accompany the Masterplan and Infrastructure Supplementary Planning
 Documents that the Council will be producing for the four Strategic Development
 Locations in the Core Strategy. There is a five week consultation period.
 However, WBC is minded that most Parish Council's will not be in a position to
 comment until after meetings in September. There will be further opportunity to
 comment on the sustainability appraisal when the consultation is undertaken on
 the actual Masterplan supplementary planning documents later this year.

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 Requests for Financial Assistance**

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A request for financial assistance has been received from Readibus and Keep Mobile. Both of these organisations were supported by the Parish Council in 2008/09.

RESOLVED: level of donation in 2009/10 to be agreed after September instalment of Precept received.

Loddon Valley Action Group

A request for financial assistance has been received from Loddon Valley Action Group. This is to support opposition to the proposed development at Sandford Farm in Woodley.

RESOLVED: members agreed that, whilst the Parish Council supports the work of the Group, financial assistance cannot be provided.

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

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