

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST
ON MONDAY 2nd November 2009 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Bowman and Drake

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk)

7635 Vacancies on the Council

It was noted that two vacancies remain on the Parish Council.

7636 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th October 2009 were agreed as an accurate record.

7637 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7638 Public Forum

No issues were raised in the public forum.

7639 Playbuilder

Councillor Curry updated members on the current position. Options were discussed for a variety of play equipment for the School Road site. Costings and potential contractors are now being sought. Costed proposals need to be provided to WBC by mid-November. The issue of neighbours was also discussed and the possibility of some form of soft landscaping.

RESOLVED: Councillor Curry to provide costed proposals to WBC by mid-November.

7640 Police Matters

The Clerk informed members that an electronic update had been received from TVP outlining local crime spots.

7641 Planning Applications

Members discussed the applications attached to these Minutes. Councillors agreed the following action:

F/2009/1933, F/2009/1976, LB/2009/2140, F/2009/2135 and F/2009/2165 – no adverse comments;
F/2009/2044 and F/2009/2060 – no comment; and
A/2009/2082 and F/2009/2065 – object.

Councillors expressed their concerns regarding the increasing number of retrospective applications being presented with regards to Hurst Lodge, Broadcommon Road.

RESOLVED: the clerk to express the Parish Council's views to WBC on the outstanding planning applications.

7642 Provision for Young People in the Parish

Councillor Jan Martin updated the meeting. It was noted that the cycle path still needs to be plotted.

RESOLVED: cycle path to be plotted.

7643 School Road Play Area Works

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

The pond has now been cleared with approximately 450 tonnes of sludge being removed. On behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Larkin proposed thanks to both Councillors Smith and Holdstock for their significant contribution to the works.

It was noted that the drains are blocked along the A321.

Councillor J Martin raised concerns regarding the lack of barrier around the pond opposite the junction of Broadcommon Road.

Planting works have now commenced around the gas governor area. These are due for completion in the next week.

Quotes are still awaited from the fencing contractor regarding the playing field.

RESOLVED:

- consideration be given to erecting a barrier around the pond opposite the junction of Broadcommon Road; and
- The Clerk to contact WBC regarding the blocked drains.

7644 Feedback from Borough, Town and Parish Conference

Councillor Lyon updated the meeting following his attendance at the Conference. Feedback was provided on the strategic development locations and the impact this could have on traffic issues. It was also noted that a meeting has been arranged for local Clerks to meet with the Chief Executive of WBC.

7645 Litter Pick and Christmas Celebrations

The litter pick and Christmas celebrations are planned for the 14th November and 6th December respectively. Organisation is well underway for both events.

7646 Traffic Initiatives

The Chairman gave a brief update on the traffic initiatives covering both the positing of the VAS nearer the village and the gated entrances to the parish. As previously reported, the gated entrances will be the subject of a policy document which is to be drawn up in the near future.

7647 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Accounts - Nov 2009

	£	£
Previous Balance		45,082.46
Ref Expenditure - Payee		
8.1 Keep Mobile		700.00
8.2 Readibus		450.00
8.3 P. Martin		22.99
8.4 SDK Environmental Ltd		18.35
8.5 WBC - Planting Licence		237.00
8.6 M Bradshaw		
	<i>Salary Nov 09</i>	<i>404.73</i>
	<i>Office</i>	<i>60.00</i>
	<i>Mileage</i>	<i>4.70</i>
	<i>Stationery</i>	<i>24.99</i>
	<i>* Postage</i>	<i>36.90</i>
		<u>531.32</u>
8.7 Thames Water (Tape Lane allotments)		160.56
8.8 Hurst Village Hall		33.68
8.9 Nick Robins Ltd		2,990.00
8.10 D&S Thompson Contractors Ltd		2,001.00
8.11 SAS Agricultural Services		230.00
8.12 Kevin Guy		70.00
	Total Expenditure	<u>7,444.90</u>
	Income	0.00
	Revised balance c/f	<u>37,637.56</u>

* Annual stock of postage stamps + "next day delivery" charge on appeal documentation.

7648 Correspondence

Complaint from resident regarding traffic at Davis Street/Dinton Pastures

A letter of complaint was received by the Clerk to Winnersh PC from a Winnersh resident regarding the crossing of the road from Davis Street to Dinton Pastures. This has now been referred to SNHPC and WBC for comment.

Hurst Consolidated Charity

Mac Stephenson has been our representative for the Hurst Consolidated Charity. With his retirement from the Hurst Parish Council we are invited to offer another member to become a trustee.

Resolved: no members interested in this position at present.

Request for financial assistance

Requests for financial assistance were received from both Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre and Sue Ryder Care.

RESOLVED: a donation of £50 and £100 to be made respectively.

5 year integrated risk management plan – Fire Service

We have been invited to provide our comments on the 5 year IRMP for continued improvements in the fire service. Full details of how we can provide our comments are on www.rbfrs.co.uk under the IRMP Consultation link.

Sustainable Community Strategy 2012-2020

Town and Parish Councils have been formally invited to participate in the consultation to refresh the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Parish Council must take responsibility for ensuring that documentation produced by WBC is considered and a formal response provided by 18/11/09.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to co-ordinate a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

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