

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST
ON MONDAY 7th December 2009 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Councillor A. Drake

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Martin and P Martin.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk)

7649 Vacancies on the Council

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

7650 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd November 2009 were agreed as an accurate record.

7651 Matters Arising

Councillor Lyon raised the matter of the village lollipop person and whether any potential appointment had progressed. The Chairman confirmed that two potential candidates had expressed an interest in the role.

7652 Public Forum

It was noted that the recent St Nicholas Night Celebrations had been a huge success attracting approximately 350 people to the event. Councillor Drake expressed her thanks to all involved in the arrangements.

7653 Playbuilder

Councillor Curry updated members on the current position. The Parish Council's application has now been submitted including an artist's impression of the site. It was suggested that the artist's impression could be displayed in the village shop. WBC will purchase all equipment centrally.

7654 Police Matters

PCSO Anne Chalmers was unable to attend this meeting. However, it was noted that a complaint had been received from a local resident regarding anti social behaviour.

RESOLVED: residents to be advised to refer any incidents of anti social behaviour directly to the PCSO.

7655 Planning Applications

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

LB/2009/2265, NMT/2009/2316, LB/2009/2269 and F/2009/2267 – no adverse comments. No comment was to be made regarding application F/2009/2263.

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

7656 Provision for Young People in the Parish

In the absence of Councillor Jan Martin no update was available at this meeting

7657 School Road Play Area Works

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

The pond works have now been largely completed. Some minor planting works are required around the gas governor area to complete this project. Quotes have now been received for both fencing works in the playing field and around the far end of the pond.

It was noted that a complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding the pond.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk and Chairman to liaise with the landscape contractor to ensure planting works are completed;

The Council agreed to go ahead with the fencing works; and

The Clerk to respond to the recent complaint from a member of the public.

7658 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Accounts - Dec 2009

	£	£
Previous Balance		37,637.56

The following accounts are presented for approval this month:

Ref Expenditure - Payee

9.1	Twyford, Wargrave and Dist. Vo. Centre (grant)		50.00
9.2	Sue Ryder Care (grant)		100.00
9.3	Quadron Services Ltd (grass cutting)		614.10
9.4	Southern Electric (School Road)		15.87
9.5	HVS (donation)		50.00
9.6	Hurst Cricket Club (donation)		50.00
9.7	SDK Environmental Ltd		18.35
9.8	Society of Local Council Clerks (annual sub)		95.00
9.9	M Bradshaw		
	<i>Salary Dec09</i>	404.73	
	<i>Office</i>	60.00	
	<i>Mileage</i>	20.55	
	<i>Stationery</i>	36.78	
			522.06
9.10	Hurst Village Hall		33.68
9.11	M Holdstock		190.00
9.12	Nick Robins Ltd		2,717.45
	Total Expenditure		4,456.51
	Income		0.00
	Revised balance c/f		33,181.05

The Clerk distributed a draft high level budget summary for Councillor's consideration.

7659 Correspondence

Land at Dunt Lane

Discussions were held around the land at Dunt Lane currently rented by a resident. Concerns have been expressed by the Parish Council's auditors that the market value for this land is not being realised and that the field could work better as an asset.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to write to the tenant and serve 3 months notice to vacate the field.

Nominations for Town and Parish Councillor representation on WBC Strategic Partnership

Deadline for nominations is the 4th January 2010.

Borough Litter Pick 2010

Borough litter picks are being held over the weekend of 20/21st March 2010.

7660 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED: that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

Signed.....

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PART II

7661 **Appointment of Parish Councillors**

RESOVED: Mr Ian Smith be appointed to the vacant post to cover the Davis Street Ward. Mrs Margaret Face be invited to represent the Village Ward.