

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SMALL VILLAGE HALL, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST
ON MONDAY 18th January 2010 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

Councillors Bowman and J Martin (part)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Larkin and Drake.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk)

7662 Vacancies on the Council

It was noted that one vacancy remains on the Parish Council covering the Village Ward..

7663 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th December 2009 were agreed as an accurate record.

7664 Matters Arising

Some discussion was held around the Borough wide litter pick.

RESOLVED: the Parish Council to take part in the village litter pick only and make separate arrangements.

7665 Public Forum

There were no matters to be raised in the public forum.

7666 Playbuilder

Councillor Curry reported that she was unable to obtain an update from Nick Christo, WBC although all paperwork had been submitted accordingly.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact Mr Christo for an update.

7667 **Police Matters**

PCSO Anne Chalmers was unable to attend this meeting. Councillor Lyon suggested that the PCSO should be formally invited on perhaps a quarterly basis. This could be advertised to residents who may wish to attend the PC meeting to express any concerns.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact the PCSO and invite her formally to Parish Council meetings.

7668 **Planning Applications**

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

The Parish Council had no adverse comments relating to F/2009/2642. However, objections were lodged regarding both F/2009/2643 and CLE/2009/2669.

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

7669 **Provision for Young People in the Parish**

No update was available at this meeting

7670 **School Road Play Area Works**

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

Quotes have now been received for both fencing works in the playing field and around the far end of the pond.

Planting around the gas governor is largely completed and payment can be released to the Contractor. However, it was agreed that £200 would be with held until such time the bulb planting is complete.

RESOLVED:

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

7671 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Accounts - Jan 2010

	£	£
Previous Balance		33,181.05

The following accounts are presented for approval this month:

Ref	Expenditure - Payee		
10.1	M C Etwell (Regency Landscaping)		7,614.25
10.2	Kevin Guy (litter pick)		50.00
10.3	SDK Environmental Ltd		18.35
10.4	W. Smith (expenses)		125.18
10.5	M Bradshaw	<i>Salary Jan 10</i>	<i>404.73</i>
		<i>Office</i>	<i>60.00</i>
			464.73
10.6	Hurst Village Hall		33.68
		Total Expenditure	8,306.19
			0.00
			0.00
		Revised balance c/f	24,874.86

Councillors considered a draft budget for 2010/11. The budget and commitments for the forthcoming year were discussed. There was considerable discussion with a number of issues raised. Members voted unanimously in favour of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED:

- i. The budget be approved (agreed budget attached);
- ii. The precept for 2010/11 be set at £22,500; and
- iii. The Clerk to make the necessary returns to WBC.

7672 Correspondence

Dunt Lane

The current tenant is to vacate the site by the 8th March 2010. Some discussions were held around the future of the site and what work is required to secure the site and further enhance its potential for income generation.

Antisocial Behaviour in School Road Playground

Some discussion was held around anti social behaviour in School Road playground and surrounding area. It was agreed that any evidence of further incidents must be reported directly to the Police.

Wokingham Borough Strategic Partnership

A number of Parish Councils did not respond to the original deadline. The consultation period was, therefore, extended to the 13th January 2010 – Councillor Larkin has drafted a response on behalf of SNHPC.

Strategic Development Locations Masterplanning Briefing

The Strategic Development Locations Masterplanning Briefing for all WBC Members and Parish & Town Council representatives took place on Monday, 18th January 2010. Councillor Bowman attended on behalf of SNHPC and provided the Parish Council with feedback.

Twyford 2020

A draft copy of “Twyford 2020” produced by the Twyford Village Partnership (TVP) has been circulated. TVP are consulting widely with partners and any comments should be made by 20th January 2010.

Transport Plan

From the 5th January 2010 residents from across Wokingham Borough can give their initial views on the proposed transport plan by completing a questionnaire. It asks local people to identify which three transport challenges they consider to be the most important priorities for Wokingham Borough – and provide an opportunity to make further comments on these issues. The questionnaire can be completed online at: www.wokingham.gov.uk/localtransportplan/

7673 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 9.30 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

PART II

7674 **Appointment of Parish Councillors**

RESOLVED: Mrs Margaret Face be offered the vacant post to cover the Village Ward.

ST NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL: AGREED BUDGET 2010/11

Expenditure	Budget 09-10	Budget 2010-11
	£	£
Salaries and associated expenses	8000.00	6000.00
Subscriptions and conferences	0.00	200.00
Allotments	150.00	300.00
Grass cutting	0.00	700.00
Playing field and open spaces	6840.00	2000.00
Footpaths and public rights of way	500.00	0.00
Donations and grants	1750.00	1550.00
Election provision	2000.00	1000.00
Youth Provision	1000.00	0.00
Dunt Paddock project		10000.00
Entrance Gateways		1000.00
Administration:		
Hurst Village hall	400.00	400.00
Training	600.00	0.00
Equipment	1000.00	200.00
Insurance	850.00	1500.00
Audit	500.00	550.00
Miscellaneous	1000.00	1000.00
Unpresented cheques written off	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	24590.00	26400.00