

## **ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST  
ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors W. Smith (in the Chair), Curry,  
Holdstock, Larkin, Lyon, Mansfield, I Smith and  
Stephenson.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Bowman and Pilgrim.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

### **8643 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bowman and Pilgrim.

### **8644 Prejudicial Interest**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

### **8645 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were approved as a correct record.

### **8646 Matters Arising**

The following point was noted:

- The Clerk was reminded that Members wished to know the location of the four kissing gates for which grant funding had been requested.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact the Ramblers Association and request the location of the kissing gates.

### **Public Forum**

8647 There were no visitors to the public forum.

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**8648 Neighbourhood Planning**

The Clerk confirmed that the application and site designation map had been signed by the Chairman and her and had been submitted to WBC before Christmas. The next step is for WBC to publish the application and invite comments. The application will then be taken to a meeting of Executive for consideration and the process for this has begun. The earliest available meeting is on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**8649 Community Asset Transfers**

The Clerk confirmed that she had received the draft lease in respect of the asset transfer of the Tape Lane allotments and this had been reviewed by Councillor Larkin. Councillor Larkin reported that the lease looked largely acceptable although he had made several minor points which would be sent back to WBC for re-drafting. The Clerk thanked Councillor Larkin for his work on this draft lease.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to send the Parish Council's comments on the draft lease back to WBC.

**8650 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the applications attached to these Minutes. With regards to application 172420 Members agreed that they had no adverse comments with respect to the glass canopy aspect of the application. However, they did object to the fixed flue relating to the fireplace. They had no adverse comments with regards to application 172993. Further time was required to discuss applications 173344 and 173603.

It was noted that the Public Inquiry relating to application 162390 opens on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to communicate the Parish Council's planning comments to WBC.

8651 **Finance**

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Previous Balance	£	£
		45215.26

The following accounts are presented for approval this month:

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Expenditure - Payee</b>		
10.1	Lyreco (Stationery)		7.68
10.2	W Smith (expenses)		24.52
10.3	W Smith (expenses)		53.73
10.4	Ty Bolton (Dec 17)		420.00
10.5	Cannon (Dog waste removal Dec 17)		66.72
10.6	M Bradshaw	Salary (Jan 18)	923.13
		(National Insurance)	-29.17
		(Pension)	-7.38
		Office	40.00
		Phone	20.00
		Mileage	2.35
			948.93
10.7	HMRC (Employee's National Insurance)		29.17
10.8	Nest (Employee pension £7.38 + Employer pension £9.23)		16.61
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1567.36</b>
<b>Income</b>			
	<b>Total Income</b>		<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Revised balance c/f</b>		<b>43647.90</b>

**\* CIL Breakdown:**

The following CIL income is included in the above revised balance carried forward:

Jun-16	Fox and Hounds	1560.38
Oct-16	Fox and Hounds	1560.38
Apr-17	Fox and Hounds	1560.38
May-17	Fox and Hounds	12797.27
Nov-17	Fox and Hounds	1560.45
		<b>19038.86</b>

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## Budget for 2018/19

The Clerk presented to Members the final budget for 2018/19. Members agreed that the forthcoming year brought unprecedented pressures on the budget - largely neighbourhood planning, the Northern Parishes Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham and the pending transfer of three community assets. After much discussion, Members agreed unanimously to set the precept for 2018/19 at £40,000.

RESOLVED: the final budget for 2018/19 to be set at £63,330 with a precept of £40,000. The balance to come from income and reserves.

### 8652            **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to bring to this meeting.

### 8653            **Information Reports**

#### Village Pond

Councillor Curry queried whether there were any plans to cut back the overhanging trees and vegetation around the Village Pond. The Chairman confirmed that he was waiting on a quote for this work to be undertaken.

#### Thanks from the Pre-School

Councillor Curry informed Members that some of the goody bags kindly donated by Chocoholics for St Nicholas Night were surplus. These had been donated to the Pre-School for their Christmas Fair and were warmly received. On behalf of the Pre-School Councillor Curry passed on her sincere thanks.

#### Meet your Councillors

The final "Meet your Councillors" session of this round will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Warren Inn.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to get some fliers printed which Councillor Holdstock will house drop.

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Broken play equipment in School Road Playpark

It was reported that the rope climb on the large piece of playground equipment was broken.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact Playdale as a priority and arrange for it to be replaced.

The meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.

Signed.....

Date.....

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