

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, SCHOOL ROAD, HURST  
ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Lambert.

PUBLIC: One Member of the Public.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

### **8780 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lambert.

### **8781 Prejudicial Interest**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

### **8782 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved as a correct record.

### **8783 Matters Arising**

The following matters were noted:

- Councillor Stephenson noted his concern that the turning circle at the end of Davis Way had not yet been reinstated and that land appears to have been taken from the highway and cones put in place; and
- Off street parking around Davis Street/Davis Way remains an issue – discussions were held regarding the feasibility of placing polite notices on car windscreens. It was concluded that the Police had previously advised that this is not permissible. The Chairman reiterated that the Police can only act if a parking or highway offence is being committed. In the vast majority of cases, cars are legally parked.

RESOLVED:

The Chairman to escalate the query regarding the turning circle at the end of Davis Way to Senior Officers at Wokingham Borough Council (WBC); and

The Parish Council to contact Dinton Pastures regarding parking arrangements for future events so hoping that off street parking will be reduced to a minimum.

**8784 Public Forum**

The Chairman welcomed one Member of the Public to the public forum – the parishoner confirmed that they had no issues to raise.

**8785 Neighbourhood Planning Update**

The Chairman updated Members that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group would be held towards the end of February 2019 – date to be arranged. The Chairman is waiting to speak with the Parish Council's Consultant regarding a housing needs assessment. Advice is also being sought as to whether the questionnaire should go to all landowners and businesses as well as households.

**8786 Planning Applications**

Members discussed the application attached to these Minutes – they objected to application 183515.

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

## 8787 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Feb-19									
					Main Fund	CIL*	Neighbourhood Planning **	Total	
Previous Balance					£	38755.11	32209.62	2656.49	73621.22
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:									
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Expenditure - Payee</b>								
11.1	W Smith (expenses)					108.80			
11.2	MBradshaw (reimbursement for ICO registration)					40.00			
11.3	Thames Water (School Rd)					26.35			
11.4	OCS (Dog Waste removal)					66.72			
11.5	Ty Bolton (Dec 18)					420.00			
11.6	Lyreco (Stationery)					49.40			
11.7	BDK Solutions Ltd (website hosting 2019)					132.00			
11.8	MBradshaw		Salary (Jan 19)	969.27					
			(National Insurance)	-32.07					
			(Pension)	-23.26					
			Office	40.00					
			Phone	25.00					
			Mileage	2.35	981.29				
11.9	HMRC (Employee's National Insurance)					32.07			
11.10	NEST (Employee pension £23.26 + Employer pension £19.38)					42.64			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>						1899.27	0.00	0.00	1899.27
<b>Income</b>									
<b>Total Income</b>						0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Revised balance c/f</b>						36855.84	32209.62	2656.49	71721.95

RESOLVED: all payments were approved.

## 8788 Purchase of Speed Detection Device

The Chairman requested that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## 8789 Correspondence

### Church Hill Community Orchard

Members noted that the new fencing and landscaping works at Church Hill were making the site look much improved. The Chairman reported that he had been impressed with the work undertaken by the Contractor who had worked carefully and considerately. Councillor Pilgrim requested that, once the semi mature trees are planted, she would be happy to plant a wild flower area within the community orchard. This would attract wildlife to the site. Members agreed that this would be a good idea and Councillor Pilgrim was duly supported to take ownership of this.

### Storage for Parish Council Equipment

The Chairman reported that he had sought a quote from an architect to draw up plans for a small storage unit to be located in School Road Playpark. Various locations had been considered but it was felt that School Road Playpark was the most appropriate and conveniently located within the Parish centre. The storage unit would be used to safely store Parish Council equipment which is regularly used in the parks and Parish. Soft landscaping would be included to ensure the aesthetics of the unit were in keeping with the Playpark. Members agreed that it would be useful to have plans which could then be presented to adjoining neighbours so illustrating the proposed storage solution.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to proceed with the architect and commission drawings for consideration.

### Spring Litter Pick

The Borough wide litter pick was confirmed for the 23/4<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The Parish litter pick will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 commencing from the Village Halls at 9am.

### “Homes for the Future” consultation

The Chairman reminded Members that the Homes for the Future consultation ends on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

RESOLVED: Councillor Larkin to draft a statement on behalf of the Parish Council with Councillor Mansfield providing relevant traffic data.

### Repairs to Lodge Road bridge

The Clerk reported that one quote had now been received regarding the necessary repairs to the Lodge Road footbridge. Another quote is awaited. Once received she will contact WBC and inform them of the expected cost which is intended to be met from CIL monies.

### Church Hill

The Chairman informed Members that he had visited Church Hill with the Highways Officer from WBC. The Officer had concluded that it was not just a matter of speeding effecting this stretch of road. Other issues related to obstructing vegetation, signage and road markings. The Officer will produce a formal report which the Chairman will circulate once received.

8790 **Information Reports**

There were no matters of information to bring to this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.

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