

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2022 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors W. Smith (in the Chair),
Beauchamp, Ewart, Lyon, Palmer and Robinson.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PUBLIC: Four Members of the Public.

PART I

Public Forum

9253 The Chairman welcomed four parishoners to the public forum and noted that no questions had been submitted ahead of the meeting.

9254 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Curry, Holdstock, I Smith and Stephenson.

9255 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Beauchamp stated that her interests had changed and that she would need to complete an updated Members Declarations of Interest Form. The Clerk would provide her with this and the new form would be put on the website. The Clerk reminded Members that it was their responsibility to notify the Clerk of any changes in circumstances.

9256 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9257 **Matters Arising**

The Chairman confirmed that hedgerow planting had been completed in both the Community Orchard and Davis Street playpark. It was felt that the hedgerow which had been completed on three sides of the community orchard should be completed on the fourth side also. The Charman would follow up on this.

Signed, Chairman

9258 **Neighbourhood Planning**

There was no update to bring to this meeting.

9259 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the applications attached to these minutes. They objected to application 220458. They had no adverse comments relating to application 220665. Whilst they had no adverse comments relating to application 220573 they did attach a condition. Comments would follow regarding application 220749.

Councillor Lyon expressed his sincere thanks for the assistance provided to him by Mrs Lou Robinson who had worked tirelessly supporting him with the drafting of the response in respect of application 220458. The size of this application was unprecedented and considerable time and resources had been spent producing the Parish Council's response. He also passed on his thanks to a number of parishoners who had provided photos. The Chairman noted that bringing the entire village together had been extremely helpful and it was a considerable effort by all in fighting this application. Thanks was given to the Hurst Village Society for providing the banners which had been placed around the Parish.

The Clerk noted that an appeal had been lodged regarding The Vale, Forest Road. The deadline for further representations was the 3rd May 2022. Members agreed they had no further comments to make.

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

9260 **Finance**

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Signed, Chairman

Flag Pole

The Chairman brought to the meeting a last minute agenda item whereby St Nicholas Church was asking for financial support in funding a flag pole in the sum of £321, inc. VAT. Councillor Lyon believed the raising of a flag would add to the character of the village and Members agreed to approve the expenditure on the provision the flag was well used and raised regularly.

RESOLVED:

- all payments were noted;
- audit timetable for 2021/22 was noted;
- the asset register and risk management schedule were approved, subject to the Clerk inserting a section on cyber security and home working; and
- the Parish Council agreed to support the purchase of a flag pole in the value of £321 inc. VAT.

9261 **Dunt Lane Field**

The Chairman reported that paperwork was currently being examined with regards to the site and he had no further update at this stage.

9262 **Correspondence**

New noticeboards

New noticeboards have now been erected at Davis Street, Hurst Village Halls and Lodge Road with one more to be installed at Forest Road. Members agreed they looked extremely smart. It was suggested that the board removed from Davis Street, which needs some repair work, could be located at the allotments to enable notices to be placed there. The Chairman gave thanks to Steve Snell who helped with the installation of the boards.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to source someone to complete remedial repairs to the old Davis Street noticeboard with a view to relocation to the allotments.

Trees and Hedgerow

The Chairman reminded Members that WBC still has trees and hedgerow, for free, which can be planted around the Borough. He asked if there were any more sites within the Parish where they could be planted. The allotments, Martineau Green and the various Rights of Way were suggested as suitable sites.

Signed, Chairman

Litter Pick

The Spring litter pick was a success and the Chairman confirmed that all areas of the Parish had been covered. Thanks was given to all the volunteers who assisted on the day.

Jubilee Update

Councillor Palmer thanked parishoner, Eddie Coe, for his help in producing the Jubilee flyer which had recently been delivered to all households. He confirmed that the beacon was now nearly complete and would be installed in the Community Orchard in May. The intention is that the beacon is a permanent fixture.

9263 **Reports for Information Only**

There were none to bring to this meeting.

RESOLVED: that by virtue of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business ("Clerk's Annual Review") under Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Unanimously agreed.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Signed, Chairman