

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURST
ON TUESDAY 3RD MAY 2022 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors W. Smith (in the Chair),
Curry, Holdstock, Palmer, Robinson, Stephenson (in
part) and I Smith.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PUBLIC: Five Members of the Public.

9269 Public Forum

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

9270 Election of Chairman

Councillor Wayne Smith confirmed that he was willing to stand as Chairman, again. No other nominations were received. This was proposed by Councillor Curry and seconded by Councillor I Smith. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wayne Smith is elected Chairman for the current Municipal Year.

9271 To receive a declaration of office from the Chairman

Wayne Smith signed his declaration of office of Chairman and this was witnessed and signed by the Clerk.

9272 Election of Vice-Chairman

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Lyon had confirmed, prior to the meeting, that he was willing to stand as Vice Chair. No other nominations for Vice Chair were received. This was proposed by Councillor I. Smith and seconded by Councillor Curry. Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Alastair Lyon is elected as Vice-Chairman for the current Municipal Year.

9273 To receive a declaration of office from the Vice Chairman

The Clerk confirmed that she would ask Councillor Lyon to electronically complete his acceptance of office forms and return to her for signing.

RESOLVED: Councillors acceptance of office forms to be returned to the Clerk immediately.

9274 Declarations of Interest

There were none to declare.

9275 Review of Committees and appointments to Outside Bodies:

RESOLVED: that Members be appointed to the following bodies for the current Municipal Year:

Allotments – Councillors Curry.

Playing field and open spaces, including monthly risk assessments – all Parish Councillors.

9276 Appointments of Representatives on Outside Bodies

RESOLVED: that Members be appointed to represent the Council as indicated:

Village Halls – Councillor Curry.

Parish Web Site Co-ordinator – Clerk with support from Councillor Lyon.

Neighbourhood Planning Working Group – Councillors Curry and Stephenson.

Police Interface & NAG – Chairman.

9277 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th April 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

9278 Matters arising

The following matters were noted:

- the village gates have all been painted. However, the top of the posts have not been painted and the Clerk confirmed she had reported this to the Contractor who would be rectifying this week;
- two new defibrillators and cabinets have now been purchased and are awaiting installation outside both the Hurst Village Halls and the nursery in Forest Road;

9281 Update on Audit Process

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit for 2021/22 will be undertaken by David Weller on the 18th May 2022.

9282 Neighbourhood Planning Update

Councillor Curry confirmed that work was continuing on neighbourhood planning with a meeting due to be held this coming Thursday. Specialist help is still required and this is being somewhat hindered by the availability of professionals.

9283 Rospa Play Park Inspections

The Clerk confirmed that the reports in respect of the three playparks were due any day but had not yet been received. She would circulate to Members when received.

RESOLVED: inspection reports to be circulated to full council upon receipt.

9284 Correspondence

NAG Meeting

The Chairman reported that he had attended the most recent NAG meeting where representatives of the northern Parishes and the Police meet. Unfortunately, the Police had not been able to attend, which resulted in limited conversations regarding speeding issues. The Chairman informed Members that anti-social behaviour is a big problem across the Parishes and WBC has recently launched its new anti-social behaviour team which is largely on call to attend situations as they're reported. Parishes are being encouraged to reach out to this team.

Inclusive Play Equipment

Councillor Curry felt it important that Members re-visited the possibility of a piece of inclusive swing equipment being procured for School Road playpark. The Chairman felt it important that neighbours should be consulted with. However, Councillor Curry felt that any purchase would simply be an addition to the existing swings placed in the field and it was important that the Council was providing suitable play facilities for all children. The Clerk would seek a quote and circulate to Members for approval next month.

Allotments

The Clerk informed Members of an e-mail received by an allotment holder. He had raised concerns regarding inappropriate parking at the allotments, excessive hedge heights, the gate frequently being left open and the disposal of waste. He requested that Members give consideration to updating the current tenancy agreement to further reinforce allotment holder’s responsibilities.

The Clerk confirmed that this had been referred to Councillor Curry for resolution and appropriate reminders would be sent. The gentleman had been informed by the Clerk that any amendments to the current tenancy agreement would not come into force until next year in line with annual allotment renewals.

Goal posts in School Road Playpark

Councillor Curry noted that the football goal posts in the playpark were in need of painting. The Chairman advised that an advertisement for a handyman was being placed in the Spring edition of The Hurst Word and he hoped that someone would come forward to help with these type of ad-hoc jobs.

Parking at Davis Street for Dinton Pastures

Councillor I. Smith asked the Chairman for an update on the proposed crossing at Davis Street (located opposite the entrance of Dinton Pastures). The Chairman confirmed that he had received no further update since he was last told by WBC that quotes were being sorted. He would seek and update from them. Councillor I. Smith further went on to mention the parking around the Davis Street area where users of Dinton Pastures seek free off road parking. He feared that, as the summer season approaches, this problem will increase.

The Chairman said that a number of measures have been previously trialled with residents having differing views on the enforcement they wish to see in place. It was agreed that a watching brief would be kept on the situation as the summer approaches.

9285 Information Reports

There were none to bring to this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.

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