

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2022 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PUBLIC: Eight Members of the Public.

Public Forum

9242 The Chairman welcomed eight parishoners to the public forum and noted that no questions had been submitted ahead of the meeting. The Chairman confirmed, however, that he was happy to take a question from one Parishoner who asked if a bench could be located near the village halls, adjacent to School Road, for use by those waiting for the bus stop located nearby.

9243 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Holdstock and Stephenson.

9244 Declarations of Interest

There were none to declare.

9245 Minutes

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

9246 Matters Arising

The Clerk would follow up on the proposal to place a new dog bin in Broadcommon Lane.

Signed, Chairman

9247 Neighbourhood Planning

Councillor Curry updated Members and reported that work still needs to be completed regarding mapping, landscaping and transport. The group is keen to get experts on board who can assist with these tasks.

9248 Planning Applications

Members discussed the applications attached to these minutes. They objected to application 220166. They had no adverse comments relating to applications 220121, 220033 and 220441. However, they did ask Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) to place a condition on application 220441 should permission be granted.

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

Signed, Chairman

9249 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Mar-22					Main Fund	CIL*	Neighbourhood Planning	Total
Previous Balance					£ 52561.62	123541.22	-3388.12	172714.72
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:								
Ref	Expenditure - Payee							
12.1	Thames Water (School Rd)				23.95			
12.2	Playdale Playgrounds (repairs to School Rd equipment)				6694.38			
12.3	SCS (monthly grounds maintenance)				699.29			
12.4	5G (monthly telephone)				33.20			
12.5	Street Furnishings Ltd (replacement Duck signs)				32.16			
12.6	SCS (Compost bay at allotments)				851.50			
12.7	SCS (repairs/groundworks at Playgrounds)				2105.83			
12.8	St Nicholas CE Primary School (hall hire 2/11/21 and 7/12/21)				50.00			
12.9	P Palmer (reimbursement for Jubilee bunting)				455.36			
12.10	SSE (School Rd)				141.35			
12.11	Parish Noticeboard Co (4 no boards 50% final payment)				2454.83			
12.12	M Bradshaw	Salary (Feb 2022)		1037.70				
		(Income Tax)		-8.60				
		(National Insurance)		-28.88				
		(Pension)		-41.51				
		Office		40.00	998.71			
12.13	A Lyon (reimbursement for St Nicholas Night)				24.30			
12.14	London Hearts (2 no. defibs)				2466.00			
12.15	Lyreco (stationery)				22.06			
12.16	Berkshire MS Therapy (grant)				150.00			
12.17	Berkshire Vision (grant)				500.00			
12.18	Citizens Advice Bureau (grant)				500.00			
12.19	Keep Mobile (grant)				420.00			
12.20	The Link (grant)				400.00			
12.21	NEST Feb (Employee pension £41.51 + Employer pension £31.13)				72.64			
12.22	HMRC Feb (Employee's Income Tax £8.60 + National Insurance £28.88)				37.48			
12.23	itQED - annual commit				475.20			
12.24	M Bradshaw - toner cartridges				120.91			
12.25	5G (monthly telephone)				31.84			
Total Expenditure					19760.99	0.00	0.00	19760.99
Donation from Ashridge Ward Fundraising					1301.21	0.00	0.00	1301.21
Total Income					1301.21	0.00	0.00	1301.21
Revised balance c/f					34101.84	123541.22	-3388.12	154254.94

Defibrillators

The Clerk confirmed that two defibrillators have now been ordered for Ashridge Ward and Hurst Village Halls. A donation of £1301 had been received from local fundraising to contribute towards the cost of this equipment.

Grants applications for 2021/22

The Clerk confirmed that grant applications had been received from Berkshire MS Therapy, Berkshire Vision, Citizens Advice Bureau, Keep Mobile and The Link Visiting Scheme. Members agreed they would be happy to support all of these organisations based upon their applications.

Signed, Chairman

RESOLVED:

- all payments were noted and grants were approved as below:
 - Berkshire MS Therapy - £150
 - Berkshire Vision - £500
 - Citizens Advice Bureau - £500
 - Keep Mobile - £420
 - The Link Visiting Scheme - £400

9250 Dunt Lane Field

A paper had previously been circulated to Members providing an independent valuation on the piece of land in Dunt Lane owned by the Parish Council. The Chairman asked Members for their opinions as to how to proceed. It was agreed unanimously that the field does not add any value to the amenity of Hurst and therefore should be marketed for sale.

RESOLVED: instruction to be given to the agent to market Dunt Lane field.

9251 Correspondence

Hedgerow Planting

The Chairman confirmed that hedgerow planting is scheduled to take place in the community orchard on the 16th March 2022 with native species being planted along three sides of the perimeter. Davis Street Playpark is to be planted within the next few weeks with a date to be agreed.

Anti Social Behaviour

The Clerk had previously circulated to Members details of a new community team launching in April 2022 where WBC will provide support within communities to tackle anti-social behaviour. Members welcomed this initiative which they thought would be a positive improvement.

Litter Pick

The Spring litter pick was confirmed for the 2nd April 2022.

Signed, Chairman

Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Palmer confirmed that over 200m of bunting has now been produced.

Davis Street Playpark - storm damage

It was noted that the recent storm had brought down both a large tree and fencing panels in Davis Street Playpark. An emergency fencing contractor had been sourced and the work will be undertaken this week.

9252 **Reports for Information Only**

There were none to bring to this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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Date.....

Signed, Chairman