

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD VIRTUALLY (VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS) ON
MONDAY 1st MARCH 2021 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PART I

9107 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Holdstock.

9108 Prejudicial Interest

Councillor Stephenson declared an interest with regards to Hurst Bowling Club who had formally applied for a grant.

9109 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February 2021 were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at the first available opportunity.

9110 Matters Arising

The following matters were noted:

- nine additional trees have been planted in the community orchard and the wild flower area cleared ready for planting within the month. It is hoped that when log hives are installed that the local school children can get involved with visits; and
- the damaged post around the village pond requires a specific moulding to match the others and the Chairman is currently seeking a quote for the work.

9111 Public Forum

There were no members in the public forum.

9112 Covid 19 Update

The Chairman reported a high footfall in Dinton Pastures County Park the previous weekend. Cars and playground bookings were at maximum capacity and Covid Marshalls continued to help maintain social distancing.

9113 Neighbourhood Planning

The Chairman confirmed that the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group had met on the 17th February 2021. There were no major updates to report.

9114 Major Projects Update

It was noted that signage has now been sited on the bend of Church Hill albeit one sign is the wrong way around and needs realigning.

As previously reported work is planned at the allotments and this has been scheduled with SCS. The issue of the water supply has not yet been resolved and Councillor Curry said she would revisit this once the initial work has been completed.

A large number of the original knee high fences surround the trees and shrubbery at Martineau Green have now been removed. These were broken and dangerous. The result of this is that damage is occurring to both the trees and shrubs as children play between the foliage and climb the trees. Members agreed to keep a watching brief on the situation and if need be, signage would be installed. The option of replacing all of the knee high fencing was not considered to be financially viable.

9115 Planning Applications

Members discussed the applications attached to these minutes. They agreed that they had no adverse comments relating to applications 210056 and 203540. They objected to application 210054.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to convey comments to WBC.

9116 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Mar-21									
						Main Fund	CIL*	Neighbourhood Planning	Total
Previous Balance					£	51149.26	133407.59	-2898.12	181658.73
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:									
Ref	Expenditure - Payee								
12.1	5G (monthly telephone)					27.74			
12.2	BDK Solutions (domain management 1/1/21-31/12/21)					72.00			
12.3	T Mansfield (youth shelter sign and sundries)					135.24			
12.4	SCS (tree planting at Community Orchard)					2445.60			
12.5	W Smith (sundries)					11.20			
12.6	SSE (Tape Lane phone box)					43.26			
12.7	MBradshaw			Salary (Feb 2021)	1037.98				
				(Income Tax)	-8.60				
				(National Insurance)	-29.52				
				(Pension)	-41.52				
				Office	40.00	998.34			
12.8	NEST Jan (Employee pension £41.52 + Employer pension £31.14)					72.66			
12.9	HMRC Dec (Employee's Income Tax £8.60 & National Insurance £29.52)					38.12			
12.10	SCS (monthly grounds maintenance)					629.72			
12.11	Wokingham BC (printing)					42.00			
12.12	Keep mobile (grant for 2020/21)					500.00			
12.13	Citizens Advice Bureau (grant award for 2020/21)					500.00			
12.14	Hurst Bowling Club (grant award for 2020/21)					1000.00			
12.15	Boston Bulbs					32.99			
12.16	Southern Electric					39.65			
12.17	5G (monthly teephone)					30.93			
						6619.45	0.00	0.00	6619.45
	Income								
	Total Income					0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Revised balance c/f					44529.81	133407.59	-2898.12	175039.28

Grant Awards 2020/21

The Clerk confirmed that three grant requests had been received from Keep Mobile, the Citizen Advice Bureau and Hurst Bowling Club.

RESOLVED:

- all payments in respect of this month were approved; and
- grants were awarded to Keep Mobile (£500), Citizens Advice Bureau (£500) and Hurst Bowling Club (£1000).

9117 Correspondence

Queries from Parishoner

The Clerk confirmed that she had received four e-mails from a parishoner covering the ability of dogs to use Hurst's playparks, the location of the traffic speed device, the use of CCTV in School Road and the volunteers litter pickers. Members discussed all concerns and the Clerk agreed to respond to the Parishoner.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to write to the Parishoner with Members' responses.

Personal Training and Group Sports Sessions in Playparks

Prior to the pandemic, it had been noted that Davis Street Playpark was increasingly being used for sport sessions, namely football, and personal training. Since the pandemic, signage has been placed at the Playparks informing users that group sessions are not permissible under current Covid rules. The Clerk reported she had been contacted by several users asking whether this would be enforced long term. She explained to Members that if users were charging participants for sessions then this needs to be classified as a let and a fee charged accordingly. Neighbouring Parishes charge similar fees. Evidence of public liability and First Aid certificates would also need to be evidenced.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to contact other Parishes to ascertain what lettings agreements they have in place.

Youth Shelter light

It was noted that the youth shelter light in School Road playpark is broken and needs replacing. The timer is old and the Chairman agreed to source a quote from an electrician for replacement.

RESOLVED: the Chairman to seek a quote for replacing the timer and light in the youth shelter.

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Information Reports

There were no information reports to bring to this meeting.

The virtual meeting ended at 8.30 p.m. to enable a Part II item to be discussed in relation to neighbourhood planning.

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