

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PUBLIC: Five Members of the Public.

9232 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beauchamp and Stephenson.

9233 Prejudicial Interest

There were none to declare.

9234 Minutes

Councillor Lyon noted an amendment to Minute 9226. The Clerk would amend and, subject to this change, the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman.

9235 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

Public Forum

9236 The Chairman welcomed five parishoners to the public forum and noted that no questions had been submitted ahead of the meeting.

9237 Neighbourhood Planning

There was no update to bring to this meeting. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council had been sent a copy of the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group's response to planning application 214157.

9238 Planning Applications

Members discussed the application attached to these minutes – 214157. The Chairman confirmed that an extension of time for comment had been agreed with Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) until the 8th February 2022 – the Parish Council had requested volume calculations which were pending.

It was noted that the appeal in relation to the telecommunications 5G mast (211667) had been dismissed by the Inspector.

An appeal has been lodged with regards to Little Birches, Dunt Lane (212365) – members agreed that they had no further representations to make.

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

9239 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Feb-22				Main Fund	CIL*	Neighbourhood Planning	Total
Previous Balance				£ 55430.27	123541.22	-3388.12	175583.37
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:							
Ref	Expenditure - Payee						
11.1	UK Live Sound (25% deposit for Jubilee festival package)			900.00			
11.2	St Nicholas CE Primary School (Letting for Spring term)			120.00			
11.3	SCS (monthly grounds maintenance)			699.29			
11.4	M Bradshaw (reimbursement for key cutting)			8.00			
11.5	5G (monthly telephone)			32.53			
11.6	M Bradshaw	Salary (Jan 2022)	1037.70				
		(Income Tax)	-8.40				
		(National Insurance)	-28.88				
		(Pension)	-41.51				
		Office	40.00	998.91			
11.7	NEST Jan (Employee pension £41.51 + Employer pension £31.13)			72.64			
11.8	HMRC Jan (Employee's Income Tax £8.40 + National Insurance £28.88)			37.28			
Total Expenditure				2868.65	0.00	0.00	2868.65
Total Income				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revised balance c/f				52561.62	123541.22	-3388.12	172714.72

Quote from SCS

The Chairman presented quotes 03233 and 03234 to members which had been provided by SCS in relation to additional works required at the playparks and allotments. Both quotes were approved in the value of £1754 + VAT and £709 + VAT respectively. Works to be commissioned.

Defibrillator (Ashridge Ward)

The Chairman reported that, following the previous meeting, a charity had been sourced who were willing to provide a £300 discount (per defibrillator) provided. He suggested that, given the favourable price (£2500 for two defibrillators), the Parish Council should further agree to provide £1000 to the village hall purchase in the same manner they had agreed last month to supporting the Ashridge nursery installation to the value of £1000. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would purchase the equipment and the village halls and nursery would be responsible for their installation, maintenance and upkeep.

Members agreed unanimously.

Dog waste bin request

Councillor Ewart noted the increasingly unpleasant levels of dog waste in Broadcommon Road which has now become a popular dog walking route. She asked if a dog waste bin could be placed near to Donkey Bridge.

RESOLVED:

- all payments were approved;
- SCS be instructed to undertake works as per quotes 03233 and 03234;
- £2000 to be match funded from reserves to enable the purchase of two defibrillators for both Ashridge Ward (placed outside the nursery) and the village halls (placed outside the building); and
- Dog waste bin to be purchased (subject to Highways approval).

9240 **Correspondence**

Office 365 transition

The Clerk confirmed that the technical works were nearing completion and asked Members for their continued co-operation in providing information to the Engineer.

Hedgerow at Community Orchard

The Chairman confirmed that, as part of the Borough wide tree planting program, the Parish Council had been offered free tree whips and planting. The community orchard had been identified for hedgerow and he asked Members to what extent they would like it to be hedged. After debate it was agreed that it would be appropriate to hedge three sides only so maintaining the vista. He also asked for Members to suggest other suitable sites. Davis Street playpark was identified.

Platinum Jubilee

Councillor Palmer updated Members with regards to the Platinum Jubilee Plans. He confirmed that the group were meeting every 2/3 weeks. The stage and sound has been booked and the group is currently seeking sponsorship. He stated that social media platforms were in place and asked if the word could be spread.

Bottle banks

The Chairman reported that he had met with WBC and bottle banks will be placed at the Castle Inn. He awaited an installation date.

9241 **Reports for Information Only**

Mud on road in Islandstone Lane

Councillor Ewart noted that she had been the victim of complaints regarding the mud and construction mess on Islandstone Lane. As the planning application refers to "Grange Farm, Land adjacent to Islandstone Lane", this is being interpreted as "Grange Farm". She said the accusations were unpleasant and unfounded and asked if WBC could be asked to assist. The Clerk would seek assistance.

Litter

Councillor Lyon noted high levels of litter around the parish at present and asked if any litter picks were planned. The Chairman confirmed that WBC had potentially earmarked the last weekend of March. However, the Parish was not bound by matching this date and a date could be arranged to suit.

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

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Date.....