

## **ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD VIRTUALLY (VIA GOOGLE HANGOUTS) ON  
MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

### **8989 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Curry. All those on the call were visible and audibly clear. The only exception was Councillor Holdstock who could hear the conversation but could not be heard himself due to microphone problems.

### **8990 Prejudicial Interest**

There were no prejudicial interests to declare.

### **8991 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were approved as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at the first available opportunity.

### **8992 Matters Arising**

The following matters were noted:

- A number of suggestions have been made for a suitable memorial to Councillor Howard Larkin – namely, to be located at either the allotments, community orchard or the site of the annual Christmas tree. The Chairman confirmed that he would in the near future discuss these options with Mrs Larkin;
- Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) and the Police will continue to monitor the high volume of visitors to Dinton Pastures. Parking remains a problem with neighbouring residential streets being heavily used for overflow. The Chairman reported that staff at Dinton Pastures are feeling overwhelmed with the volume of people to be managed and Councillor Stephenson recommended that additional officers should be called in from WBC to assist. The Police are closely monitoring the situation and buggy patrols are being undertaken around the park to encourage social distancing; and

- CCTV is still under consideration for use at the junction of Hinton Road and the A321. Issues relating who the data handler would be and the exact location of such cameras to be further considered before any decisions are made.

**8993 Public Forum**

The Clerk confirmed that no questions, in writing, had been received from any members of the public ahead of this meeting.

**8994 Covid 19 Update**

The Chairman updated Members regarding the continuing extensive work being undertaken throughout the Borough. The Hub located at St Crispin's School has been heavily relied upon, although there has not been significant take up of the service by any residents of Hurst. The Chairman noted that this was pleasing and indicated that the support network within Hurst continues to help those in need at a local level.

Councillor Turvey queried when the playparks were likely to re-open. The Chairman confirmed that this decision would be made by WBC. It was noted that with the pending re-opening of the school this week, usage of the playpark would ordinarily be very high.

**8995 Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chairman had no update to bring to this meeting. A virtual meeting of the Working Group is planned for mid-June 2020.

**8996 Church Hill Petition**

The Chairman confirmed that he was waiting on WBC to decide the next steps and he would report back when he knew more.

**8997 Planning Applications**

Members considered the applications attached to these minutes. They had no adverse comments with regards to applications 201052 or 200956.

RESOLVED: the Clerk to communicate all comments to WBC.



9002 **Correspondence**

Islandstone Lane – leaking water

Councillor Pilgrim confirmed that the leaking water previously reported in Islandstone Lane had been visited by the Officer from WBC. It is being monitored as sightings of the water come and go.

Christmas Tree

The Chairman confirmed that early planning would need to go into securing a Christmas tree for the village for 2020. Haines Hill may not have a suitable size tree and the Chairman would check with them to ascertain the situation. In light of the current pandemic, the viability of St Nicholas Night may be unlikely but will need to be decided nearer the time.

RESOLVED: the Chairman to approach Haines Hill in the first instance.

Davis Street Playpark – football

Councillor Stephenson reported that Davis Street playpark is being very well used at present. However, users of the football goals are persistently kicking balls at the neighbouring fence line which is both noisy and damaging to the fence.

RESOLVED: Councillor Mansfield to source suitable signage for the fencing requesting that footballs are not targeted at the fencing.

Community Orchard

The Chairman and Clerk confirmed that they would be meeting to discuss suitable signage and waste bins for the community orchard. Costs will be provided to Members for approval once products sourced.

9003 **Information Reports**

There were no reports to bring to this meeting.

The virtual meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

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