

OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in Warboys Parish Centre on Wednesday 19th November 2014.

Councillors present: Mr. M. Fox, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mrs. J. Pearce, Mrs. L. Sawyer (Chairman) & Mrs. E. Taylor.

Also present: County Cllr. S. Criswell, Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. G. Bull (personal), Cllr. G. Godby (work commitment).
2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sawyer declared an interest in payment no. 6.
3. **Public participation:** Mrs. Edwards advised that the Speedwatch team had carried out their first solo session since meeting with Brian Robins, the new police coordinator, and had recorded 9 speeders over a 45 minute period. The Speedwatch team hope to carry out one session a month during the wintertime.
4. **Co-option to fill councillor vacancy:** Cllr. Pearce proposed that Jean Mackenzie be co-opted on to the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Taylor and unanimously agreed. Mrs. Mackenzie signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed by the Clerk. The Clerk will provide Cllr. Mackenzie with a Registration of Financial & Other Interests form to complete and return to HDC and will arrange for her to attend CAPALC Councillor training.
5. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th September 2014:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Repairs to roads and footpaths – The Clerk is still awaiting an update from Luminus regarding the state of the footpath which is crossed by vehicles accessing the Luminus property adjacent to the Village Hall. Councillors advised that there were still cars being parked on the verge and the footpath.
Highways Improvement Scheme 2014 (traffic island at the junction of The Lane and St. Ives Road) – currently awaiting an installation date.
Highways Improvement Scheme 2015 (traffic calming at the junction of the Lane and Church Street) – The Clerk and Cllr. Sawyer attended Highways on 5th November to deliver a presentation in support of the application. The results will be known in January 2015. County Cllr. Criswell advised that there were 50 bids but only about 10 will receive funding.
 - b) Time banking – The Clerk had received an email from Roy Reeves saying that Broughton had also expressed an interest but he was still awaiting a response from Woodhurst, Wistow and Bury. Research into costs is ongoing and Mr Reeves will provide an update in due course.
 - c) Speedwatch – The volunteers met with the new police co-ordinator on 22nd September. The team is now self- sufficient and their results are being logged by the police.
 - d) St. Ives Area Road Safety Committee – Clerk to establish the date of the next meeting and see if Cllr. Fox is able to attend.

7. Planning - Update on applications previously discussed.

1400961FUL – Change of use to car sales. Unit 6, Grove Business Centre, The Grove, Old Hurst, PE28 3AA. Approved by HDC.

1400509FUL – Erection of a function barn following demolition of existing agricultural storage barn, Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst. Approved by HDC.

1401334PACOU – Prior approval for conversion of existing agricultural buildings to 1 x 2 bed, 1 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed dwellings. Top Farm, St. Ives Road, Old Hurst. Approved by HDC.

8. Finance.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Taylor proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (6) and approval of payment of items (7) & (8). Seconded by Cllr. Fox and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000400 - £60.00, SR Howell & Co., payroll services to 30th September.

(2) Cq. No. 000401 – £97.60, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for September.

(3) Cq. No. 000402 – £22.60, HMRC, PAYE/NI September.

(4) Cq. No. 000403 - £121.21, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for October.

(5) Cq. No. 000404 - £22.60, HMRC, PAYE/NI for October.

(6) Cq. No. 000405 - £25.00, Mrs. L. Sawyer, reimbursement for purchase of bulbs agreed at the last meeting.

(7) Cq. No. 000406 - £69.13, K & M Lighting, quarterly street lighting maintenance fee.

(8) Cq. No. 000407 - £22.00, Warboys Parish Council, room hire fee for Parish Council meeting.

Cllr. Sawyer took no part in the vote having declared an interest in payment (6).

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor. A copy will be attached to the minutes.

c) Budget and precept for 2014/15.

The Clerk provided details of the spend to date against the budget for the current financial year and a draft budget for 2015/16. Cllr. Fox proposed that Old Hurst Parish Council set a budget of £4800 and requests a precept of £4800. Seconded by Cllr. Pearce and unanimously agreed.

9. **Police matters:** Crimes in Old Hurst shown on the police website: August – 1, September – nil.

10. Correspondence.

a) An electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council is taking place. The consultation can be viewed at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and ends on 19th January 2015.

b) Preferred bidder selected to improve older people's healthcare and adult community services.

c) HDC Strategic Partnership Growth & Infrastructure Group meeting notes.

d) Local Joint Committee, 24th November, Civic Suite. – Cllr. Sawyer to attend.

e) Potential redevelopment of RAF Wyton – letter advising that Crest Nicholson have been selected as the development partner for the site.

12. Reports from councillors.

The Chairman read a report from Mrs Godby regarding the status of the Village Hall. Clerk to ask Highways to inspect St. Ives Road, from the t-junction with the Woodhurst Road to the junction with The Lane, as bumps are appearing in the carriageway. Clerk to report broken road edges on the Woodhurst Road. Clerk to obtain a quote to refurbish the three village benches in the spring. Cllr. Fox advised that the school bus was once again picking up the children from the end of Wellington Close thanks to County Cllr. Criswell's intervention.

County Cllr. Criswell advised that there is a time-banking event in Somersham on Saturday that Warboys Parish Council are attending. The CCC Boundary Review will probably result in the number of County Councillors being reduced from 69 to 63 and will even out the areas that each councillor covers. Plans for RAF Wyton are moving forward although suggestions for improvements to the surrounding infrastructure have proved to be contentious. County Cllr. Criswell advised that cuts will be made to services such as road gritting, street lighting and libraries in order to make the required savings for 2015/16. However, further large savings will still need to be made for the next five years and it was not clear how this could be achieved.

13. **Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 21st January 2014.

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