

OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 18th November 2015.

Councillors present: Mr. G. Bull, Mr. M. Fox, Mrs. J. Pearce & Mrs. L. Sawyer (Chairman)

Also present: County Cllr. S. Criswell & Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk).

Public participation: There were no parishioners present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. J. Mackenzie (personal).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September 2015:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

a) Repairs to roads and footpaths – County Cllr. Criswell to report damage to the road edges on the road from Woodhurst to the crossroads.

Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2016/17 – The Clerk has submitted a bid for further traffic calming on The Lane and will present the bid to Highways on 13th January. Cllr. Fox proposed that Old Hurst Parish Council should contribute 12.5% of the scheme costs (£343.75), if the bid is successful. Seconded by Cllr. Pearce and unanimously agreed.

b) Speedwatch – Cllr. Bull advised that he had informed “Roadwatch” that the Parish Council did not want it to operate in Old Hurst as we already have an active Speedwatch team.

c) Electricity charges – The Clerk advised that none of the other electricity suppliers had been able to offer a better Unmetered Supply rate than e-on.

5. **Vandalism to street light at Wellington Close:**

The street light was reported out of order on 22/10 but when K & M Lighting visited, they reported that the light, which was replaced not long ago, had been vandalised again. It had been shot at again, from the right hand side, as you look at it from The Lane. K & M Lighting were able to change the bulb but the visit is chargeable because vandalism is excluded from our maintenance agreement. The damaged cover will cost an additional £65 to replace but councillors agreed not to proceed with this at the present time. The Clerk has reported the incident to the police and councillors agreed that a letter should go to all residents in the vicinity, explaining what has happened, the impact that this will have on the precept, and asking for any witnesses to come forward.

6. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Fox proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (7) and approval of payment of items (8) & (9). Seconded by Cllr. Pearce and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000443 - £206.45, Business Services at CAS, Parish Council insurance.

(2) Cq. No. 000444 - £60.00, SR Howell & Co., Payroll Services.

(3) Cq. No. 000445 - £98.84, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for September.

- (4) Cq. No. 000446 - £23.00, HMRC, PAYE/NI September.
- (5) Cq. No. 000447 - £25.00, CAPALC, Catch-up day attended by Cllr. Bull.
- (6) Cq. No. 000448 - £98.72, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for October.
- (7) Cq. No. 000449 - £23.20, HMRC, PAYE/NI October.
- (8) Cq. No. 000450 - £69.13, K & M Lighting Services, street light quarterly maintenance contract.
- (9) Cq. No. 000451 - £78.00, K & M Lighting Services, street light repair.
- b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments was handed to each councillor.
- c) Budget & Precept for 2016/17 - The Clerk had supplied a breakdown of expenditure for the remainder of the financial year and a draft budget. Cllr. Pearce proposed that Old Hurst Parish Council set a budget and precept of £5000 for the year ending 31st March 2017. Seconded by Cllr. Fox and unanimously agreed.

7. **Police matters:** Crimes in Old Hurst shown on the police website: August & September – Nil.

8. **Correspondence.**

- a) Crest Nicholson Bus Tour to visit Monkmoor Park in Daventry and Oakgrove Village in Milton Keynes – Cllr. Sawyer attended.
- b) Street naming and numbering at Marsh Farm – will be numbers 1-3 Blenheim Close and Beaufort House and Whitley House on St. Ives Road.
- c) Information on Community Gritting Scheme – discussed and advertised last year.
- d) CAPALC AGM – 10th December 7pm Histon Village Hall.
- e) Winter Health Packs – 125 packs have been distributed by councillors throughout the village.
- f) Proposed changes to the timings of HDC elections – online survey runs till 4th December.
- g) HDC Planning training for councillors 30th November – Cllrs. Sawyer & Pearce to attend.
- h) Wyton Airfield Stakeholders meeting – Thursday 17th December – Cllr. Bull to attend.
- i) Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire – Further limited consultation for Cambridge.
- j) Information on Riparian responsibilities for Flood Risk.

9. **Reports from councillors.**

County Cllr. Criswell advised that CCC would be setting a budget for 1 year only due to the continuing budget cuts.

Cllr. Bull advised that Unit 3 at The Grove was being used to repair old cars and that this was causing disturbance to the residents of Grove Park. The Environmental Health Officer and the Enforcement Officer had been made aware and residents had been asked to keep a log.

Cllr. Sawyer reported back on the Crest Nicholson Bus Tour saying that the developments had good facilities which were provided early in the construction process and there were a good mix of properties. Only three Parish Councils were represented on the tour.

Cllr. Sawyer advised that more bulbs had been planted in the verges by The Grove. Cllr. Sawyer to be reimbursed £24. Cllr. Sawyer asked Cllr. Criswell to look into why the cat's eyes had been replaced during resurfacing on the B1090 next to the Abbots Ripton Estate but were not being installed on the Woodhurst Road for example. Cllr. Criswell explained that CCC were not required to install cat's eyes or central white lining "C" roads.

10. **Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 20th January 2016, starting at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Peter, Old Hurst.

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