

# OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council  
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

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

**Also present:** Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) and 1 parishioner.

**Public participation:** Mrs Bull advised that she would publicise the new CCC e-newsletter in the next village newsletter. The Clerk will find out whether it is available to view on the CCC website.

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Cllr. S. Criswell (personal).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Repairs to roads and footpaths –

The pot hole outside 2 Wellington Close has been repaired. The Clerk has contacted Royal Mail asking for the post box to be painted. Mr. Jeakins has completed the refurbishment of the two benches at either end of Church Street. Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2016-17 - The Clerk will be meeting with Ross Hamilton from Highways, tomorrow, to discuss the Parish Council's application for funding from the Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2016-17.

b) Speedwatch – no report available.

c) Electricity charges – The Clerk had been advised by e-on that the Parish Council were on the best tariff available and that the recent increase in charges was the first for nine years. The Clerk had obtained a copy of the Unmetered Supply Certificate and had contacted 5 other providers to see whether they could offer a better rate. So far, EDF energy had replied saying that they were unable to provide a better deal.

d) Update on Wyton Airfield – Cllr. Sawyer gave a report on the last Steering Group meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August. An Outline application is expected in March 2016, with work starting on site in February 2017, although these dates may be effected by the Local Plan delay and Highways England/A14 upgrade. There will be a Parish Council consultation on the first draft of the masterplan. The results of the traffic survey were not sent out to Parish Councils but it is known that there are currently 9000 vehicle movements in each direction, per day, past Wyton. Wincanton are to apply for planning permission to move from Alconbury to Wyton for a three year period, which will dramatically increase the vehicle movements around the site, should this go ahead. The Steering Group meetings are due to be held every 3 months.

#### 5. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

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

(1) Cq. No. 000437 - £114.62, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for July.

- (2) Cq. No. 000438 - £23.00, HMRC, PAYE/NI July.
- (3) Cq. No. 000439 - £300.00, Mr. J. Jeakins, refurbishment of village benches.
- (4) Cq. No. 000440 - £69.13, K & M Lighting Services, quarterly maintenance charge for street lighting.
- (5) Cq. No. 000441 - £92.24, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for August.
- (5) Cq. No. 000442 - £23.20, HMRC, PAYE/NI, August.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments was handed to each councillor.

c) Result of the External Audit – all complete with no issues raised. The Clerk handed a Notice of conclusion of the audit and right to inspect the Annual Return and a copy of sections 1,2 & 3 of the Annual Return, which will be displayed on the notice board for 2 weeks.

d) Automatic enrolment for workplace pensions.

Councillors agreed that the Chairman should register Old Hurst Parish Council with the National Employment Savings Trust.

6. **Police matters:** Crimes in Old Hurst shown on the police website: June – 1, July - 1.

7. **Correspondence.**

a) Details of Tree Inspection Courses at Bedford College.

b) Receipt for minutes and accounts deposited with the Archive Office, Huntingdon Library. Accession number 5812, collection reference KPC33/5812.

c) Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document – available to view and comment until 16/10/15 at <http://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/portal/pp/spd/fw>

d) Consultation on the future model for Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group’s area – runs till 19/11/15. View at [www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/NEPTS.htm](http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/NEPTS.htm)

e) Register of Electors – temporary paid work available to canvass properties that have not responded to the forms asking who is resident in the property. Email [lisa.jablonski@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.jablonski@huntingdonshire.gov.uk) for details. Notice to be placed on notice board.

8. **Reports from councillors.**

Cllr. Bull advised that CCC were undergoing a Boundary Review and that HDC would follow suit with implementation in 2018. HDC would like to retain the current quota of 52 councillors.

The Clerk read a report from County Cllr. Criswell in which he emphasized the pressure that all services are under due to budget cuts and the need for Parish Councils to accrue a financial buffer and to engage with residents regarding their needs. The County Council will shortly be publicising it’s Community Resilience Strategy.

9. **Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, starting at 7.30pm in the Church of St. Peter, Old Hurst.

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