

# OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council  
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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

**Also present:** Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. J. Pearce (personal), Cllr. E. Taylor (personal) & County Cllr. S. Criswell.

2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sawyer declared a Disposable Pecuniary interest in item 4c. being a close relative of the person quoting for provision of a bus shelter.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Roads and footpaths – The Clerk had sent a request to Highways asking if warning signage could be supplied at the bend by the Stag & Hounds and had also reported that some of the cat's eyes around the bend were either missing or not working. Clerk to chase. The Clerk had made a request to Highways to trim back the tree on Church Street that is starting to obscure a street light. Clerk to chase. Highways have contacted the owners of the tree that is overhanging the carriageway opposite the phone box and has asked them to trim it back to a height of 5m over the carriageway and 2.5 m above the footway. Clerk to report that the footway around the junction of St. Ives Road and Lancaster Close is very uneven.

b) Speedwatch – No report available.

c) Update on the proposed bus shelter – Cllr. Sawyer and the Clerk had met with Mr. Page on 17<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the installation requirements for the proposed bus shelter. A quote had since been received for £2485 plus VAT, which councillors felt was excessive. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should obtain another quote from one of the contractors on the approved list of contractors qualified to work in the highway.

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

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Mckenzie proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (4). Seconded by Cllr. Fox and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000494 - £103.00, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for November.

(2) Cq. No. 000495 - £23.20, HMRC, PAYE/NI for November.

(3) Cq. No. 000496 - £93.20, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for December.

(4) Cq. No. 000497- £23.40, HMRC, PAYE/NI for December.

b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor.

c) Bank signatories – Cllr. Sawyer to obtain the necessary form to remove ex-councillors who should no longer be listed as signatories.

6. **Police matters:** The police crime report for October and November showed no reported crime. Cllr. Sawyer reported that Countryside Watch had advised villagers to look out for the driver of a white van with a blue stripe, seen acting suspiciously locally and possibly pretending to be delivering parcels.

7. **Correspondence.**

Forwarded to councillors:

- a) Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 : Wind Energy Developments.
- b) NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG Sustainability & Transformation Plan.
- c) Cambridgeshire Communities Innovation Fund.
- d) South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework : Adoption of the Cambridgeshire Flood and Water Supplementary Planning Document.
- e) Interim review of Polling Districts, polling places and Polling Stations.
- f) Countywide Annual Parish Conference.
- g) Council Tax referendum principles.
- h) Information from CAPALC on DIS and Funding Bulletin.
- i) Consultation on Draft Corporate Energy Strategy for CCC.

8. **Reports from Councillors.**

Cllr. Sawyer and the Clerk had attended the Annual Parish Conference on 18<sup>th</sup> November. A report from Cllr. Criswell had been forwarded to councillors and also information on the new Communities Innovation Fund.

District Cllr. Bull advised that a review of waste collection routes had been carried out and information on new collection days would be going out to residents shortly. Frequency of collections will not alter but the day of collection will be changing in most areas. Cllr. Bull advised that traffic modelling for the proposed development at Wyton airfield was on-going. Cllr. Bull asked whether it would be possible for Parish Council meetings to start at 7pm in future. Clerk to check Cllr. Taylor's availability.

9. **Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Church of St. Peter, Old Hurst. Start time to be confirmed.

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