

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held by Zoom conferencing on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Councillors present: Mr. G. Bull, Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mr. D. Mallard, Mr. I. Martin & Mrs. L. Sawyer.

Also present: County Cllr. S. Criswell, District Cllr. J. Tavener & Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk).

Under the COVID-19 Pandemic (Temporary Regulations in force from 4th April 2020 expiring 7th May 2021) The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) regulations 2020, S78, this meeting was held using Zoom conferencing.

Public participation: There were no parishioners attending the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. E. Taylor (personal).

2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None received.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2020:** Approval of the minutes of 20th May 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Mackenzie, seconded by Cllr. Mallard and unanimously agreed.

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

a) Roads and footpaths –

The Clerk will follow up discussions with the Highways Supervisor, Brian Murdoch, regarding his funding application to replace the footway on The Lane that has subsided and also to replace the steps by Wellington Close with a ramp. The Clerk will also ask if there is any progress regarding the unofficial driveway across the existing footway. The Clerk has chased CCC regarding cutting the splays by the stopped-up road and this has since been completed. It has been established that CCC were not responsible for the tree works carried out on St. Ives Road. The tree and the ditch are the responsibility of the resident living at 11 Lancaster Close. The Clerk had visited the area and advised that the tree did not pose any visibility issues for drivers exiting Lancaster Close.

However, Cllr. Mallard disagreed and County Cllr. Criswell agreed to look into this. Cllr. Bussetil has asked the Clerk to look at a tree on St. Ives Road that may be growing through the power lines.

b) Speedwatch – No sessions have been completed since the last meeting.

c) Wheatsheaf Crossroads – Cllr. Criswell reported that no progress had been made but he hoped that design work would recommence as soon as possible.

d) Quotation for painting the phone box – Cllr. Bull had obtained a quotation from Mr. Tofton to paint the outside of the phone box but several councillors wanted clarification on what was included. The Clerk had emailed Mr. Tofton but had not yet received a reply. Cllr. Bull agreed to follow this up.

5. **COVID-19 update:** Parish Council meetings will continue by Zoom conferencing for the time being. Updates on the Covid-19 response from various organisations have been forwarded to councillors, although these are likely to become less frequent.

6. Finance.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Bussetil proposed retrospective approval of payments (1) to (3) and approval of payment (4). Seconded by Cllr. Bull and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000652 - £246.43, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for May.

(2) Cq. No. 000653 – £193.65, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for June.

(3) Cq. No. 000654 - £150.00, Mr. A. Abbs, grass verge cutting, 3rd instalment.

(4) Cq. No. 000655 – £127.20, askiT Services Ltd., web-hosting, domain name and maintenance.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments, bank reconciliation and bank statement had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting.

The Clerk advised that she had booked a place for Cllr. Mallard on the CAPALC councillor training course on 13th & 20th August.

7. Planning – Update on previous applications.

20/00561 – Retrospective approval for ramp access to Crocodile House for the use of the general public. Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst, PE28 3AF. Approved by HDC.

20/00679/FUL – Proposed change of use from agricultural to café (Class A3). Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst, PE28 3AF. In Progress.

8. Correspondence:

Forwarded to councillors:

a) Rural Bulletins.

b) Roadworks and Events reports.

c) Highway Events Diary.

d) Rural Funding Digests.

e) IHMC Incident reports.

f) Information on COVID-19 from CCC, HDC, Combined Authority, ACRE, CAPALC and other organisations.

g) Poster on Council Tax support.

h) Household Recycling Centre update.

i) Acting Police and Crime Commissioner online meeting 10th November – Nobody available to attend.

j) Licencing Act 2003 consultation letter.

k) Increased bus capacity from 9th July.

l) Letter from Extinction Rebellion regarding leaving areas of verge uncut to encourage wild flowers. Councillors agreed with the sentiments of the letter but the Parish Council does not own the verges or any other land in the parish.

9. Reports from councillors.

District Cllr. Tavener advised that HDC have secured a 99-year lease for the Country Park and funding can now be accessed to refurbish the car park, café and visitor centre. Play parks have been reopened. Cllr. Bussetil reported that where the cat’s eyes on Warboys Road were missing, there were holes that needed to be filled. Clerk to report to Highways.

10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 16th September 2020 starting at 7.30pm by Zoom conferencing. Joining details to be published on the next agenda.

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