

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

Councillors present: Mr. D. Brown, Mr. G. Bull, Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mr. I. Martin (Chairman) & Mrs. L. Sawyer.

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

Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** District Cllr. J. Tavener (attending another meeting) & Cllr. E. Taylor (personal).

2. **To receive declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sawyer declared an interest in item 6a, being a neighbour of the application site. Cllr. Bull declared an interest payment (3). Cllr. Brown declared an interest in item 4(c) being an employee of MAGPAS, who usually receive the proceeds from the Festival of Motor Cycles.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2018:** Approval of the minutes of 21st November 2018 were proposed by Cllr. Mackenzie, seconded by Cllr. Sawyer and unanimously agreed.

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

- a) Roads and footpaths – The Clerk confirmed that the footpath from Old Hurst to Warboys had been sided out. The Clerk had requested a litter pick along the verge from the Woodhurst Road into the village. An HDC litter picking crew had arrived at the wrong location and Cllr. Bull agreed to follow this up. The Clerk advised that one objection had been received by Highways in response to the latest consultation on the proposed double yellow lines for part of Church Street. It will now go to a delegated decision by the Head of Service and County Cllr. Criswell.
- b) Speedwatch – No report available.
- c) Festival of Motor Cycles 2019 – The Chairman has contacted the Chairman of the organising committee and is awaiting a response regarding a meeting date.

5. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Mackenzie proposed retrospective approval of payments (1) to (6). Seconded by Cllr. Sawyer and unanimously agreed. Cllr. Bull did not take part in the vote.

(1) Cq. No. 000592 - £102.20, Mrs. D. Benham, wages and expenses for November.

(2) Cq. No. 000593 - £24.00, HMRC, PAYE/NI for November.

(3) Cq. No. 000594 - £21.60, Mrs. M. Bull, donation towards village newsletter.

(4) Cq. No. 000595 - £239.70, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for December.

(5) Cq. No. 000596 - £59.80, HMRC, PAYE/NI for December.

(6) Cq. No. 000597 – £84.00, askiT Services Ltd, provision of councillor email addresses.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was passed to all councillors. Cllr. Bull checked the bank statement against the bank reconciliation. Cllr. Sawyer to complete the application to add Cllr. Bussetil as a bank account signatory.

6. Planning.

a) New application.

18/02327/FUL General purpose building. Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst. Cllr. Bussetil proposed that Old Hurst Parish Council recommend approval. Seconded by Cllr. Mackenzie and unanimously agreed. Cllr. Sawyer did not take part in the vote.

b) Update on previous applications.

18/01661/FUL Erection on 2 no. semi-detached dwellings, associated garages and means of access. Land north of Mulfield House, The Lane, Old Hurst. In progress.

18/00437/FUL Change of use of hard standing from an airfield to B8 vehicle storage with access improvements for a period of 10 years and erection of car wash facility and security kiosk. RAF Wyton Airfield, Sawtry Way, Wyton. Approved by HDC.

18/00210/FUL Proposed dormer bungalow. Land north of Highfield, Old Hurst Road, Woodhurst. Refused by HDC.

c) Local Plan to 2036.

Councillors had been notified of the following consultations:

Huntingdonshire Local Plan proposed main modifications sustainability proposals.

Huntingdonshire Local Plan proposed Habitats Regulations assessment.

Huntingdonshire Local Plan proposed main modifications.

No comments had been received by the Clerk.

7. Police matters.

The police website shows no reported crime in Old Hurst for October and November 2018.

8. Correspondence.

Forwarded to councillors:

a) A1 closures.

b) Bikeability cycle training – Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should not contribute towards this scheme.

c) Slides from the Town and Parish Council planning sessions held by HDC and attended by Cllr. Bussetil.

d) NALC funding and grants bulletin.

e) Roadworks and events bulletin 1st-15th December.

f) Highways Events Diary for December.

g) Emails regarding bins that had been towed and dumped on 4th December, spilling the contents. This had been cleared up by residents and reported to HDC.

h) Emails regarding making a donation towards the village newsletter. Councillors unanimously agreed to reimburse Mrs. Bull £21.60 for the costs of producing the last newsletter. Cllr. Bussetil will organise a fundraising event to pay for future editions.

i) Christmas bin collection dates.

j) IHMC incident report for November.

k) Roadworks and events bulletin 16th – 31st December.

l) CAPALC AGM 2018 minutes and members letter.

m) Winter Health packs – 200 ordered. Clerk to chase.

n) Changes to local bus services.

o) Roadworks and events bulletin 1st – 15th January.

p) Views sought on County Council business planning.

q) Highways events diary for January.

r) Information on the fire at the Envar composting site.

s) Hunts Forum annual conference and AGM – Cllr. Sawyer to attend.

t) Incident report for December.

u) Roadworks and events bulletin 16th – 31st January.

9. Reports from Councillors:

County Cllr. Criswell advised that the fire at the Envar site was causing problems with air quality in surrounding villages and it was hoped that the Fire Service would have it extinguished in the next week. County Cllr. Criswell advised that setting CCC's budget for the next financial year would be challenging as there is a £13 million shortfall. The adult social care budget will increase by 2% and there will be an overall increase of 2-3%. The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against scams partnership was launched before Christmas. County Cllr. Criswell advised that the County Council is helping employees to apply for "settled status" in the run up to Brexit.

Cllr. Bussetil advised that some of the books in the book exchange in the phone box had suffered mice damage. A parishioner has volunteered to block up the entrance route. Cllr. Bussetil had been approached by a resident of Lancaster Close who had expressed concerns about visibility on the right, when exiting Lancaster Close by car. The Clerk will contact the Highways Supervisor to see if any additional signage could be installed. A request for a bus shelter near to the Grove had been received – Clerk to investigate. Clerk to follow up on the request to Stagecoach to replace bus stop signs. Clerk to obtain a quotation to upgrade the Parish Council owned street lights.

District Cllr. Bull advised that the District Council are looking at a 2.6% increase in Council Tax. Clerk to obtain details on Swaffham Prior's green energy project.

10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20th March 2019 in St. Peter's Church, starting at 7.30pm.

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