

# WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

Present Cllr John Nicoll - Chairman  
Cllr Terry Huggins - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Alistair Marr  
Cllr Andy Notman  
Cllr Simon West  
Cllr Peter Collins  
Cllr Bob Newell  
Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

Also present -DC Mike Newman - CC Steve Criswell  
& Mr Terry Lincoln

### **37 Apologies for Absence** - none

The meeting closed for the District Cllr, County Cllr, Police & members of the Public to address the meeting.

It was reported that 2 flower baskets have been stolen from a property, after the “Woodhurst in Bloom” competition in the village  
Mr Terry Lincoln was present to take any questions about the Grass Track Racing – meeting went ahead without any major problems, little noise was heard (more from aircraft) and the traffic mainly abided by the route suggested away from Woodhurst village. The entrance to the field was a bit tight situated on the bend but was alright. It was agreed that the meeting could continue once a year in September as long as same procedures are followed, and the Farmer moves the entrance gate to the far end of the property at a safer part of the road. The field will be grass seeded as well.

The meeting re-opened

### **38 To Approve & Sign the minutes** – the minutes for 28<sup>th</sup> July 08 approved & signed by Chairman and the 28<sup>th</sup> August 08 were also approved & signed by Chairman

**39 Matters arising** – The Drains **item 27**. The pots have been cleared, and the hedge cut also Cllr Alistair Marr has spoken to the Farmer.  
The Post Office letter delivery to the village has improved, but will keep an eye on the situation. Cllr Andy Notman will put an article on the Council ‘web site’  
Clerk to check the Finances for P3 membership as the Farmers have submitted their work to Cllr Peter Collins.  
The Councillors asked about the line painting and street light regarding the new safety Improvements, but the highways are still to finish the work.

### **40 Members declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda** - none

| <b>41 Finance -</b> | <u>Accounts for Payment</u>                              | <u>£</u>             | <u>Chq No.</u> |        |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|--------|
|                     | Hunts DC   | Election costs       | 50.00          | 100790 |
|                     | Woodhurst Village Hall                                   | meeting costs        | 15.00          | 100791 |
|                     | Ellington Contract Services                              | New roof Bus Shelter | 728.50         | 100792 |
|                     | A Brace  | Clerks wages         | 200.00         | 100793 |
|                     | A Brace 1yr Expenses – stationery, stamps telephone etc. |                      | 75.14          | 100794 |

Proposed by Cllr terry Huggins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Peter Collins that the accounts be paid in full

- 42 Clerks Training** – the course 'Working with Your Council' is recognised as part of the Clerks qualifications for the Council obtaining Quality Status. The cost is £195.00 but the Council can claim a 75% Bursary towards the cost, as their annual income is below £10,000. it was agreed to pay the £48.75 diff all agreed and passed.
- 43 Planning** – 0800401FUL – Extension to bungalow, erection of garage and re-sitting of access – Norfolk View, South Street, Woodhurst. The Councillors had no objections and agreed to approve the application of planning.  
0800401FUL - Erection of a Garage at Meadowcroft, Church Street, Woodhurst. The Councillors agreed that there was not a sufficient difference to change the decision as previously reported, so they still recommended refusal of the planning application.
- 44 Bus Services** – The current bus services has been reduced to Buses now just going to St Ives which means that passengers can't get directly to Huntingdon (Hospital etc) the reasons given are reducing un-economical routes. The Councillors suggested that if they changed double-decker buses to single or even smaller vehicles it would save money. The Bus Company is to be contacted, because the most affected are the School Children and Elderly people. County Council village funding tacked onto commercial routes.
- 45 News Letter** – Cllr Andy Notman told the meeting about a Unity Foundation Grant for Council printing of News letters. Printer in Somersham charges £30.00 for 150 copies.
- 46 Grass Track Racing** – covered in open forum.
- 47 Correspondence** – Acre – membership renewal for next year, the members agreed to pay.  
 Cope – Newsletter no. 48 September 2008  
 Letter from Fenland Grass Track Club Treasurer – Mr Terry Lincoln  
 Communities and Local Government – Consultation booklet about making and enforcing byelaws  
 Cambs CC – A road show is going to visit 7 locations in the local area. setting out their spending priorities and budget for next year, and are open for public views  
 Hunts DC – Removal of Pay Phones – one issue that has risen is the retention of 'Red Phone Boxes' for Heritage reasons.  
 E-mail from Insurance Co. – The Land Clearance project, is it covered by Councils Insurance? Yes if the 6 areas are covered regarding the helpers. Copy of these e-mailed to the Project Manager  
 CPALC – list of Training Courses 2008/9
- 48 Items for next meeting** – Closure of Buckden Waste Centre  
 Trees  
 Butt Lane

**An item added**

- 49 Insurance** – The annual insurance renewal is due before the next Parish Council meeting, therefore, it was agreed to include into this meeting. Cllr John Nicoll proposed and Cllr Terry Huggins 2<sup>nd</sup> that we pay the required Premium.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Mrs Alison Brace Clerk 01487 842391

Next Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

these minutes are un-adopted