

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday the 23rd March 2009

Present Cllr John Nicoll - Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins - Vice Chairman
Cllr Alistair Marr
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Peter Collins
Cllr Bob Newell
Cllr Simon West

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

Also present - CC Steve Criswell DC Mike Newman

No members of the Public

84 Apologies for Absence – none

The meeting closed for the County & District Councillors, & Police to address the meeting

County Councillor Steve Criswell said that since December 2008 he was on the Cabinet for Specials Projects and customer services, telephone number 0345 0455200. The Pot hole report line is 0345 0455212. Cllr Terry Huggins said that he had trouble getting through and thought that it was not serving the purpose. Cllr Steve Criswell reported that the work on the pot-holes would be carried out on the road west of Woodhurst. A meeting will be held at ENVAR on the 4th April 09. It was reported that rubbish is being dumped around the edge of the ENVAR site including plastic, which looks unsightly.

There is a new problem with planes from RAF Wyton flying over Woodhurst in direct opposition to an agreement which was made with the outgoing Wing Commander. C.Cllr Steve Criswell suggested that a letter be written to the new Wing Commander and perhaps a meeting as well to see if the same arrangements can be made.

Police There were two Police Officers present at the meeting, and the discussion was about speeding traffic through the village. One suggestion is to have volunteers to check the speed of traffic through village, with police backing. Cllr Terry Huggins suggested that the Police ought to be doing more to stop the problem, but this volunteer action could assist the police. Other villages have tried this action. One main factor is that Lorries are using the village as a short cut although there is a weight restriction in place. It was suggested to take down the numbers and report them. It was also noted that they could be going to the grange, but the planning permission was only given for storage there.

The meeting re-opened

85 To Approve the Questions asked from the public

Parish Paths Partnership The address given by Mr John Cooper was a general discussion on the overall Partnership between the County Council and the Parish Councils Footpaths and some of the outlines being mentioned did not actually apply to the scheme running with Woodhurst Parish and the Land Owners directly.

Butt Lane unfortunately when the Parish Council relies on the good nature of Volunteers to work in their own time to complete a job in the village, we cannot comment on the length of time, only to say that it was almost one year since asking the people in Butt Lane about a gate, until the County Council gave permission for a gate to be erected and then with some restrictions.

The Minutes in the Public Notice Boards & Web site are required by 5 days before the next meeting. The 'week' noted in the minutes is for distributing the un-adopted minutes to the Councillors for their convenience.

86 To Sign the minutes –for 23rd March 2009 were approved & signed by The Chairman

87 Matters arising – Church Lane both items 77 & 78 refer to Church Lane, not the Passages that the Clerk named in the headings of the Items.

88 Members declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda - none

89 Finance -

| <u>Accounts for Payment</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>Chq No.</u> |
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| A Brace - Clerk wages | 200.00 | 100806 |
| Village Hall - Parish Plan questionnaire meeting held on 15.11.08 9am-3.00pm 6hrs x £10.00 = | 60.00 | 100807 |
| Cambs CC – Maintenance & Energy for Parish Lighting <u>Red Bill</u> | 678.90 | 100808 |

Proposed by Cllr Terry Huggins 2nd by Cllr Bob Newell that the accounts including the lighting bill be paid in Full all agreed.

The £60.00 will be off set against the grant paid for the Parish plan

90 Parish Plan – first draft of plan finished. Questionnaire will be sent out to every resident and separate one for 8 – 16 year olds.

91 Planning – no plans

92 Grass track racing event – Council had no objection to the event taking place again this year.
Dates are 5th & 6th September 2009

93 Parish Tree – Cut down in Church Lane outside the Old Forge - the answer from the Tree Officer was read out and the tree taken down was not a parish tree, therefore, they cannot do anything.

94 Butt Lane – in item 85

95 Phone Box – It will cost the parish £1.00 and the up-keep cost including maintenance and electricity. Cllr Andy Notman proposed that we pay the £1 and add to the insurance and also add to the Assets, 2nd by Cllr Peter Collins and all agreed.

96 Gypsy and Traveller report – The Clerk replied to the District Council that the only Land the Parish has is in trust and already rented out and there isn't any other Land available as the village is surrounded by farms.

97 Village maintenance – Cllr Simon West will put the new Perspex in the doors of the notice board in Church Lane

98 Litter Bin Moot Way – Clerk contacted the District Council regarding the missing Lid on the Litter Bin at the end of Moot Way, and was told that it would be replaced, as yet it has not been done. Cllr Bob Newell reported that the Bins in South Street have not been emptied, Clerk to phone about both items

- 99 **Church Lane** - The path has now been cleaned. The Parish Council will look into the re-surfacing of the path.
- 100 **St John's Passage** – Cllr Alistair Marr gave a short report on the work he has done in sorting out the Light for the Passage. He has contacted other Parish Councils which have spent monies up to £3,000. It was suggested that a much cheaper light would be sufficient. He has contacted the wall owners who have no problem with a bracket for the lamp, if a Down-light is chosen. QBS have a solar panel to fix above roof height max 5 hours light, which in the winter would not be long enough. It was also suggested up-lighters with their own LED system. Cllr Marr offered to get a sample light to try, all agreed.
- 101 **ENVAR report** - as above
- 102 **PC Lamp posts** – The Lamp post owned by the Parish Council has been taken away, the vehicle was yellow, therefore, we assume it was Hunts DC Clerk to look into.
- 103 **Date of Parish Meeting** – the Parish meeting will take place on the 20th April at 8.00pm 2009
The parties that need contacting are as follows
- **PCC**
 - **Village Hall**
 - **Woodhurst in Bloom**
 - **Parish Plan**
 - **Countryside watch**
 - **Young People of the village**
- 104 **Clerk position** – this item was not applicable at this time.
- 105 **Correspondence** –
- CPALC - spring bulletin
 - Cope - Feb & March Newsletters
 - Luminus - News
 - Community Action – Acre magazine
 - Hunts DC - Notification of band D charge to cover Precept = £25.64
 - Cambs CC – Countryside access Issues
 - Costain Skanska – Statement of intent of site traffic routes used when the A14 works start
 - SIA – Spinal Injuries Association charity appeal.
 - NATS – New consultation on revised proposals to redraw route map in the south east.
 - Cambridgeshire – Drug and Alcohol action team.
- 106 **Items for next meeting** – Fly tipping
Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Mrs Alison Brace - Clerk
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Next Meeting 20th April 2009 Parish meeting

these minutes are un-adopted