

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 21st September 2009 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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

Miss Sara Oak (Acting Clerk)

County Councillor Steve Criswell
District Councillor Mike Newman

Item 38 Apologies for absence

- Mrs Alison Brace Clerk

The meeting closed for the County Councillor and the District Councillor and members of the public to speak.

- C/Cllr Criswell informed the meeting that County Council were intending to cut spending by £113 million in the next 5 years.
- C/Cllr Criswell had also received email complaint (via Local MP) from Mr Lloyd (Church Street) regarding HGVs coming through the village. Mr Lloyd was advised to obtain registration numbers if possible.
- Cllr Huggins reported that two street lights were flickering. Cllr Notman will follow up with District Council if lights hadn't already been fixed
- Cllr Notman raised issue on behalf of parishioner regarding cuttings left in ditch at end of South Street. Cllr Huggins informed the meeting that although this was his ditch and so not on Council Land, the cuttings would be cleared in the near future
- Cllr Huggins reported that the seat in West End was overgrown. Cllrs Collins and Marr will arrange to cut the vegetation back and clear the rubbish.
- Cllr Newell asked that the 100 Club results be posted on the notice boards and not just on the website as some residents were unaware of who had won prizes. Cllr West will ask Nick Dowding to display winners.
- Cllr Marr will pass details of Grass Track Racing Organisers to Pidley and Old Hurst Parish Councils as D/Cllr Newman reported that traffic through these two villages was increased during the recent event.
- Cllr West asked that minutes be re-sent to him as emails from the clerk were blocked for some reason. Cllr Notman agreed to do this.

The meeting re-opened.

Item 39 **To sign the minutes of the meeting** held on 20th July 2009
With amendments:

- Item 31 : Mr Neil Farbon should read Mr Ian May
- Item 37 : Should read “the road sign at West End is incorrect”

- Due to absence of clerk, these minutes will be signed off at the next meeting

Item 40 **Matters Arising**

- Painted red stripes at each end of the Village now complete.
- Notice Board doors still in progress.
- Councillor Huggins reported no contact from John Meager regarding West End road sign.
- Councillor Huggins reported that Warboys PC were trying to organise a Commuter Bus Service to connect with the Guided Bus
- As the clerk is not present it is not known if Bus Company has been contacted regarding a connecting bus to the guided busway.

Item 41 **Members Declaration Of Interests**

- None

Item 42 **Finance**

- Clerks Wages.....£200.00
- CPALC 2009/2010 Annual Fee.....£112.05
- Mrs O Mansfield Internal Auditor.....£ 25.00
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- Cllr Marr to check with CPALC regarding Clerks wages and absence from meeting, which was not agreed with the Parish Council.
- Cllr Marr proposed and Cllr Nicoll seconded that other items be paid in full.

Item 43 **Butt Lane**

- The gate has now been purchased, installation to be arranged by Cllr Marr. Cllr Newell advised the meeting of an asbestos mains water pipe in the vicinity.

Item 44 **Notice Board**

- See Matters Arising

Item 45 **Phone Box**

- This has now been adopted by Woodhurst Parish Council.
- Parish Clerk to amend Liability Insurance to include phone box.

Item 46 **Bus Routes**

- See Matters arising

Item 47 Passage Lighting

- Cllr. Marr will liaise with Ian May regarding the installation of an electric light on his property. The Parish Council will have a separate metered supply.

Item 48 Parish Plan

- Cllr Notman reported that no meetings had been held and there was no progress at the moment

Item 49 Countryside Watch

- Cllr Newell reported that there had been 27 Straw Fires in the local area in recent weeks
- There has been an increase in the number of thefts of scrap metal in the area.
- A female villager was followed across 70 acre field by a youth in his early twenties.

Item 50 RAF Wyton

- Cllr Marr reported that a meeting had been arranged at RAF Wyton, but was cancelled at last minute by RAF. This will be re-arranged
- The minutes of a meeting in 1999 have been retrieved where the RAF agreed that there would be no low flying over the village.

Item 51 Planning

- No planning matters to discuss
- Plans submitted by Envar for 3 extra tunnels were turned down by HDC

Item 51a Woodhurst In Bloom

- Cllr Collins informed the meeting that the village had been awarded a Silver Gilt and named Best Small Village.
- Cllr Notman announced that the village would not be entering the Anglia In Bloom Competition next year and the committee would be dissolved. The committee are looking to reform with a mandate from the Parish Council to maintain and manage the publicly accessible areas of the village. In order to apply for grants, the committee needs to have a constitution, which is in the process of being drawn up. A new name for the committee has not yet been decided.
- Cllr Notman suggested that the new committee be a Parish Council sub committee. Cllr Marr will obtain advice from CPALC as to how this should be set up and may look to implement something along the lines of the Village Hall committee.
- Funding will be applied for to hire contractors to carry out some of the heavier work in the Conservation Area. Also plans are being drawn up for a coppicing and replanting project in Butt Lane alongside 70 acre. Other publicly accessible areas such as the ponds at Swan Weir and in Fullards farm Grass field would also be covered by the remit.

- Cllr Huggins will pass details of the villages tree allocation to the committee for consideration.

Item 52 Correspondence

- Flyer from Open University – to be displayed on noticeboard
- War memorials Leaflet – info only
- COPE Newsletter – Info Only
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Item 53 Items for next meeting

- Parish Clerk Position
- Passage Lighting
- Countryside Watch
- Butt Lane
- Noticeboard
- RAF Wyton
- Woodhurst In Bloom

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

Date Of Next Meeting

- November 23rd 2009

Miss Sara Oak – Acting Clerk

These minutes are un-adopted