

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday the 25th January 2010

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

Also present - DC Mike Newman

73 Apologies for Absence – CC Steve Criswell

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

District Councillor Mike Newman reported that he attended the Ramsey Neighbourhood Forum in Warboys last Tuesday, 19th January 2010. He reported that there was a good attendance with about 40 people, and approx 15 people being Council officers, the remainder being members of the public, indicating good initial interest and more meetings were planned. The main areas of focus was the local policing policy. The Fire Service, the County Council and the NHS had nothing to report.

He also reported that the Scrutiny Panel interviews were taking place and they had had a considerable number of people applying.

The meeting re-opened

74 To Sign the minutes – for 23rd November 2009 - were approved and signed by the Chairman

75 Matters arising –

- Cllr Terry Huggins welcomed the new clerk, Elizabeth Pendered (EP) to the meeting
- EP will chase why we are no longer receiving a Police Report
- Foliage has been cleared by Annabel Armstrong
- Neil Farbon has the gate in Butt Lane in hand
- Notice Board refurbishment has been completed and thanks was given to Cllr Simon West. A new set of keys have been cut and were given to the Chairman, making 4 sets of keys in total. Alison Brace has given her set of keys to EP.

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

77 Finance -

<u>Accounts for Payment</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>Chq no.</u>
Mrs Alison Brace	finishing, training & expenses	£200.00	100832
Mrs Elizabeth Pendered	New Clerks wages	£200.00	100833
SLCC	New Clerks Manual	£42.00	100834

Simon West

keys for noticeboard

£9.00

100835

It was agreed that the cheque (100833) that had been written for the new clerks` wages would be held for next meeting.

- 78 Butt Lane** – Mr Neil Farbon has the erection of the gate in hand and will action as soon as is practicable.
- 79 Notice Board** – has been completed
- 80 Phone Box** – Cllr Andy Notman suggested that we leave the maintenance & painting until the summer.
- 81 Bus Routes** – Changes to any bus routes will be reported once we have been notified. Cllr Bob Newell commented on the number of buses travelling down South Street and the damage they were doing to the roadside. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the various operators to minimise the number of buses using South Street. EP will investigate the bus routes and any changes.
- 82 Passage lighting** – The Chairman has applied for funds under the “Small Scale Environmental Grant Scheme” to help pay for a suitable installation and has chased a response. DC Mike Newman suggested speaking to Cllr Roy Reeves from Warboys.
- 83 Parish Plan** – Cllr Andy Notman had nothing new to report.
- 84 Potholes** – Cllr Terry Huggins commented that he reported the pothole on the A141 outside of his property and was told that it was an “unadopted road”, which was clearly wrong. DC Mike Newman said he would speak to CC Steve Criswell to investigate further. The general state of the road in and out of the village was commented on, in particular Gambles Corner. The Chairman and the Clerk have both reported the potholes to the Highways Authority in the last week. Suggest a follow up.
- 85 Roadside Litter** – the state of the roadsides was reported to HDC by the clerk last week and the council actioned a litter pick along Wheatsheaf Road on Friday 22nd January. It was reported that there is still evidence of rubbish, including tyres, in the ditches. The clerk will make a follow up call to the council.
- 86 Countryside Watch** – Cllr Bob Newell reported a theft of scrap metal and a suspicious vehicle had been reported .
- 87 RAF Wyton** – The chairman along with Cllr West and Cllr Nicoll visited the base on 4th December. The chairman reported that they met with Squadron Leader Paul Tuite and the O/C Flight Training who explained the training schedules and flying patterns. The chairman reported back to Mrs Flynn who had expressed concerns about flight safety. It was felt that there was a good understanding of the issues raised and that the situation would continue to be monitored.
- 88 Planning** –
- **REF 0901633FUL** – approval was given and a letter of suggested comments was sent on 28th January 2010 to Susan Sharpe, case officer.
- 89 Street Names** – John Meager has agreed to a site visit and Cllr Terry Huggins volunteered to meet with him. The clerk emailed suggested dates and times to JM and a meeting has been arranged for Thursday 4th February at 11am.

90 Parish lamp post – east end – Retiring clerk Alison Brace is looking into the letter that she received, that had the contact details for the person responsible. The clerk will chase and follow up to locate the post or a replacement.

91 Rural Services Network – nothing to report

92 Correspondence -

- Letter from GTC (utility networks)
- Letter from NHS re hearing services in Cambridgeshire
- Letter from CCC re Local Transport plan
- Letter from CCC re Children's Centre Development
- Cope Newsletters nos 61 & 62
- Letter from NATS re TCN Update
- Email re Empowering Local Councils and the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill
- Society of Local Council Clerks Cambridgeshire Branch newsletter Dec 2009
- Luminus newsletter
- NHS Keeping in touch newsletter
- Clerks and Councils Direct magazine Jan 2010
- Glasdon bin brochure
- Suffolk County Council outdoor furniture and play equipment catalogue

Mrs Elizabeth Pendered - Clerk

Next Meeting 22nd March 2010
Annual Parish Meeting 19th April 2010
AGM 17th May 2010.

These minutes are un-adopted