

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 7.30pm in Village Hall, St John's Close.

Present Cllr Alistair Marr - Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Simon West
CCllr Steve Criswell

Sarah Mizuro – Clerk

Also present - 12 members of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE** – received from Cllr Alvin Augstein, Cllr Neil Farbon and Cllr James Mayall.
2. **TO SIGN MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record.
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – see attached report.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** – the clerk advised that District and County are still implementing cuts due to shortfall in services for the next 3 years. That said, Woodhurst PC hasn't increased their precept in the last 6 years and has managed to keep its costs down. The year-end for 2015-16 looks healthy, with a balance (not reconciled as still awaiting bank statement) of £10,286.72. The largest outlay this year has been for the upgrade of 15 streetlights costing £4,172.52. The full accounts will be available for inspection as normal, see notice-board for dates.
5. **VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**
 - **Village Hall** – see attached report presented on behalf of Annabel Farbon by the clerk.
 - **PCC St John the Baptist Church** – see attached report, presented by Shirley Firth
 - **Natural Woodhurst** – Karen Holley report presented.
6. **OPEN FORUM** – The Chairman invited thoughts and comments from the members of public present:

Concern was raised regarding the state of the banks at East and West End. Cllr Notman informed the public this was covered by Highways and therefore the Parish Council had no authority on this matter.

Concern was expressed that the village looks unkept with pavements not being swept and little pride taken by some village members. Cllr Huggins commented that if personnel from Warboys Parish are employed to help with maintenance of the village this should improve the overall appearance of the village.

Concern was expressed about the number of accidents on the roads out of the village. The public was informed that the signage at the crossroads on Wheatsheaf Road had been improved, however accidents are not occurring at peak times and they are due to human error. Cllr Notman stated that he was in touch with Speedwatch and would invite them to speak at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm and thanked those who attended.

Cheques were presented and signed after the APM with parish councillors in attendance:

Cheques: Chq 100974 - £40.00 - Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch subscription:
Chq 100973 - £15.00 - Lois Alsop: Bus Shelter Clean
Chq 100972 - £15.00 - Brenda Bryan-Harris: Bus Shelter Clean
Chq 100971 - £100.00 – Magpas Donation