

# Woodhurst Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Present

Cllr Neil Furbon – Chairing Meeting  
Cllr Andy Notman  
Cllr Terry Huggins  
Cllr Liz Bosworth  
Cllr Alan Bosworth  
CCllr Graham Bull

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

**19. Apologies and reasons for absence** – received from, Cllr Alistair Marr

**20. Declarations of Interest** – None

**21. Public Forum** – No comments made.

**22. Minutes** - the minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

**23. Speedwatch** – A talk was given by Adam Renwick explaining the sprit and procedures involved in Speedwatch. It was explained that this is a community lead scheme for which he could provide training. Cllr Alan Bosworth agreed to become the coordinator for Woodhurst and will advertise for volunteers.

CCllr Graham Bull left the meeting.

**24. Countryside Watch** – Cllr Huggins reported that crime in the countryside such as hare coursing and fuel thefts have been much quieter since the last meeting. John Deer GPS systems are still attracting thieves along with farm animals and birds. There have been a number of domestic break ins throughout the surrounding villages. On 25<sup>th</sup> May a blue Vauxhall van was seized by police after the owner attempted to fill the vehicle with aviation fuel from the Little Gransden Airfield. Cllr Liz Bosworth to organise a letter or police leaflet to be distributed to the village regarding security over the holiday period.

**25. Planning** – No applications.

**26. Village Hall** – A stocktake has been completed and any out of date products disposed of. Funding for a new hall has been investigated and many companies require the hall to make a profit in order to be eligible to apply. All funding requires a percentage contribution from the village hall themselves. Cllr Notman commented that if the Parish Council were to provide a donation that three Cllrs would need to declare an interest. Planning application will be submitted shortly after Feast Week.

**27. Footpaths** – Posts around pond are rotting, Cllr Furbon reported that Swan Weir residents were organising the repair of these.

**28. First Responder** – A letter of request for a donation has been received. £500 was proposed and seconded at the last meeting. This will be donated under section 137.

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- 29. Insurance** – A full insurance schedule has been received and discussed with the issue raised regarding insurable interest on the Village Hall. This will be discussed in full at the next meeting.
- 30. Maintenance** – Cllr Furbon reported that Warboys Parish Council had been contacted and they had proposed a £15.00 hourly charge for any maintenance work carried out by their employees. This is to be discussed at their next meeting. The list of maintenance work required produced by Cllr Alan Bosworth was discussed with several items being deemed as not the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was suggested that some items such as cleaning of road signs was advertised to the villagers to volunteer their help, Cllr Notman to coordinate. It was decided that this would be discussed further at the next meeting when a response should have been received from Warboys Parish Council.
- 31. Aims For The Year** – Cllr Alan Bosworth suggested that a plan was made for future jobs so they could be included in the budget for next year. Cllr Furbon suggested looking into a village version of time banking, while Cllr Notman highlighted the need for Councillor training. Cllr Alan Bosworth asked if the funding of the new Village Hall could be considered. This could only be donated to under section 137 and is therefore limited. It was suggested that the current vacancy needs to be filled and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 32. Items for next meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016** – Insurance, Speedwatch, Aims for the year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.39pm.