

# Woodhurst Parish Council

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Present

Cllr Alistair Marr  
Cllr Neil Farbon  
Cllr Terry Huggins  
Cllr Liz Bosworth  
Cllr Alan Bosworth  
Cllr Andrew Pendered  
CCllr Graham Bull – part attendance

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

**83. Apologies and reasons for absence** – received from Cllr Notman, CCllr Criswell.

**84. Declarations of Interest** – None received.

**85. Public Forum** – An email has been received expressing concern regarding the condition of some trees in the village. Cllr Marr to establish ownership of the trees.

**86. Minutes** - the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

**87. Finance** – A report was presented.

Cheques issued:

HDC £150.00

**88. Countryside Watch** – The last 4 to 6 weeks have been very quiet, and there have been few incidents of hare coursing reported. The main problem has been callers at farms and isolated properties looking for work.

**89. Planning Applications** – None. Cllr Farbon asked CCllr Bull if the application for 12000 houses in St. Ives would require additional plans for info structure. CCllr Bull confirmed that this would be necessary and would include roads, drainage and possibly education facilities. Wyton transport plans should be in place May / June 2017. Cllr Farbon proposed builders were contacted and a pre application meeting requested.

**90. Village Hall** – The plans for a new village hall have been redrawn and will be put in for planning permission shortly. A member of the public expressed concern that a village hall neighbour complained about leaf clearing being carried out at 12:30pm on Sunday.

**91. Footpaths** – Cllr Farbon informed the meeting that the lack of second cut in Butts Lane has been logged on the council website for a second time.

**92. Parish Newsletter** – It was agreed that this should be produced quarterly and while Cllr Farbon and Notman are collated the first issue, they would continue to seek a third party to take on the job of producing future issues.

**93. Natural Woodhurst** – It was proposed by Cllr Marr and seconded by Cllr Pendered that the remaining Natural Woodhurst funds would be donated to the Parish Council. J. Jeakins would then be sub contracted to carry out planting and maintenance of the planters and barrels.

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**94. Highways Funding** – Information was given on the application procedure and it was advised that funding was unlikely to be obtained. It was agreed that the bollards at either end of the village should be replaced, Cllr Farbon to obtain prices and bring to the next meeting.

**95. Maintenance** – Mowing and some leaf clearance has been carried out and bench maintenance was discussed as the next job.

**96. Gritting** – A letter has been received informing the Parish Council the roads at either end of the village will not be gritted by the County Council. Cllr Huggins to look in the cost of having this carried out by a private company.

**97. Precept 2017** – The budget for 2017 was discussed and a final draft will be completed for the next meeting. Cllr Marr proposed and Cllr Pendered seconded the increase of the clerk's hours to 5 per week to cover the workload of the additional meetings.

**98. Meeting dates 2017** – It was agreed that meeting once a month had worked well and there would be 12 meetings per year ongoing.

**99. Correspondence** – A decision was made to agree to a 2018 election, Cllr Marr proposed and Cllr Farbon seconded. Cllr L Bosworth showed the meeting a leaflet for the local police regarding home safety, it was suggested this was distributed to every house in the village.

**100. Items for the next meeting** – Precept 2017, Gritting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:55

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.