

# WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Present Cllr John Nicoll Chairman  
Cllr Terry Huggins Vice Chairman  
Cllr Alistair Marr  
Cllr Andy Notman  
Cllr Simon West  
Cllr Peter Collins  
Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

Also present - DC Mike Newman - CC Steve Criswell  
And two members of the Public

### 21 **Apologies for Absence** - none

The meeting closed for the District Cllr, County Cllr, Police & members of the Public to address the meeting.

Mr Peter Brace (Chair of Earith PC) & representative on the St Ives & District Road Safety Committee – gave the meeting some information regarding the jointly funded improvement schemes. white lines and the large red painted squares on the road are, still to be completed, in all the parishes' and the Highways dept contract out this job. Mr Brace also said that the proposed round-about at the junction of the St Ives to Somersham Road has now been put on the 'back burner'. The other improvements on the west end of the village which included a triangle to match the 'east end' have also been put back. The parking problem outside the four properties at the 'T' junction is now not so bad since the PCSO has contacted the owners of the cars. Mr Brace through the Chair - asked the meeting if any of the Councillors would like to represent Woodhurst on the committee and Cllr Simon West volunteered and will now liaise with Mr Brace. on the next meeting. Cllr West will report that the road from the 'closed road' at Oldhurst turn to the double bend is slipping away and is now very dangerous, a motor biker almost came off when he hit all the loose debris.

The meeting re-opened

22 **To Approve & Sign the minutes** - of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008, - The Clerk suggested that as there were several major alterations the minutes be amended and re-submitted, at the next meeting, all agreed.

23 **Matters arising – Item 6** a,b,c, Cllr Simon West went to see the resident who asked the questions and has come to an amicable agreement with ground rules regarding closing times. **Item 6** d, The light outside the hall has been relocated.

24 **Members declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda.**

25	Finance -	<u>Accounts for Payment</u>	£	<u>Chq No.</u>
		A Brace Clerks wages	200.00	100788
	added at meeting	Woodhurst Village Hall	30.00	100789

Cllr Peter Collins asked if we were still members of the P3, Clerk to sort out membership.

26 **Planning - 0800119OUT** – an appeal has been made to the secretary of state against the local authority's decision to turn down the planning application – no further comments, by the PC  
**0801496FUL** – erection of dwelling and garage at 'The Forge Church St' the Council all agreed to Approved the application.

- 27 Drains** – Flooding outside the Old Post Office is thought to be caused by ditches further down the system being filled up with vegetation, and tree debris etc. which then causes the storm water to back up. The field's level falls towards a greenhouse. Mr Pinder & Bob has cleared out. Down the bottom of the field the ditch has been filled in to make a drive way. The Parish Council is very concerned about the village drains and a Council representative will have a word with the landowner and then if necessary write to him. The Clerk will contact District Council and Environment Agency, and County Council Highways to clear ditch, gullies, and storm water drains filled with mud & muck in South Street
- 28 Conservation** - Cllr Peter Collins introduced Mr Philip Clark (Ecologist) who gave a report on the work of 'Friends of Conservation Area' including improvement of the wild life. The work party has already strimmed the grass and made a footpath useable. Cllr Collins suggested that we take up the offer of the 'Friends' to link up with the Parish and help keep our Conservation Area in good order. Cllr Terry Huggins proposed that the Council accept the offer and Cllr Andy Notman 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed. It was suggested that the subject go onto the web site and ask for Volunteers for working parties of help. Cllr John Nicoll asked the Clerk to contact ARCE, and CALC for advice as to Insurance on Volunteers helping.
- 29 Bus Shelter** – Ellington Roofing to start work in about 10 day's time, official order sent. The Leyland trees that overhang the shelter have to be cut back. Mr Mike Chapel to be ask if he wants to cut his trees or leave it to the Roofing Contractor to cut back.
- 30 Butt Lane Gate** – letter from Cambs CC permission for gate and measurements. Clerk to contact Mr Chris Canon who is organising the making of the gate.
- 31 - Dog bins in village** – the problem of the smelling bins are to be addressed by regular emptying by the District Council, Clerk to contact DC and ask for a new lid or whole new black bin for village.
- 31a Seat for Butt Lane** – Cllr Bob Newman volunteered (with the help of Cllr Terry Huggins and Cllr Peter Collins) to erect a seat made out of wood and natural materials they have to make the seat themselves. The Council thanked Bob, for his generous offer and the help of Terry & Peter as well.
- 32 Correspondence** –  
 Cambs CC - Traffic Concerns, West End - Woodhurst (mentioned above)  
 Cambs CC - requesting the confirmation that the money was spent on proposed works.  
 Cambs CC - Post Office Closures in Cambs (been all through that)  
 Cambs Acre - request for membership renewal.  
 Hunts DC - Local Development Framework: Core Strategy: Submission  
 Hunts DC - Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report: 2007/08  
 Hunts DC - Accessibility Action Plan  
 Hunts DC - Parish Council recommendation for Application REF: 0801410FUL – the Head of DC Planning Services has turned it down (no Comment)
- 33 Items for next meeting** –  
 Parish letter to the Sorting Office at Huntingdon PO – letters to the village are being delivered to all the wrong addresses all the time not just the odd once or twice.  
 The News Letter on Agenda for next month.

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Mrs Alison Brace Clerk  
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Next Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008

these minutes are un-adopted