

# WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Present Cllr John Nicoll - Chairman  
Cllr Terry Huggins - Vice Chairman  
Cllr Alistair Marr  
Cllr Andy Notman  
Cllr Peter Collins  
Cllr Bob Newell

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

Also present - DC Mike Newman

Present 2 members of the Public & Mr John Cooper Senior Access Officer – Parish Paths Liaison Officer (Huntingdon)

### **63 Apologies for Absence** - CC Steve Criswell, Cllr Simon West

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

Mr John Cooper addressed the meeting by talking about the County Partnership Scheme (P3) in the Woodhurst area. The brief outline of the scheme, is that the stewards ie. Farmers look after the footpaths including hedges, styles, gates and bridges. The Farmers get a small payment from the P3 scheme to help offset the cost of labour. There are also other areas where volunteers help out in cleaning, cutting and planting etc. The whole scheme covers the County Council Highways – Public rights of Way.

Some of the Paths at the boundary of St Ives will be transferred to their care.

The problem of dog control from the paths onto the fields came up, and the situation would be monitored, and reported back to the council.

The Chairman agreed that the Cheques for the PP3 are to be written out tonight at the meeting, as the Chq for 2008/9 has been sent by the CC. The forms for 2009/10 have to be back by 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Gate for Butt Lane is in the pipe-line, but must leave enough room either side for footpath.

The meeting re-opened

### **64 To Approve & Sign the minutes** – the minutes for 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were approved & signed by The Chairman

### **65 Matters arising –**

- Cllr's Bob Newell, Peter Collins and Terry Huggins are not on the e-mail so need their paper-work posted.
- The Chairman asked if we knew what has happened to ENVAR liaison meetings with Mr David Border, Clerk to find out.
- The magazine Clerk & Councils is going to be circulated round the Council.
- Cllr Andy Notman asked for Minutes to be circulated sooner so as to get them on the web site earlier.

### **66 Members declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda** - none

**67 Finance -**Accounts for Payment

		£	<u>Chq No.</u>
A Brace	- Clerk wages	200.00	100801
SLCC	- Annual Membership Fee (1/3 of the payment)	31.00	100802

Proposed by Cllr Terry Huggins 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Bob Newell that the accounts be paid in full

PPP3 chqs	Farbon Farms -	145.00
	Manor Farm (A Marr) -	90.00
	Wiggin Hill Farm -	90.00

Proposed by Cllr Andy Notman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr Terry Huggins that the chqs be written out ASAP all agreed

**68 Parish Plan** – no report

**69 Planning** – no plans

**70 Fly Tipping** – Domestic waste has been dumped in Butt Lane. The vehicle number was taken but was not taxed so police could not trace. In another area along the A141 a considerable amount of soil was dumped blocking the use of a lay-by.

**71 Parish Trees** - Cllr Terry Huggins reported that a tree at the 'Old Forge' Church St. has been cut down with-out permission, He has not received a call back from the Tree Officer yet, Clerk to deal with.

**72 Butt Lane** – The small trees bushes bordering onto Butt Lane have been cut down with out permission.

**73 Phone Box** – Cllr Andy Notman reported that there was a very favourable response to the question of keeping the Red Telephone Box and the Parish Council adopting Box. Cllr Terry Huggins suggested we contact Oldhurt as they have just adopted their Box. Clerk to e-mail their Clerk.

**74 Gypsy and Traveller report** – Clerk circulated the report from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, and it was generally discussed, with DC Mike Newman summarising that Hunts DC had an obligation to provide 18 pitches by 2011, and if there were any thoughts from the Parish Councils they need to be furnished at Hunts DC by the 27<sup>th</sup> February 09

**75 Village maintenance** – Notice Board – the front Perspex has not been replaced yet – to do

**76 Litter Bin Moot Way** – Clerk to contact the CC regarding the ownership of the Litter Bin, and also the Clerk will find out prices of a new bin.

**77 Church Lane should read - Church Passage** – Contact Hunts DC to find out if the Passage could be cleaned by the street cleaning service. Mr John Cooper to find out whether the C Council P3 could Tarmac the passage again

**78 St John's Passage** - Cllr Alistair Marr showed the meeting the 3 different types of lights and height of posts. The meeting suggested that more information ie the length of time the lights stay on etc.

**79 Clay Pits** – in hand

**80 Roads** – The highways authority should be informed of and asked to repair any areas of significant damage or deterioration to the roads in the parish. In particular there are some major potholes and areas of subsidence on the road from the village to the A141, which need to be reported as soon as possible.

**81 Country Side Watch** – dealt with in Open Forum

**82 Correspondence -**

- repair of light at East End of Village
- winter gritting plan Cambs CC
- Cope News letter
- New sites for Minerals and Waste report.
- Hunts DC new taxi License agreements
- Traffic Accident Reporting – number of accidents at the junction of the B1040 (St Ives to Somersham) and Bluntisham Heath Road, 2003 - 2008
- CALC – 2008 AGM minutes (Draft) and Table of ‘Parochial Fees from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009

**83 Items for next meeting** – nothing to add

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Mrs Alison Brace - Clerk  
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Next Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

these minutes are un-adopted