

# WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> June 09  
at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

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

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

and 2 members of the public

**Item 1 Apologies for Absence** – C. Cllr Mr Steve Criswell, D. Cllr Mr Mike Newman

The Chairman asked the meeting if Item 6 could be brought forward, because the Police attendee had to go back on duty. It was agreed.

**Item 6 Police Report** -There are major problems with young people breaking into cars and a trailer was also stolen. Burglaries are also increasing and items were stolen from Church Street. 25.5.09 & 28.5.09. The public have been asked if they saw anything and cards have been put through doors, answers to come back. In Ramsey this action was taken and they caught the culprits. The main outcome is to let the Police know of any suspicious behaviour as soon as possible. The Police would like to arrange a surgery so the local people can come and talk over the main problems, and also the Police to walk round village and talk to residents. The question of night patrols was raised, and they attend quite regularly, Old Hurst & Woodhurst, but they will take the query back and see if patrols can be increased. Another problem that is happening is thieves are waiting until residents go on holiday and then burgle, but some offenders have been caught and awaiting trial.

**Item 2 Election of Chairman** – Cllr John Nicoll stood down this year and proposed Cllr Alistair Marr, Cllr Andy Notman 2<sup>nd</sup> that Alistair Marr (who agreed) to take over the Chair. All agreed

**Item 3 Election of Vice Chair** – Cllr Terry Huggins agreed to continue with the office of Vice Chair. Cllr Bob Newell proposed and Cllr John Nicoll 2<sup>nd</sup> that Cllr Terry Huggins continue with Vice Chair All Agreed

**Item 4 Election of Councillors to other duties** – Village hall – Cllr Simon West  
Footpaths – Cllr Peter Collins  
Trees - Cllr Terry Huggins & Mr Chris Cannon  
ENVAR – Cllr John Nicoll  
News & Web site – Cllr Andy Notman

**Item 5 Councillors signed** - their Acceptance of Office & Financial Declaration returns.

**Item 6 Open Forum** – the meeting closed for the public.

One of the Residents has a problem with noise from the aircraft flying out of RAF Wyton airport. The noise is so intense that they can't sit out in their garden. Letters have been written to the squadron leader but to no avail. It is has suggested that a village meeting be held and an invitation to attend the meeting to discuss the agreement that should be in place regarding the noise and not flying directly over Woodhurst.  
Cllr Alistair Marr will contact by letter and arrange the advertising of the meeting. The general feeling is that the MOD are a law unto themselves.

The meeting re-opened

**Item 7 Sign Minutes of the Last meeting held on** – 23rd March 2009 Cllr Terry Huggins proposed and Cllr Bob Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> that the minutes be sign as a true record all agreed.

**Item 8 Matters arising** – Parish Tree – near the Garage in Church St will be replaced by Mr Bill Cade Litter Bin at West End of Church St is to have its top replaced.

**Item 9 Members declaration** – none

**Item 10 Internal Auditor** – The Clerk suggested the auditor she used last year, the Chairman thought that there could be village resident who would audit the books, it will be looked into.

**Item 11 Finance** -                   The Clerks salary.....£200.00  
  Woodhurst Village Hall hire fee.....£30.00  
  Cambs County Council..... (£249.00).....£149.00

Cllr Terry Huggins proposed that the payments should be made but not the full amount to Cambs CC because the Red 30 mile an hour boxes have still not been painted on the road and suggested that a new cheque should be raised for £149.00 Cllr Bob Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> and all agreed

**Item 12 Calendar for next year** – ....Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> 09  
  Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 09  
  Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 09  
  Monday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2010  
  Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010  
  Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 Parish meeting  
  Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 Annual Parish Council meeting (AGM)

**Item 13 Phone Box** – The annual rent for the Parish Council to pay is £25.00 forms signed, and a good quality paint to be purchased.

**Item 14 Bus Service** The new bus routes do not serve Woodhurst anymore. Clerk to contact the Bus Companies about the lack of service at least to St Ives to pick up the Guided Bus service The community Bus service “Nene & Ouse” doesn't have Woodhurst on the list.

**Item 15 Parish Street Lighting** – The Clerk to write to highway dept. about the light-post that was removed during the JFMIS road safety works at east end of Woodhurst. The Clerk to put the “Passage lighting” item on the next Agenda.

**Item 16 News Letter** – Now has funding

**Item 17 The Car Parking** – in Church St has now eased

**Item 18 Butt Lane** – The Gate to be placed in Butt Lane to stop fly tipping etc. Is to be a galvanised gate which will not need any maintenance. Cllr Bob Newel to lease with Neil. Cllr John Nicoll proposed and Cllr Bob Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Parish Council should put £100.00 towards the cost all agreed.

**Item 19 RAF Wyton** – covered in Open Forum.

**Item 20 Correspondence** –

Cambridge Acre – news letter  
Cambridge Connections (Bus Project) News Letter  
Cope – news letter  
Hunts DC – Current enforcement cases within your Parish  
Hunts DC – Combined European and County Council  
Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> June 09  
Luminus Group – Leadership and Service Excellence 8<sup>th</sup> July  
09 invitation

**Item 21 Items for next meeting** -

Church Lane Lights  
Notice Board  
Parish Plan  
Countryside Watch  
Order some “Walks around Woodhurst” Pamphlets

Meeting closed at 10pm

**Next Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 09**

Mrs Alison Brace – Clerk

These Minutes are un-adopted

