

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Monday the 22nd March 2010

Present Cllr Alistair Marr - Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins - Vice Chairman
Cllr John Nicoll
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Peter Collins
Cllr Bob Newell
Cllr Simon West
Mrs Elizabeth Pendered – Clerk

Also present - DC Mike Newman

93 Apologies for Absence – CC Steve Criswell

The meeting closed for the County & District Councillors to address the meeting

District Councillor Mike Newman reported that he had nothing new to address the council.

The meeting re-opened

94 To Sign the minutes – for 25th January 2010. Cllr Terry Huggins requested an amendment to the minutes.

95 Matters arising –

- Pond at Swan Weir – Chairman has discussed with the owners and they have confirmed it is being dealt with.
- Cllr Peter Collins requested that `Footpaths` be permanently added as an item for the agenda so he can provide a regular update.

96 Members declaration of Interests for items on the Agenda - none

97 Finance -

Cheques for January – March

Chq 836	SLCC Practioners Guide	£22.00
Chq 837	Moore Stephens Accountants Fees	£329.00
Chq 838	Cambridgeshire County Council Street Lights energy & maintenance	£721.95
Chq 839	SLCC Membership 2010 Subscription fee	£66.00
Chq 840	Clerks Expenses	£63.61

It was commented on that the fees from Moore Stephens were high. The Clerk pointed out that the invoice was for two year's Audit and we did not pay last year. It was also commented on that the fees for the street lights were considerably higher than last year. Cllr Simon West said that the rates have increased by 40% in the last year. DC Mike Newman pointed out that Pidley made all their street lights meet the County Council Standards and now don't pay anything for their electricity. This cost around £20,000 over a period of about 3 years.

98 Bus Routes – Chairman will send the Clerk the email updates that he receives.

- 99 Passage Lighting** – Chairman reported that he has not heard anything since applying for the grant. It was also discussed given the rise in the cost of electricity is it something we should be putting on hold for now. Chairman will look again into solar lighting as an option.
- 100 Potholes** – Chairman and Clerk reported that they had both made reports to the Council and work to the road had been completed. The Council have been out to make repairs at least twice since the reports were made, however the road is still in a poor state. DC Mike Newman suggested that they may be coming back round to complete the work once the weather improves.
- 101 Roadside Litter** – Chairman and Clerk reported that they had both notified the Council and that in response they had been round collecting. Given the proximity to the Refuse Recycling & Collection Centre we are likely to have an ongoing problem with litter and fly-tipping.
- 102 Street Names** – A letter has been received from John Meagre, HDC, confirming that the street names were in the process of being altered as requested.
- 103 Parish Lamp Post** – Clerk reported that the previous clerk still has this in hand and will continue to chase.
- 104 Litter Bin** – Clerk reported that she has had correspondence with the relevant department at the Council and it is being dealt with, she will continue to chase.
- 105 Countryside Watch** – Cllr Bob Newell reported that nothing had been reported to him and it was all very quiet in comparison to some surrounding villages. We should continue to be vigilant and report suspicious vehicles. Scrap metal and fuel thefts were most prevalent.
- 106 Track Racing** – The clerk reported that this will not be taking place in Woodhurst this year.
- 107 New Clerk's training/Other training sessions** – It was agreed that the clerk could sign up for the CiLCA course starting in May 2010 at a cost of £350. This was proposed by Cllr Terry Huggins and Cllr Bob Newell 2nd. The clerk reported that she has 2 years to complete the 5 sessions and at the suggestion of CPALC it was the best course for her to take. It was also agreed that Cllr Peter Collins could attend a course on Introduction to Public Rights of Way Legislation and Responsibilities on 19th May for P3 Co-ordinators at a cost of £35. This was proposed by Cllr Bob Newell and Cllr Alistair Marr 2nd. Cheque 841 was issued.

108 Correspondence –

- SHLAA Update: Part A: Market Housing – Public Consultation documents
- Luminus Group Newsletter
- HDC Kerbside Glass recycling letter
- Letter from NSPCC
- Letter from Energy Saving Trust
- Letter re Paterson's Licensing Law Conferences
- NHS letter re Hinchingsbrooke Hospital
- Community Action magazine
- COMMA Fund 2010 letter
- CPALC Winter Bulletin
- Lottery Fund Letter

Mrs Elizabeth Pendered - Clerk

Next Meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting 19th April 2010
Woodhurst Parish Council AGM 17th May 2010.

These minutes are un-adopted