

WOODHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Tuesday 26th April 2011 at 7.30pm in Village Hall, St John's Close.

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

C Cllr Steve Criswell
D.Cllr Mike Newman

Mrs Elizabeth Pendered – Clerk

Also present - 6 members of the Public

Item 1 **Welcome** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2 **Apologies for Absence** – none

Item 3 **To Sign Minutes of the Meeting** – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th April 2010 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting

Item 4 **Matters Arising** – nothing to report

Item 5 **Chairmans Report** – see attached

Item 6 **Finance** -

The Parish Council started the year 2010/2011 with a balance of **£6,125.41**

Receipts	£
Precept	4500.00
Bank Interest	1.04
Parish Path Partnership (P3)	225.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
VAT Reclaim	52.82
TOTAL	4803.86

Payments	£
General Admin	2680.00
Maintenance	669.90
Legal Fees	186.00
Subscriptions	195.11
Parish Path Partnership (P3)	225.00
Insurances	307.09
S137	0.00
VAT Paid	61.42
TOTAL	4324.52

Leaving a balance to carry forward of **£6,604.75**

It was pointed out again that the Parish Council still hold £1,500 grant funds specifically for the Parish Plan.

Item 7 Village Organisations -

- **Village Hall** – see report attached given by Annabel Armstrong
- **PCC St John the Baptist Church** – see report attached given by Shirley Firth
- **Natural Woodhurst** – see report attached given by Karen Holley
- **Parish Plan** - see report attached given by Gary Davies

Item 8 Open Forum –

Annabel Armstrong asked the Parish Council to look into the illegal parking blocking access to pedestrians on Church St. She also said that the bench seat in memory of Les Bass was going ahead and a very generous amount had been donated to make it possible.

Peter Collins wanted it noted that the verges at the end of Wheatsheaf Road were getting very high and could the clerk please request that they are cut back.

Terry Huggins made the point that whilst we are all enjoying the glorious sunshine and warm weather, farmers` crops would be hit very hard unless we got some rain.

Bob Newell wanted to point out that a high volume of beer/cider cans continue to be thrown into the ditches and fields. Annabel Armstrong said she has picked up over 80. The litter problem appeared to be getting worse. Shirley Firth said there will no longer be a supply of dog bags available.

DC Mike Newman wanted to pass on a message of thanks. "I shall not be seeking re election to the District Council in May of this year. Another term of office would take me into my 80s and having served in local government for 50 years as an elected member I feel the time has come to retire. I have represented Woodhurst since reorganisation in 1974 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Regards Mike Newman."

The Chairman closed the Parish meeting at 8pm and thanked everybody for attending.

An extraordinary meeting was then held to discuss two planning applications:

Planning Ref 1100609FUL Approval recommended by all

Planning Ref 1100610LBC Approval recommended by all

(These minutes are unadopted by the council)