

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY 2012

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr - Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Neil Farbon

D/Cllr Graham Bull
Karen Holley, Natural Woodhurst

18. **Apologies and reasons for absence** – received from the Clerk, C/Cllr Steve Criswell, Cllr Simon West and Cllr Alvin Augstein. Apologies received late from Cllr James Mayall
19. **Declarations of Interest** – none received
20. **Public Forum** – nothing from any members of public
21. **Clerk's report** –
- New Code of Conduct was adopted as per Localism Act 2011, all agreed.
 - Clerks training requirements, Power of Competence and Year end accounts, were approved and agreed by all.
 - Risk Assessment has been duly completed
22. **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2012 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.
23. **Public Footpaths** – Cllr Farbon reported that cutting has been a problem. It was reported that the original footpath booklet has been lost. Cllr Farbon will get some copied and Cllr Marr and Cllr Farbon with the help from Natural Woodhurst will look into updating it.
24. **Countryside Watch** – Agricultural sprays being stolen in various places. A John Deere tractor was recovered at Felixstowe Docks. Caravan recovered on M11.
25. **Village Plan** – no update.
26. **Natural Woodhurst** – a report was received covering future events and meetings:
- Shortlisted for Green Hearts
 - Benches – Ridges Pond has been completed by Gary Davis and West End by Christian Prescott
 - Planting – all completed
 - Church Bungalows – some weeding is required
 - Swan Weir – will be cleared, been advised to remove Ash Tree
 - Church – clearing planned for Autumn
 - Ridges Pond – some clearance has been done
 - Conservation area – a work party has been planned. Cllr Notman questioned how we could measure the success of the work that has been done there. Natural Woodhurst will do a feature for the newsletter
 - Butt Lane – maintenance cut
27. **Quality Council** – no update.

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28. **Village Sign** – waiting arrival of new post. Natural Woodhurst to advise when planting bed around the base of the sign.
29. **Community Engagement Statement** – no update, to be included with Quality Council on next agenda
30. **Bus Shelter** – Clerk to purchase “No Smoking” signs and keep available.
31. **Correspondence:**
- Connecting Cambs – Better Broadband Campaign – good uptake from Cambridgeshire, Woodhurst having one of the higher percentages
 - The Clerk Magazine
 - Countryside Watch Magazine
 - Treework at The Willows
 - Planning letter regarding Envar
 - Clerks and Councils Direct magazine
- All correspondence was received.
32. **Finance**
- Cheques were approved and issued for:
 - HDC re Election fees £105.00 Chq 894
 - Village Hall rent £60.00 Chq 895
 - It was approved that Cllr Farbon would become a countersignatory on the bank account
 - Q1 report received and approved
33. **Items for next meeting** – Village plan and Quality Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

These minutes are unadopted by the Council