

# Woodhurst Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

### Present

Cllr Alistair Marr – Chairman  
Cllr Terry Huggins  
Cllr Simon West  
Cllr Alvin Augstein

CCllr Steve Criswell

34. **Apologies and reasons for absence** – received from Cllr Neil Farbon and Cllr Andy Notman. Late apologies were received from Cllr James Mayall.
35. **Declarations of Interest** – none received
36. **Public Forum** – no members of public present
- CCllr Steve Criswell reported that Woodhurst had a very good uptake in the Better Broadband Campaign.
  - He also reported that it is likely that the No 22 bus service may be withdrawn.
37. **Clerk's report** –
- The Clerk has completed the training on Power of Competence and can now submit the new section 7 to remain a qualified Clerk. This was approved by all.
  - The Clerk reported that she recommends the Council adopt the District Council's Code of Conduct when this is possible, six months from the adoption of the NALC Code.
  - The Clerk reported that she had looked into a "No Smoking" sign for the bus shelter and found one on Amazon for £2.49. Cllr Simon West suggested that he may have one in the Village Hall and will look into it.
38. **Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.
39. **Public Footpaths** – Cllr Augstein wanted to record the comments he had heard about the high level standard to which our footpaths are maintained. It was suggested that a comment is made in the next newsletter.
40. **Countryside Watch** – Cllr Huggins reported that it remains important to be vigilant as seems to be quite a lot of "activity". Cllr West reported that there had been some disturbance in his garden but nothing was taken.
41. **Village Plan** – no update as Cllr Notman absent. To be carried over to next meeting.
42. **Natural Woodhurst** – no update as no members present.
43. **Quality Council** – no update as Cllr Notman absent. To be carried over to next meeting.
44. **Village Sign** – Cllr Huggins and Cllr Marr will re-fix post base now it has been repaired towards the end of this month, and after the flowers at the base have all died back.
45. **Community Engagement Statement** – no update as Cllr Notman absent. To be carried over to next meeting.

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**46. Green Bins** – Cllr Steve Criswell reported that the County Council have to make savings and it considered that the provision of a second green bin is an enhanced service that by charging could help with the budget. It hasn't been approved at Government level yet so it is still a proposal.

**47. Correspondence:**

- Clerks & Councils Direct
- The Clerk Magazine
- Audit Commission re new external auditors
- Huntingdonshire Matters leaflets – the link will be posted on the website and included in the next newsletter
- Balfour Beatty street light maintenance renewal – Cllr Simon West will look into this and it was agreed that the Clerk will make contact with BB regarding improvements to PCC street lights
- Planning Application 1201239FUL – the application was approved
- NHS Keeping in touch

All correspondence was received.

**48. Finance**

- Cheques were all approved and raised for:
  - 100896 £35.00 CAPALC Clerk's GPC training
  - 100897 £270.00 B&P Joinery to repair village sign
  - 100898 £176.40 Moore Stephens external audit fee
  - 100899 £313.57 Suffolk Acre insurance renewal
  - 100900 £34.99 Mrs E Pendered ink cartridges
  - 100901 £20.00 SLCC re Clerk's GPC section 7 CiLCA submission
  - 100902 £40.00 Cambridge ACRE renewal
- Year End accounts audit has now been completed

**49. Items for next meeting** – Village plan, Quality Council and Community Engagement Statement

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

These minutes are unadopted by the Council