

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2013

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr – Chairman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Simon West
Cllr Neil Farbon
Cllr Andy Notman

DCllr Graham Bull, plus two members of the public and two PCSO

83. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from CCllr Steve Criswell, Cllr Alvin Augstein
Cllr James Mayall

84. Declarations of Interest – none received

85. Public Forum – Tony Reynolds commented on item 93 in relation to the posts opposite the entrance to The Grange. He said that Highways had put the posts in following a phone call he had made to them. The purpose being to stop lorries from damaging the roadside surface as they turn into and out of the entrance.

PCSO Vicky Docking and PCSO Phil Davis commented on the thefts in the village being wooden gates, the break-in on Church Street (suspect has been caught and charged), and heating oil in South Street. The main area of priority is neighbourhood policing, following a spate of anti-social behaviour in Warboys.

86. Clerk's report –

- The Clerk commented that despite following the correct procedure the application made to LHis for Church Passage had not been received and presented to the selection panel. CCllr Steve Criswell will be investigating the matter further.

87. Minutes – The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2013 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

88. Public Footpaths – Cllr Farbon reported all were in relatively good order despite being waterlogged.

89. Countryside Watch – Cllr Huggins reported that it remains important to be vigilant as seems to be quite a lot of activity in surrounding villages. A 360 digger, worth £300,000 had been stolen from Warwickshire and had been recovered due to its 'tracker' being triggered near Farcet.

90. Village Plan – Cllr Notman reported it is being proof read and will be printed by Easter.

91. Natural Woodhurst – see report attached.

92. Quality Council – Cllr Notman reported no further progress. A newsletter was distributed advertising the first of the planned Council surgeries which was held on Saturday 16th March. It was hosted by CCllr Criswell, Cllr Notman and Cllr Marr and proved to be useful. Matters arising from that were:

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- South street grips
- Wheatsheaf Road and B1040 (Somersham – St Ives) junction
- Trees planted too near the road

93. **Highways** – Cllr Huggins was content with the response given from Tony Reynolds, The Grange regarding the posts.

94. **Correspondence:**

- Clerks & Councils Direct
- The Clerk Magazine
- Planning application ref 1300284TREE – as this was being overseen by the HDC tree warden there was no comment to be made

All correspondence was received.

95. **Finance**

- Cheques were all approved and raised for:
 - 100912 £50.00 Andy Notman - newsletter expenses
 - 100913 £40.00 Village Hall rent 16th Jan and 20th Mar
 - 100914 £100.00 SLCC membership renewal
- Street lights quote had not yet been received so discussion postponed till next meeting
- Internal auditing process has been reviewed and it was agreed that Mr Charles Paull would be invited to carry out the audit for the council again this year. A letter will be sent.

96. **Items for next meeting –**

- Street light repairs – request a report of maintenance work carried out
- LHIS update

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

These minutes are un-adopted by the council

Woodhurst Parish Council

Natural Woodhurst Report for Parish Council Wednesday 20.03.13

Since last PC meeting

A quiet few months. Trees checked in Butt Lane and all growing fine. Plants identified for Village tubs, Tree Seat and new raised bed outside Church Bungalow. Bench at West End under repair.

Issue outstanding:

Removing old post stump - Natural Woodhurst has tried several methods including heavy duty cordless drill, to no avail! Alistair Marr to try again.

Diary

Friday March 22nd Social Evening, The Crown Broughton

Saturday April 13th Revetment Maintenance

Monday April 22nd Amphibians by Torchlight

Sunday May 19th Dawn Chorus Walk & hot breakfast rolls

June 19th Bat Walk BBQ and Moth Trapping

Spring Workplan

As well as revetment weeding and planting, will be planting up tubs and tree seat for summer. Plus (once post stump removed!) building and planting the new raised bed in front of Church Bungalows. In addition Village Website will be updated with latest projects.