

# Woodhurst Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

### Present

Cllr Alistair Marr – Chairman  
Cllr Terry Huggins  
Cllr Alvin Augstein  
Cllr Simon West  
Cllr Neil Farbon  
Cllr Andy Notman  
Cllr James Mayall

CCllr Steve Criswell  
CCllr Graham Bull  
Ruth & Phil Clarke, Natural Woodhurst  
Karen Holley, Natural Woodhurst  
Amanda Augstein, Clerk

**38 Apologies and reasons for absence** – received from PCSO Jill Tiernan

**39 Declarations of Interest** – none received

**40 Public Forum** – There were no members of the public present

- Cllr Notman suggested discussing further the power-cut taking place on 26 September 2013 and the effect it will have on businesses and parishioners in Woodhurst. He will add to newsletter
- Cllr Mayall was contacted by a parishioner regarding outcome of Parish Plan and suggested an open forum/meeting to review the plan and strategies arising. Cllr Notman to include in newsletter.
- CCllr Criswell gave updates on following:
  - Guided Bus settlement agreed between BAM Nuttall and County Council.
  - A14 Toll Road dates for public forum/consultation: 17 & 18 September. Huntingdon Race Course, 1-8pm & 11-8pm, 19 & 20 September Cambridge (Grafton Centre) 9-5pm. He suggested it would be very useful for Parish Councillors to attend and raise any concerns & make representations.
  - Faster Broadband roll-out has been updated in Somersham. Cllr Marr requested that the Warboys update was chased, to speed up the process for Woodhurst, preferably before the Connecting Cambridgeshire end of 2015 roll-out.
  - Local Authorities' annual expenditure target reduction would severely affect some local services in the future.
  - Cllr Bull advised that the outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the former Alconbury Airfield with 1000 dwellings will be made in October.

**41 Clerk's report** – The Clerk reported that Q1 has been reconciled. Still awaiting year-end accounts from HDC. These were submitted by Mrs E Pendered in June 2013.

**42 Minutes** – The minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

**43 Public Footpaths** – Cllr Farbon reported the 70-acre had been ploughed, and the footpath reinstated and landowners were keeping to their obligations by keeping the pathways clear. It was brought to Council's attention that the northern end of the Pidley path was becoming overgrown. A member of WPC would contact the owner to advise.

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- 44 Countryside Watch** – Cllr Huggins reported that there had been several police raids on travellers' sites in Cambridgeshire and other parts of the country, to recover artefacts stolen from local museums & auction rooms.
- 45 Natural Woodhurst** – Phil Clark reviewed the management plan for the Conservation Area at Oldhurst Road and presented this to the meeting.
- 46 Highways** – Cllr Huggins reported that the cast iron grate is still protruding into the main road just opposite the West End turn. Although the Highways Department have been out to repair, it appears that the grate hasn't been secured with fixings. This needs to be reported to HDC Highways department again. Clerk to action. The 30 mph repeater sign at the West End of Church Street has been knocked over and is in poor repair, possibly needing replacement. Contact HDC to advise. Cllr Notman mentioned tractors speeding through the village during the past few weeks. It was agreed to write to the farmer concerned. Questions were raised regarding the new A14 Toll Road and the effect it may have on local villages via alternative routes and 'rat-runs'. It was agreed that representations should be made to the local MP and MEP (see item 40 – Cllr Criswell's report).
- 47 Bus Shelter** – Cllr Farbon reported that, Julie Brook, who had previously arranged the decoration of the bus shelter was happy for it to be redecorated. A 'poppy' theme for the 2014 WWI centenary was agreed and Cllr Notman will put a notice in the newsletter, inviting ideas from parishioners by December, possibly to include poppies and the names/dates of the residents who fought during WWI.
- 48 Codes of Conduct** – Cllr Marr received information on training available from HDC at either council meetings or a separate meeting. It was agreed extra training/information on adopted codes and potential changes would be helpful to councillors and it was decided a separate meeting would be more suitable for attending. Cllr Marr proposed. Cllr Huggins seconded the motion.
- 49 Connecting Cambridgeshire** – see item 40 (CCllr Criswell's update).
- 50 Planning** – no planning permissions to discuss
- 51 Correspondence:**
- Clerks & Councils Direct
  - The Clerk Magazine
  - Huntingdonshire Health Walks Brochures – handed out and Cllr Notman to put extras in phone box
  - Lighting Services Letter – file
  - Envar Liaison Committee Meeting Information – Cllr Marr to attend 18.9.13 4pm
  - HDC letter re Permitted Development Rights
- 52 Finance**
- Cheque 100922 CAPALC **£200.00**: Clerk's Intensive Training (2-day)
  - Cheque 100923 A Notman **£52.50**: Printing Costs for Village Flyers
  - Cheque 100924 Cambridgeshire ACRE **£36.00**: Membership Renewal
  - Cheque 100925 Suffolk ACRE Services: **£322.08**: Insurance Renewal (3-Year Loyalty discount)
  - Cheque 100926 Mrs E Pendered **£142.50**: Preparation of year-end accounts/hand-over
  - Streetlights – add to November meeting agenda
  - Year End Accounts – awaiting return from HDC
- 53 Items for next meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 7.30pm**
- Street light repairs – steering group report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm. *These minutes are unadopted by the Council*