

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 11th November 2015

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr
Cllr James Mayall
Cllr Neil Farbon
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Terry Huggins

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

44. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from, Cllr Alvin Augstein, Cllr Simon West.

45. Declarations of Interest – None

46. Public Forum – one member of the public expressed concern about the speed of traffic through the village and enquired if any physical measures could be taken to prevent this, for example gates at the entrance to the village. Cllr Marr informed that this would be a matter for HDC and comments would be passed onto them.

47. Minutes - the minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

48. Natural Woodhurst / Countryside Watch – Natural Woodhurst reported that a new Secretary had been appointed. The cleaning of the pond had gone smoothly with much less weed to remove than last year. The reeds have been cut back which helps with visibility for road users. Winter plants are to be purchased for the tubs and beds. Cllr Notman enquired if Natural Woodhurst were planning to clear Ridge's Pond in the near future and if this could be taken on as a project.

Countryside Watch reported that hare coursing continues and police have seized both vehicles and dogs. A fish poacher has been caught and fined in Godmanchester. Diesel and heating oil continues to be targeted, while other local crimes are mainly domestic with cash and jewellery being stolen.

Foothpaths were discussed with Cllr Farbon reporting that he had spoken to HDC and confirmed that there is no responsibility for WPC to maintain any of the village verges.

49. Traffic – Cllr Notman reported that he had been unable to obtain any information regarding past traffic surveys carried out in the village. Cllr Huggins offered equipment and forms to carry out a new survey. It was suggested that this was completed at the end of January 2016. Cllr Notman to advertise for volunteers and organise.

50. Planning - Application 15/01912/HHFUL Port Lodge. This was discussed and it was decided that it would not detract from the street scene and so approval was recommended. Cllr Marr proposed, Cllr Notman seconded.

Wyton development – No further update.

51. Street Lighting – No date for installation has been confirmed. Cllr Marr to chase.

52. Anglian Water – It was felt that there is a need to confirm if the sewage system in the village is at capacity. This would affect future planning application. Cllr Notman to draft a letter to Anglian Water asking for written confirmation.

53. Correspondence – A letter has been received regarding boundary changes.

54. Finance – No cheques to be issued.

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55. Items for next meeting to be held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 – Street Lighting, Wyton Development, Traffic Survey.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm.