

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 13th January 2016

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr
Cllr Simon West
Cllr Neil Farbon
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Alvin Augstein
Cllr Graham Bull

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

56. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from, Cllr James Mayall. Cllr Steve Criswell

57. Declarations of Interest – None

58. Public Forum – A member of the public informed the council of a problem with one of the village streetlights and enquired if this was going to be repaired. Information was requested about whether a traffic survey was to be held as there was still some concern regarding HGV movements through the village. Cllr Notman stated that any survey needed to be more detailed than first thought and it was taking longer to plan than expected. The pros and cons of traffic calming measures within the village were discussed. The council was asked if they kept a record of accidents in and around the village. It was stated that this did not happen but all accidents reported to the police would be lodged with Highways and are available to view online.

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

60. Countryside Watch / Natural Woodhurst –

Countryside Watch reported that hare coursing had taken place in Cambridgeshire over the Christmas period with a number of arrests being made by Cambs. Police. There have been less thefts of diesel and heating oil over the last few months, general crimes are also down. Theft of lead has increased recently so Cllr Marr suggested that the church alarm was tested, Cllr Farbon agreed to complete.

Natural Woodhurst – Nothing to report.

61. Traffic – Cllr Notman is in the process of organising a survey. Cllr Bull to email information that may be of help.

62. Planning - Application 15/02200/HHFUL – 3 St. John's Close, plans were viewed and discussed. No objections were raised and approval was granted.

Wyton development – No further information still awaiting completion of local plan.

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

64. Footpaths – Cllr Augstein expressed concern regarding the condition of the footpath outside Horseshoe Cottage and adjacent to Abbots Close and Moot Way. He suggested that some of the budget was used to employ a contractor to complete various maintenance jobs throughout the year. AA proposed, TH seconded.

65. Election 2016 – Information regarding the timetable for the forthcoming election was given to Councillors.

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- 66. Parish Clerk Courses** – Clerk to attend a finance course on 12th February 2016.
- 67. Correspondence** – A letter was received from HDC regarding grounds maintenance services.
- 68. Finance – Cheques to be issued** Cllr Notman requested a payment for webspace invoice.
Budget 2016 / 17 – The 2016/17 Budget requirements were discussed.
- 69. Items for next meeting on 9th March 2016** – Maintenance, Streetlights, Foothpaths.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm.