

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 16th March 2016

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr James Mayall
Cllr Steve Criswell

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

70. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from, Cllr Simon West, Cllr Graham Bull, Cllr Alvin Augstein, Cllr Neil Furbon

71. Declarations of Interest – None

72. Public Forum – Email received from a member of the public enquiring what had been done about the issue with the verge on the side of Wheatsheaf Road. Cllr Notman confirmed that this was not something that could be completed by the Parish Council.

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

74. Countryside Watch – Cllr Huggins reported that he had attended the AGM of Cambridgeshire Countryside Watch on 18th February 2016 where the Chief Constable gave a speech with an overview of rural crime and emphasised that it is an important element of policing in Cambridgeshire. Hare coursing is still going on but has been slowed by weather conditions. There have been a number of incidents in local villages including road traffic accidents, burglary and damage to vehicles. On Sunday 13th March police were contacted by staff from a hospital in Nottingham regarding a kidney that had become available for transplant. Police contacted the family of the 8 year old recipient and were able to transport the boy from Ramsey to the hospital.

75. Traffic – Cllr Criswell informed the meeting that at the Wheatsheaf Road crossroads the white lines had been reinstated and the signage improved. Accident data has been analysed and most accidents are occurring during off peak times. Traffic calming was discussed and Cllr Criswell advised that all bids for work needed to be submitted by October 2016.

76. Planning – Application 16/00480/TREE – the application was discussed and recommended for approval.

Wyton Development – no new information to report.

77. Street Lighting – installation now completed and good reports received from residents.

78. Footpaths – No current issues.

79. Election 2016 – Information and election forms were given to Councillors. Cllr Notman to produce and distribute an information leaflet to all houses in the village.

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80. Maintenance Role – This role was discussed and concern was expressed regarding the implications of employing someone. Cllr Huggins suggested contacting Warboys Parish Council regarding sub contracting their maintenance people for a few hours each month.

81. Correspondence – A letter was received from HDC the village litter bins. Only HDC bins will be emptied. Councillors discussed the necessity of retaining all the bins.

A letter requesting donations has been received from Magpas. Cllr Marr proposed a donation of £100 was made and Cllr Notman seconded this.

82. Finance – Cheques were issued

- i. Cambridge County Council – Street Light energy £496.49
- ii. Balfour Beatty – Street light works £4172.52
- iii. Woodhurst Village Hall – Hire of hall £270.00

83. Items for next meeting on Wednesday 11th May 2016 – Bins, Maintenance Role.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm.