

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 20th July 2016

Present

Cllr Neil Farbon – Part Chairing Meeting
Cllr Alistair Marr – Part attendance / chairing meeting
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Liz Bosworth
Cllr Alan Bosworth
CCllr Steve Criswell

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

35. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from, Cllr Graham Bull

36. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Notman registered an interest with planning application 16/01399/TRCA.

37. Public Forum – No comments made.

38. Minutes - the minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and duly signed as a true record of the meeting with one amendment.

39. WPC Vacancy – Cllr Alan Bosworth expressed his concern that the vacancy was not discussed before it was advertised. He was informed that there was not a requirement to discuss the vacancy as it was standard practice for parish councils to follow due process by filling any councillor vacancies. Cllr Alan Bosworth requested that in future all discussions should be made open to all. Andrew Pendered asked to be considered for the vacancy and was voted in by Cllrs Marr, Farbon, Notman and Huggins.

40. Countryside Watch – Little to report on farms and land in the area. No hare coursing has been reported and only a few minor domestic break ins.

41. Planning:

Application 16/01399/TRCA – no objections.

Application 16/01166FUL – this was discussed at length including a detailed objection from a member of the public. It was felt the barn was not in proportion to the field and would have a considerable effect on the village landscape. It was voted for an objection to be placed by the Parish Council.

42. Village Hall – Cllr Liz Bosworth informed the meeting that the Feast Week celebrations have been successful and a fuller report would be given after the next Village Hall meeting.

43. Footpaths – Cllr Farbon to contact Pidley Parish Clerk to enquire about the mowing of the path connecting Pidley and Woodhurst. The residents of Swan Weir are obtaining quotes to replace the posts around the pond.

44. First Responder – Cheque signed.

45. Speedwatch – Cllr Alan Bosworth reported that 5 volunteers had been obtained. However, he feels Speedwatch is not suitable for the needs of Woodhurst and that a recording strip would give more useful data. The possibility of hiring one was discussed, Cllr Marr to research this.

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46. Insurance – As there is no notice of interest for the Parish Council and the Village Hall it was decided that it would be best to keep the insurance separate.

47. Maintenance – A price of £15 per hour has been quoted by Warboys Parish Council for completion of various maintenance work in the village. Fosters Horticulture have quoted £25 per hour and J. Jinks of Abbots Close has quoted £15 per hour. This was discussed and it was decided to engage J. Jinks on a six month trial. Cllr Farbon to organise letter.

48. East End – Cllr Huggins commented that the sign for East End should be reinstated. This was discussed and it was felt that due to the time period since this area of the village was known as East End any reinstatement of the name would be confusing for residents and delivery drivers.

49. Aims For The Year – Cllr Alan Bosworth felt it was important to plan the budget for next year and go forward with aims to be achieved. Cllr Farbon expressed an interest in providing some training on planning applications. Cllr Notman felt training on Parish Council processes would also be beneficial. CCllr Criswell informed the Councillors that bids for highways work could be made until the end of September, this will be discussed in full at the next meeting. The pond fencing was discussed and Cllr Farbon informed the meeting that the residents of Swan Weir were checking with CCC on who's responsibility it was to maintain this.

50. Correspondence – New bus timetables have been received, which are to be displayed on the noticeboard and made available in the phone-box. As agreed last year a letter is to be sent to local farmers reminding them of the effect of farm vehicles coming through the village at this time of year.

51. Finance – Cheque issued to the First Responder.

52. Items for the next meeting – Highways funding.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:50.