

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 7th September 2016

Present

Cllr Alistair Marr – chairing meeting
Cllr Farbon
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Liz Bosworth
Cllr Alan Bosworth
CCllr Steve Criswell – part attendance

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

53. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from Cllr Notman.

54. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Huggins declared an interest in planning application 16/00080/OUT.

55. Public Forum – Karen Holley asked if the insurance for Natural Woodhurst could be included in the Parish Council insurance. Cllr Marr commented that it would be sensible to include Natural Woodhurst in the general business of the Parish Council. A fair amount of the work previously carried out by Natural Woodhurst could be given to the maintenance man.

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the amount of surface water draining into the pond from the road. Cllr Marr explained that this was not something that could be dealt with by the Parish Council as the road is a matter for HDC and the pond is owned privately.

CCllr Criswell reminded the PC that the deadline for applications for funding of traffic calming measures is the end of November.

CCllr Criswell informed the meeting that there was nothing further to report regarding the Wyton development.

CCllr Criswell left the meeting at 19:52.

56. Minutes - the minutes of the last meeting were read and two amendments were requested.

57. Countryside Watch – Cllr Huggins reported that there had been hare coursing at Swaffham Prior and a break in on South Street last week when residents were away on holiday. Cllr Liz Bosworth stated that she had emailed the local police and received no reply. It was suggested that she continues by emailing the Chief Commissioner.

58. Planning – An appeal has been made for planning application 16/00080/OUT, the Cllrs did not wish to add any extra comments on this.

59. Footpaths – Cllr Farbon had nothing to report and has not yet contacted the Pidley PC.

60. Parish Newsletter – Cllr Farbon feels the village is missing out by not receiving a newsletter, especially those not using the internet and facebook. He suggested that an advert is put up for someone to produce and deliver this four times a year. Cllr Alan Bosworth suggested that this could include a breakdown of police advice on security. Cllr Farbon to produce an advert.

61. Maintenance – Cllr Farbon has spoken to a possible candidate and produced a contract. Cllr Liz Bosworth felt this was necessary to do, but should also include having sight of public liability insurance. It was agreed that the letter should be used, Cllr Farbon to organise.

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62. Training Sessions – It was agreed that Cllr Marr, Farbon, Pendered and Notman would attend the training sessions.

63. Aims for the Year – Cllr Huggins feels the village sign should be replaced outside Church Bungalows. Cllr Marr stated that Cllr Notman had already contacted HDC regarding this. Cllr Huggins also commented on the overgrown vegetation around the pond. Cllr Marr said this was a difficult area as the pond is privately owned. Due to the safety issue it was suggested that the owners of the pond were contacted regarding this. Cllr Liz Bosworth spoke about the plan for the new village hall and asked questions regarding this from the public. The Village Hall Committee are now planning to put all their efforts into fund raising for this.

64. Correspondence – None.

65. Finance – No cheques were issued.

66. Items for the next meeting – Highways funding.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:47.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th October 2016.