

Woodhurst Parish Council

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON Wednesday 12th October 2016

Present

Cllr Neil Farbon – Chairing meeting
Cllr Andy Notman
Cllr Terry Huggins
Cllr Liz Bosworth
Cllr Alan Bosworth
CCllr Graham Bull – part attendance

Sarah Mizuro, Clerk

67. Apologies and reasons for absence – received from Cllr Pendered, Cllr Marr, CCllr Criswell.

68. Declarations of Interest – None received.

69. Public Forum – An email has been received expressing appreciation for the grass cutting carried out in the village. CCllr Bull informed the meeting that currently it is understood that the planning application for the Wyton development will be submitted between March and June 2017. There is still a lot of concern regarding the impact on the transport network.

70. Minutes - the minutes of the last meeting were read and two amendments were agreed.

71. Finance – A sample finance report was presented and it was agreed that this should be used for each meeting with the addition of an accrual column. Cllr Farbon proposed and Cllr Huggins seconded the movement of £1000 from the savings account to the current account.

Cheques issued:

Somersham PC £30.00
J. Jeakins £52.50
L. Alsop £15.00
B. Bryan – Harris £15.00
CAS Insurance £280.96

72. Countryside Watch – Hare coursing is the main activity at present in the countryside, followed by domestic burglaries in surrounding villages. There have been a few minor road accidents, mostly caused by excess speed. A cheque of £440.00 has been passed to Cllr Huggins by Johnsons of Old Hurst for rent of the Townlands Charity field.

73. Planning Applications – None.

74. Village Hall – The village hall committee has been informed that the original estimate guide price for the village hall build was incorrect and the actual figure will be far higher. This is a lot for a village of this size to raise but in order to apply for grants fund raising must be seen to be continuing.

75. Footpaths – Cllr Farbon informed the meeting that the lack of second cut in Butts Lane has been logged on the council website.

76. Parish Newsletter – an job advert has been placed on Facebook for this to be produced and distributed, but there have been no applicants. Cllr L Bosworth suggested contacting local school to advertise there. It was agreed that until an employee could be found for the job Cllr Farbon would collate

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the information and Cllr Notman would complete the layout and send to a printers. It was agreed that the first copy should be ready for distribution by the end of November.

77. Natural Woodhurst – It was agreed that Karen Holley should be contacted and asked what funds remain in the Natural Woodhurst account. There was a discussion regarding who would carry out the planting and maintenance of the pots and planters. Cllr A Bosworth suggested this could be done under the maintenance contract. To be discussed at the next meeting when further information has been obtained.

78. Highways Funding – It was agreed that the bollards at either end of the village could do with being replaced. SM and Cllr Farbon to look into the application process.

79. Maintenance – Since the last meeting work has been undertaken. J. Jeakins has submitted a signed contract and copies of his insurance and risk assessment. It was suggested that the next job required is leaf clearing.

80. Precept 2017 – A draft budget is to be prepared and sent to Councillors for full discussion at the next meeting.

81. Correspondence

Letter regarding possible meeting about the local plan.

Letter offering free trees for all parishes – this was discussed and it was agreed that the PC has no suitable land for this.

82. Items for the next meeting – Parish Newsletter, Highways Funding, Precept 2017, Meeting Dates.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:21

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2016.