

OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in Old Hurst Village Hall on Wednesday 17th September 2014.

Councillors present: Mr. G. Bull, Mr. M. Fox, Mrs. G. Godby, Mrs. J. Pearce, Mrs. L. Sawyer (Chairman) & Mrs. E. Taylor.

Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) and 5 parishioners.

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Cllr. S. Criswell (personal).
2. **Declarations of interest:** None received.
3. **Public participation:** Parishioners present raised concerns regarding the speed of the traffic and the early morning lorry movements on The Lane.
4. **Councillor vacancy:** There remains a vacancy for a councillor on the Parish Council. No election is required and the Parish Council is permitted to co-opt to fill the vacancy.
5. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 23rd July and 21st August 2014:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
6. **St. Ives Area Road Safety Committee:** The Chairman asked for a volunteer to attend the bi-monthly meetings at St. Ives Town Hall. Cllr. Fox will consider whether he is able to attend and advise the Chairman.
7. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - a) Repairs to roads and footpaths – The Clerk had finally received a response from Luminus saying that the issue of tenants cars being parked on the grass verge and on the new footpath and ramp, and the problem of rubbish building up in the garden had been passed to their anti-social behaviour team. The Clerk was still awaiting a response regarding the state of the footpath which is crossed by vehicles accessing the Luminus property adjacent to the Village Hall.
Highways Improvement Scheme 2014 (traffic island at the junction of The Lane and St. Ives Road) – plans are currently undergoing a safety audit.
The pot hole which appeared on St. Ives Road, just after the junction with The Lane has been reported and repaired.
 - b) Time banking – The Clerk had provided copies of an email and report from the Clerk to Warboys Parish Council, regarding their plans to set up a time bank. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should reply saying that Old Hurst would be interested in joining a scheme set up by Warboys Parish Council and would prefer to share the costs by donating a fixed sum per annum to be based pro rata on population.
 - e) Speedwatch – The Chairman invited Val Edwards from Speedwatch to address the Council. Mrs Edwards advised that since the last meeting problems had arisen between Mr. McCandless (St. Ives and District Speedwatch co-ordinator) and the new Police Speedwatch co-ordinator, Mr. Robins. As a consequence, Old Hurst's Speedwatch results were not being logged by the police and no letters were being sent out.

The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting between the volunteers and Mr. Robins to try to overcome the difficulties.

8. **Planning.**

a) **Update on applications previously discussed.**

1400839FUL – Extension to dwelling. The Old Stables, Porch Farm Barns, Warboys Road, Old Hurst, PE28 3AA. Application withdrawn.

1400961FUL – Change of use to car sales. Unit 6, Grove Business Centre, The Grove, Old Hurst, PE28 3AA. In progress and awaiting Development Management Panel date.

1400509FUL – Erection of a function barn following demolition of existing agricultural storage barn, Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst. In progress.

1401334PACOU – Prior approval for conversion of existing agricultural buildings to 1 x 2 bed, 1 x 3 bed and 1 x 4 bed dwellings. Top Farm, St. Ives Road, Old Hurst. In progress.

b) RAF Wyton – A summary of the first consultation meeting had been received and was handed to councillors for circulation.

9. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Taylor proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (3) and approval of payment of item (4). Seconded by Cllr. Godby and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000396 - £72.76, K & M Lighting Ltd., quarterly street lighting maintenance charge.

(2) Cq. No. 000397 - £93.50, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for August.

(3) Cq. No. 000398 - £22.60, HMRC, PAYE/NL.

(4) Cq. No. 000399 – £206.45, Business Services at CAS, Parish Council insurance.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments was handed to each councillor. A copy will be attached to the minutes.

c) Result of the external audit.

Completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP with no issues raised. A “Notice of conclusion of the audit and right to inspect the Annual Return” dated 18th September was handed to Cllr. Sawyer for the notice board.

10. **Police matters:** Crimes in Old Hurst shown on the police website: June – 2, July – 3

11. **Correspondence.**

Already circulated:

a) Older people’s programme update.

b) St. Neot’s Neighbourhood Plan.

c) Detailed proposals for improving older people’s healthcare and adult community services.

d) CCC Household Recycling Service consultation.

e) CCC budget consultation.

f) Cambridgeshire Future Transport meeting.

g) Children’s Centre Stakeholder briefing.

New:

h) Letter from Huntingdonshire Football Association asking if there was any suitable land to build a new Headquarters and pitches in Old Hurst. Clerk to reply that the Parish Council was not aware of any suitable land.

12. Reports from councillors.

The Chairman reminded councillors that it had been agreed to plant some spring bulbs. Cllr. Taylor proposed that up to £25 should be spent on daffodil bulbs. Seconded by Cllr. Godby. Cllr. Sawyer and Cllr. Pearce to purchase the bulbs and organise planting. Cllr. Bull advised that Balfour Beatty had started work on the new street lights in Lancaster Close. Cllr. Bull had attended the Cambridgeshire Future Transport meeting on 16th September and advised that options were being developed for cutting costs on subsidised bus route No.22. Councillors agreed that non-Parish Council information placed on the Parish Council notice board, should be displayed for a maximum of one month.

13. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 19th November 2014.

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