

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council  
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**Councillors present:** Mr. G. Bull, Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mr. D. Mallard, Mr. I. Martin & Mrs. L. Sawyer.

**Also present:** District Cllr. J. Taverner, Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk) and 1 parishioner..

Public participation: There were no issues raised.

1. **Apologies for absence:** County Cllr. Criswell (personal).

2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None declared.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019:** Approval of the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Sawyer, seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

a) Roads and footpaths –

The Clerk had been unable to get a satisfactory response from Highways regarding the repairs required to the double yellow lines on Church Street and had therefore asked County Councillor Criswell to pursue this.

UK Power Networks have advised that the trees that have started to grow through the overhead power cables opposite The Stag & Hounds will be trimmed back within the next six months. Thanks were given to Cllr. Sawyer for organising volunteers to plant more spring bulbs in the verges.

Cllr. Martin advised that the two oaks trees felled opposite the entrance to Dacre Close did not have Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on them. Clerk to write to the Tree Officer at HDC regarding an oak tree located in the grounds of Oak Trees that may require some remedial work and does have a TPO. Cllr. Martin advised that he had spoken to the manager of Oak Trees about this previously.

b) Speedwatch – The Speedwatch co-ordinator advised that one session had been carried out on The Lane since the last meeting and that regular sessions would resume in February.

c) Wheatsheaf Crossroads – The Clerk had received an email from Bluntisham Parish Council asking for Old Hurst to be joint signatories on correspondence to be sent to the Leader of CCC, MP and possibly the local press, asking for confirmation of what action was being taken. The Clerk had subsequently received an update from Highways and from County Cllr. Criswell advising that a scheme was being put together and funding avenues being explored. Councillors agreed that they did not wish to take further action at this time.

5. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Mackenzie proposed retrospective approval of payments (1) to (3). Seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000633 - £196.65, Mrs. D. Benham, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for November.

(2) Cq. No. 000635- £84.00, askiT Services Ltd., councillor email addresses.

(3) Cq. No. 000636 - £242.33, Mrs. D. Benham, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for December.

\* Cheque number 634 was cancelled.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was passed to all councillors. Cllr. Bull checked the bank statement against the reconciliation.

**6. Planning – update on previous applications.**

19/01215/HHFUL Single storey side and rear extensions, new porch to front elevation. 1 Wellington Close, Old Hurst, PE28 3AE. Approved by HDC.

19/01539/S73 Minor variations to 18/01661/FUL, land north of Mulfield House. Approved by HDC.

19/01836/FUL RAF Wyton Airfield. In progress.

**7. Police matters.**

The police website shows no reported crime in Old Hurst for October and November 2019.

**8. Correspondence.**

Forwarded to councillors:

- a) Public consultation on CCC’s draft Climate Change and Environment Strategy 20/12/19 to 31/1/20.
- b) Rural Bulletins.
- c) Roadworks and Events reports.
- d) Highway Events Diary.
- e) Rural Funding Digests.
- f) IHMC Incident reports.
- g) New A14 bypass map.
- h) Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation.
- i) Email from CCC’s Community Protection Officer asking if we want to join Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership. Cllr. Sawyer to pass information on at village coffee mornings.
- j) CAPALC Incorporation proposal.
- k) CAPALC affiliation Fees 2020/21.
- l) Volunteering with HDC poster – handed to Cllr. Martin for the noticeboard..

**9. Reports from councillors.**

Councillors discussed the poor state of the verges in Church Street. Clerk to ask for the road to be swept once the weather improves. Councillors also discussed the state of the verges outside 11 and 12 Wellington Close – Clerk to write to Chorus. Clerk to report that trees are starting to overhang the road on the bend near the junction of The Lane and St. Ives Road and to report a pothole near the junction of Woodhurst Road and the A141. Clerk to report that the drain on the bend by The Grove needs inspecting as the surface water is not draining away.

District Cllr. Bull advised that the District Council element of the Council Tax is likely to rise by 2.6% next year.

**10. Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 starting at 7.30pm in St. Peters Church.

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