

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held by Zoom conferencing on Wednesday 17th March 2021.

Councillors present: Mr. G. Bull, Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mr. I. Martin (Chairman), Mrs. L. Sawyer & Mrs. E. Taylor.

Also present: County Cllr. S. Criswell, Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk) and 2 parishioners.

Under the COVID-19 Pandemic (Temporary Regulations in force from 4th April 2020 expiring 7th May 2021) The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) regulations 2020, S78, this meeting was held using Zoom conferencing.

Public participation: The December flooding was discussed by the parishioners present and the Chairman. Kathryn Reading, Senior Flood Officer at CCC has met with several residents and is gathering information for consideration and further investigation, in advance of a Flood Investigation Report. She has agreed to liaise with and give advice to residents, and keep them and the Parish Council updated.

1. **Apologies for absence:** None received.

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

3. **Co-option to fill councillor vacancy:** Cllr. Martin proposed that Alastair Torrance be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr. Taylor and unanimously agreed.

4. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th January 2021 and 22nd February 2021**
Approval of the minutes of both meetings was proposed by Cllr. Mackenzie, seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

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

a) Roads and footpaths –

The Clerk advised that the hedge along the A141 towards Warboys had been cut back and the subsidence in the footpath on Church Street had been repaired. The double yellow lines on Church Street have started to crumble and the Clerk has been advised that Highways will deal with this when the weather improves. The Clerk had reported a number of potholes around the village, including a substantial one at the junction of The Lane and St. Ives Road. Several potholes in the footway from The Grove to Church Street will be repaired and in the new financial year, the whole footway is being put forward for resurfacing, although this will not be done until later in the year. The Clerk continues to press both Highways and Chorus Homes, regarding the actions of the tenant of 11 Wellington Close, who is driving across the verge and newly refurbished footway, to park in an unauthorised space in the front garden. The Clerk has been assured by Christine Giles, Neighbourhood Officer at Chorus Homes, that they have a plan in place to deal with the parking issue and the condition of the garden. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the new Highways Supervisor, Joseph Hudson, to update him on the situation and request repairs to the grass verge and footway. In the meantime, the Clerk urged residents to report vehicles that were parked on the verge or footway causing an obstruction, to the police. Complaints regarding tenants of Chorus Homes should be reported to Christine Giles.

b) Speedwatch – Cllr. Martin advised that Speedwatch sessions would resume after 12th April, when some of the Covid-19 restrictions are due to be lifted.

c) Wheatsheaf Crossroads – Cllr. Criswell advised that he was confident that HDC would approve £500,000 of CIL funding which would be put towards CCC’s £1.2 million traffic light scheme for the crossroads. Drawings will be produced over the summer with installation later in the year. The Chairman wished to record the Parish Council’s thanks to County Cllr. Criswell for all his hard work on this project.

6. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Mackenzie proposed retrospective approval of payments (1) to (5). Seconded by Cllr. Bull and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000681 - £27.54, K & M Lighting Services Ltd., quarterly street lighting maintenance.

(2) Cq. No. 000682 - £197.35, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for January.

(3) Cq. No. 000683 - £0.80, HMRC, PAYE for January.

(4) Cq. No. 000684 - £216.51, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for February.

(5) Cq. No. 000685 - £0.80, HMRC, PAYE for February.

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments, bank reconciliation and bank statement had been sent to all councillors prior to the meeting.

c) Internal audit.

Councillors unanimously agreed that the internal audit should be carried out by Evolve Tax & Accountancy.

7. **Planning** – Update on previous applications.

20/01318/TREE – Fell two elm trees, land near junction between The Lane and St. Ives Road. In progress.

20/02285/HHFUL – Side and front extension No1 Trinity Hall Cottage. New timber shared garage No1 & No2 Trinity Hall Cottage, Church Street, Old Hurst. Approved by HDC.

21/00040/FUL – Proposed steel frame lean-to to existing on site building. Church Farm, Church Street, Old Hurst, PE28 3AF. In progress.

8. **Correspondence:**

Forwarded to councillors:

a) Cambridge Children’s Newsletter.

b) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Against Scams Partnership updates.

c) HDC’s Flooding Review Scoping document.

d) IHMC Incident reports.

e) CCC Consultation on Local Validation List requirements.

f) Roadworks and Events Bulletin

g) Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Service, Parish Forum online meeting.

h) Stand Firm, social media toolkit.

i) Stagecoach V2 timetable.

j) A141 Have your say. News of the improvement options.

k) Roadmap for lifting lockdown.

l) Tour of Cambridgeshire 2021.

m) Click it Local and social media workshops.

n) Way to Go, HDC publication.

o) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Future Parks Volunteering Development workshop.

p) HDC press release – Flooding preparedness and response.

q) Transfer of public transport function to Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority.

9. **Reports from councillors.**

County Cllr. Criswell reported that although infection rates in Huntingdonshire continued to drop, the Covid Hub will remain open to provide assistance, such as retraining, to enable people to get back to work. County Cllr. Criswell advised that the A141 consultation was now closed. Highways are also looking at the north of St. Ives and would want to look at both schemes together. County Cllr. Criswell is happy to assist residents who have had flooding issues.

10. **Date of the next meeting:** Wednesday 5th May 2021 starting at 7pm by Zoom conferencing. Joining details to be published on the next agenda.

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