

OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 20th September 2017.

Councillors present: Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mrs. J. Pearce, Mrs. L. Sawyer (Chairman) & Mrs. E. Taylor.

Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) & 1 parishioner.

Public participation: Mrs. Edwards advised that she was having some technical difficulties with the new group email system required by Speedwatch. Cllr. Taylor agreed to assist with this.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. S. Criswell (personal) and Cllr. G. Bull (personal). The Clerk advised that Cllr. Fox had tendered his resignation and will advise HDC and arrange for a vacancy notice to be displayed on the noticeboard.

2. **Declarations of interest:** None declared.

3. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 19th July 2017:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Huntingdonshire Draft Local Plan to 2036:** Cllr. Bussetil, Cllr. Mackenzie and the Clerk had attended the HDC seminars for Town and Parish Councils and agreed that there were no particular concerns for Old Hurst and therefore no response to the consultation had been sent.

5. **Local Highways Improvement Initiative:** The Clerk had met with Brian Murdoch (Highways Supervisor) on 29th August to discuss the problem of drivers parking cars on or very near to the bend on Church Street. Mr. Murdoch felt that the best solution would be to have double yellow lines on both sides of the road, from at least the church gate, to a suitable point the other side of Johnson's main entrance gates. Mr. Johnson was in favour of this proposal but did point out that it was not only visitors to the Farm shop that were parking on/near to the bend. Mr. Johnson also agreed to order much larger signs indicating where visitors should park, which will be placed on the main gates, with two more either side of the road near to the car park entrance, in positions agreed with Mr. Murdoch. Mr. Johnson intends to reopen the entrance on Warboys Road, as soon as new fencing has been erected. Cllr. Bussetil proposed that a bid should be made to the Local Highways Improvement Initiative for funding to provide double yellow lines and for the Parish Council to contribute 15% of the scheme cost. The total cost is likely to be in the region of £2000. 3 votes in favour, 2 against. An application will therefore be made. However, should the bid be successful, councillors agreed to review whether the improved signage had made a significant improvement to the situation, before going ahead with the work.

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

a) Roads and footpaths – The Clerk had contacted Highways regarding weed growth on the footways. A group of village volunteers had cleared a large amount of the weed growth and Highways had also visited and taken care of the rest. The Parish Council are very grateful to the volunteers, who had also sided out the verges along The Lane, making the footway much wider

and safer for pedestrians to walk along. The verges outside of the village had been cut by CCC since the last meeting.

b) Phone box – Councillors had agreed to accept a quotation of £238 from Mr. T. Bannister to paint the outside of the phone box. This has now been completed satisfactorily.

c) New bus shelter – Cllr. Sawyer advised that this was now under construction.

7. Finance.

a) Payment of outstanding debts - Cllr. Mackenzie proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (7) and approval of payment of items (8) to (11). Seconded by Cllr. Taylor and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000521 - £104.22, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for July.

(2) Cq. No. 000522 - £23.40, HMRC, PAYE/NI for July.

(3) Cq. No. 000523 - £150.00, A. Abbs, verge cutting 4th instalment.

(4) Cq. No. 000524 - £238.00, Mr. T. Bannister, painting the exterior of the phone box.

(5) Cq. No. 000525 - £150.00, Mr. A. Abbs, verge cutting 5th instalment.

(6) Cq. No. 000526 – £104.02, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for August.

(7) Cq. No. 000527 - £23.60, HMRC, PAYE/NI for August.

(8) Cq. No. 000528 - £150.00, A. Abbs, verge cutting 6th instalment.

(9) Cq. No. 000529 - £68.36, K & M Lighting Ltd., quarterly maintenance street lighting.

(10) Cq. No. 000530 - £133.73, CCC, Local Highways Improvement Scheme contribution.

(11) Cq. No. 000531 – £20.95, askiT Services Ltd, renewal of anti-virus annual subscription.

b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor.

c) Result of the external audit – Completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP on 1/8/17 with no issues raised. A Notice of Completion and a copy of the Annual Return had been placed on the noticeboard and on the website.

8. Police matters.

The police crime reports for June and July both showed 2 reported crimes in Old Hurst.

9. Correspondence.

Circulated to councillors:

a) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon July newsletter.

b) Information regarding a new autism service for young people.

c) Governance of Fire & Rescue Services consultation.

d) Road works and events bulletin 1st – 15th August.

e) Whippet service changes.

f) Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM 26th September.

g) Highway England Mobile Roadshow event.

h) Slides from HDC's Local Plan seminar.

i) Share your thoughts on citizenship and civic engagement.

j) Huntingdonshire Town and Parish Council Conference - 9th October.

k) Road works bulletin 1st – 15th September.

l) Specialist fertility services to be suspended in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough.

m) Cambridgeshire ACRE annual review.

n) Cambridgeshire Matters september newsletter.

o) Fair funding for Cambridgeshire.

p) Annual catch-up for Clerks and Councillors 22nd September.

- q) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon planned closures.
- r) Changing Lives Taster Day.
- s) Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference 17th November.
- t) Cambridgeshire Highways Depot Opening Days.

10. **Reports from Councillors.**

Councillors unanimously agreed that £25 should be spent on daffodil bulbs, as agreed in the budget. Cllr. Bussetil advised that UK Power Networks had cut back the trees on the Village Hall site. Clerk to contact UK Power Networks regarding some trees on Ramsey Road that are growing through the power lines. Clerk to remind Highways that repairs are outstanding to the fire damaged carriageway outside Oaktrees on Warboys Road.

11. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 14th November 2017 starting at 7.30pm in St. Peter's Church.

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