

Minutes of the Meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 18th September 2019.

Councillors present: Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mr. I. Martin & Mrs. L. Sawyer.
Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk).

Public participation: There were no parishioners present.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. D. Brown (resigned), Cllr. G. Bull (personal), Cllr. E. Taylor (personal) & County Cllr. Criswell (personal).
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 17th July 2019 and 15th August 2019:** Approval of the minutes of 17th July 2019 and 15th August 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Mackenzie, seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

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

a) Roads and footpaths –

The double yellow lines on Church Street have been repainted in patches and in the wrong shade (canary yellow instead of the original primrose). The Clerk has made a complaint to Highways, who in turn have queried this with their lining contractor.

The damaged gates at the “dead road” have been replaced.

Clerk to chase remaining repairs to the carriageway at the Church Street junction with The Lane and the area adjacent to the gravel parking area outside 1-3 Wellington Close. The Clerk will also remind Highways that vegetation is still obscuring the directional signage at the junction of Woodhurst Road and St. Ives Road.

The Clerk had received a complaint from a parishioner regarding the condition of the footpath in Lancaster Close following cable work. This has been reported to Highways.

b) Speedwatch – The Clerk handed copies of the latest Speedwatch figures to all councillors. Councillors wished to record their thanks to the Speedwatch team.

c) Upgrade of the Parish Council owned street lights - The work has been completed and a cheque for 50% of the net cost (£1687.50) has been received from the Red Tile Wind Farm Trust. Cllr. Martin will include a reference to the grant funding in his report for the Ramsey and Warboys Informer.

d) Local Highways Improvement Scheme 2020/21 – The Clerk had completed and submitted the application for funding for a “simple” footpath from the junction of St. Ives Road and the Lane, to the junction of Woodhurst Road and St. Ives Road. The application was assessed by Highways and whilst they were happy with the principle of a simple footpath, they had estimated that the cost would be at least double the maximum grant funding available. Councillors had agreed that the additional monies required could not be covered by reserves and that they were not aware of any other sources of funding for this type of scheme. Councillors had therefore reluctantly agreed to withdraw the application from the process.

5. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Mackenzie proposed retrospective approval of payments (1) to (6) and approval of payment (7). Seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

(1) Cq. No. 000619 - £200.49, Mrs. D. Benham, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for July.

(2) Cq. No. 000620 - £150.00, Mr. A. Abbs, grass verge cut.

- (3) Cq. No. 000621 - £68.36, K & M Lighting Services Ltd., quarterly street lighting maintenance.
 - (4) Cq. No. 000622 – £4050.00, K & M Lighting Services Ltd., street lighting upgrade.
 - (5) Cq. No. 000623 - £150.00, Mr. A. Abbs, grass verge cut.
 - (6) Cq. No. 000624 - £237.79, Mrs. D. Benham, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for August.
 - (7) Cq. No. 000625 - £191.92, Bus. Services at CAS Ltd., Parish Council insurance renewal.
- b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was passed to all councillors.

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. In progress.

19/01539/S73 Minor variations to 18/01661/FUL, land north of Mulfield House. In progress.

7. Police matters.

The police website shows 2 reported crimes in Old Hurst for June and 2 reported crimes for July.

8. Correspondence.

Forwarded to councillors:

- a) Weekly Rural Bulletins.
- b) IHMC incident reports.
- c) Roadworks and Events Diary.
- d) Highways Events Diary.
- e) Rural Funding Digest for August.
- f) Cambridgeshire Matters.
- g) Open Arms Project.
- h) Healthy open spaces and play strategy workshop.
- i) Cambridgeshire Local Councils conference 8th November – Cllr. Martin to attend.
- j) Planning training session 12th March 2020 – Cllr. Bussetil to attend.
- k) Letter from Brian Cox & Co – company acquired by Evolve Tax and Accountancy LLP.

9. Reports from councillors.

Cllr. Sawyer gave a report on the Marshall relocation presentation that she had attended on 20th August. Wyton is one of a number of locations being considered by Marshall Aerospace. If they move to Wyton, there would be a 1500 strong workforce, working staggered starts, many of whom already live in Huntingdonshire. It was not clear whether any new jobs would be created. Marshall would use half of the existing runway and half of the space available from the MOD. The remaining half would be used by another commercial enterprise. There would be one plane movement per day and this would take place during daylight hours. They would also carry out repairs to commercial vehicles, although it was unclear how many movements this would involve. There would also be delivery of materials to the site. Marshall say that engine testing noise would not be heard off-site. All traffic will enter through crash gate 3.

Cllr. Bussetil reported that the trees opposite the Stag & Hounds were growing through the cables. Clerk to report.

10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20th November 2019 starting at 7.30pm in St. Peters Church.

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