

# OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council  
held in The Church of St. Peter on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Councillors present:** Mr. G. Bull, Mrs. C. Bussetil, Mr. M. Fox, Mrs. J. Pearce & Mrs. L. Sawyer (Chairman).

**Also present:** County Cllr. S. Criswell, Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) & 1 parishioner.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. J. Mackenzie (personal) & Cllr. E. Taylor.

2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sawyer declared a Disposable Pecuniary Interest in item 4c. being a close relative of the person quoting for provision of a bus shelter.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Roads and footpaths – The Clerk met with the Highways Supervisor on 1<sup>st</sup> February. It was agreed that the cat's eyes on the bend by the Stag & Hounds would be replaced and new bend warning signs and "SLOW" markings on the carriageway will be installed. The footway around the junction of St. Ives Road and Lancaster Close is not yet bad enough to meet the criteria for resurfacing, however, dropped kerbs have been installed and repairs carried out to the worse area. The Clerk made a request to Highways to trim back the tree on Church Street that was starting to obscure a street light. On inspection, the Highways Supervisor noted that another tree was growing up through power cables and UK Power Networks subsequently decided to remove the tree. This prompted a complaint from a resident, which was being dealt with by Highways.

Highways have sent a second letter to the owners of the overhanging tree opposite the phone box, asking them to trim it back. The Clerk has asked for a litter pick from the A141 along the approach roads to the village and has reported the standing water problem at the junction of the A141 near to Grove Park. Highways will arrange for the gully/drain to be cleaned. Clerk to contact Luminus regarding the muddy footway outside the house next to the Village Hall site.

b) Speedwatch – No report available. Clerk to ask for an update.

c) Update on the proposed bus shelter – The Clerk has emailed two more contractors from the approved list and is awaiting call backs.

#### 5. **Update on RAF Wyton and the Local plan:**

The Clerk had forwarded a letter to councillors from HDC, which explained that the road infrastructure required to serve RAF Wyton is not deliverable at this time and the site will not now be allocated for housing in the new Local Plan. Cllr. Bull explained that this does not mean that development of the site will not go ahead in the future and a meeting is being held with the owners later this week. The Local Plan is moving forwards and a consultation will be held in June/July.

#### 6. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Fox proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (5). Seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed.

- (1) Cq. No. 000498 - £96.40, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for January.
  - (2) Cq. No. 000499 - £23.40, HMRC, PAYE/NI for January.
  - (3) Cq. No. 000500 - £96.60, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for February.
  - (4) Cq. No. 000501 - £23.20, HMRC, PAYE/NI for February.
  - (5) Cq. No. 000502 - £69.13, K & M Lighting Services Ltd., maintenance of street lights.
- b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor.
- c) Bank signatories – Cllr. Sawyer to obtain the necessary form to remove ex-councillors who should no longer be listed as signatories.

7. **Police matters:** The police crime report for December showed 2 reported burglaries in Lancaster Close, although councillors were unaware of these and wondered whether they had been recorded under the wrong village.

8. **Correspondence.**

Forwarded to councillors:

- a) Transforming Lives Briefing.
- b) Consultation on a future model for integrated out of hours base at Cambridge University Hospitals Foundation Trust (Addenbrookes).
- c) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon newsletter.
- d) Keep Britain Tidy Event 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March
- e) Cambridgeshire County Council parish newsletter.
- f) Lobby day information.
- g) Huntingdonshire Parish Council Conference 30<sup>th</sup> March – nobody available to attend.
- h) Draft CAPALC membership agreement.
- i) Cambridgeshire Innovation Fund Information.

9. **Reports from Councillors.**

County Cllr. Criswell advised that CCC is increasing Council Tax by 2% for Adult Social Care. There will be an additional £2.5 million spent on road repairs. Skanska are the new appointed contractor and it is hoped that a new system will be introduced to identify whether repairs are temporary or permanent. County Cllr. Criswell advised that the white lines on The Lane will be reinstated.

District Cllr. Bull advised that HDC are also increasing Council Tax by 2%. The Mayoral election for the Combined Authority will take place on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

10. **Date of the next meeting:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 starting at 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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