

OLD HURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Old Hurst Parish Council
held in The Church of St. Peter on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

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

Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) & County Cllr. S. Criswell.

Public participation: There were no members of the public present.

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

2. **Declarations of interest:** Cllr. Sawyer declared an interest in item 6a, payment number (10), being a close relative of the recipient.

3. **Councillor vacancy:** HDC have advised that the councillor vacancy could now be filled by co-option. However, as it is less than 6 months until the next election, the Parish Council is not obliged to do so.

4. **Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20th September 2017:** Unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Roads and footpaths – The Clerk confirmed that she had completed the application to the Local Highways Improvement Initiative for funding towards double yellow lines either side of the main entrance to Johnsons on Church Street. The Clerk has reported to Highways that there are trees and hedges starting to grow through power cables on Ramsey Road and The Lane. Councillors reported that surveyors had been out to make an assessment.

b) New bus shelter – Installation now complete and invoice received.

6. **Finance.**

a) Payment of outstanding debts - Cllr. Bull proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (7) and approval of payment of items (8) to (10). Seconded by Cllr. Bussetil and unanimously agreed. Cllr. Sawyer did not take part in the vote, having declared an interest.

(1) Cq. No. 000532 - £97.30, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for September.

(2) Cq. No. 000533 - £23.60, HMRC, PAYE/NI for September.

(3) Cq. No. 000534 - £220.63, Business Services at CAS Ltd., Parish Council insurance.

(4) Cq. No. 000535 - £60.00, SR Howell & Co., payroll services.

(5) Cq. No. 000536 - £132.29, Mrs. D. Benham, wages & expenses for October.

(6) Cq. No. 000537 – £23.40, HMRC, PAYE/NI for October.

(7) Cq. No. 000538 - £8.52, Business Services at CAS Ltd., additional premium for bus shelter.

(8) Cq. No. 000539 - £68.36, K & M Lighting Services Ltd., quarterly maintenance street lighting.

(9) Cq. No. 000540 - £25.00, Mrs. L. Sawyer, reimbursement for purchase of bulbs.

(10) Cq. No. 000541 - £1798.80, E.G. Baxter & Son, supply and installation of bus shelter.

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

c) Budget & Precept for 2018/19 – Councillors discussed a draft budget prepared by the Clerk. Councillors agreed that they wish to use Mr. Abbs again next year to cut the grass verges and that further money should be set aside to continue with the replacement of the Parish Council owned street lights. Cllr. Pearce proposed that Old Hurst Parish Council set a budget and precept of £5250. Seconded by Cllr. Mackenzie and unanimously agreed. A copy of the budget will be available on the website.

7. Police matters.

The police crime report for August showed 2 reported crimes and for September, no reported crimes. Councillors reported that there had been a number of break-ins to sheds, garages and motor homes during October.

8. Correspondence.

Circulated to councillors:

- a) Roadworks and events bulletin 1st – 15th October.
- b) ACRE Town & Parish Council development plan.
- c) Consultation: Housing and Employment Land availability assessment.
- d) CAPALC AGM 7th December.
- e) Presentations from Clerks and Councillors catch-up day.
- f) Roadworks and events bulletin 16th – 31st October.
- g) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon monthly Parish Council Bulletin.
- h) Service of Remembrance for road traffic victims.
- i) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon planned closures.
- j) Cambridgeshire Matters newsletter for October.
- k) Be a councillor event 15th November.
- l) Town & Parish Council training session 30th November – Cllr. Bussetil to attend.
- m) Winter health packs – 130 ordered for distribution by councillors.
- n) Opportunity for a councillor to influence planning at HDC.
- o) Cambridgeshire Annual Public Health report 2017.

9. Reports from Councillors.

County Cllr. Criswell confirmed that Stagecoach were withdrawing the Ramsey to Huntingdon service at the end of 2017 and that CCC had gone out to tender to see if any other provider would be prepared to operate a service. If a subsidy was required, CCC would consider this. The new Combined Authority is currently carrying out a review of bus services. Cllr. Bull advised that Robin Howe has resigned his position as Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority. Cllr. Bull, as leader of the District Council, will represent HDC at Combined Authority meetings.

10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 17th January 2018 starting at 7.30pm in St. Peter’s Church.

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