

## **ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURST  
ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Curry (in the Chair),  
Boyd, Ewart, Kendall, Openshaw, Robinson and  
Smith.

Borough Councillor Andrea.

OFFICERS: Mrs. M. Bradshaw (Clerk).

PUBLIC: Eight Members of the Public.

### **9484 Public Forum**

The Chair welcomed eight parishoners to the public forum and noted that no questions had been submitted ahead of the meeting.

### **9485 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Eastaugh and Borough Councillor Alder.

### **9486 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

### **9487 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> September were approved.

### **9488 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **9489 Vacancies on the Parish Council**

Two vacancies remain with no interest having been expressed. Facebook will be used to further advertise these roles.

9490 **Borough Councillor Update**

In his absence, Borough Councillor Alder had produced a written report updating Members on key issues. Members had no specific questions to raise in response.

The Chair welcomed Councillor Andrea. He noted that the first hurdle had now been overcome with the LPU: Proposed Submission Plan (Reg 19) being published. Councillor Boyd noted that he had been to one of the planned drop in sessions and had found it informative and well attended by Officers. He thanked WBC for this opportunity.

Councillor Robinson queried where WBC now is in terms of its land supply. Borough Councillor Andrea confirmed that he did not know.

Borough Councillor Andrea added that WBC are currently in the process of budget preparation for 2025/26 and that the provision of statutory services remains the major challenge.

9491 **Planning Applications**

Members discussed the applications attached to these Minutes. It was agreed that Members had no adverse comments with regards to applications 242354, 242347, 242400, 242570, 242566 and 242592. They objected to application 240583 where previous objections remain unchanged.

An appeal, to be determined by written representations, was noted in respect of Ashdown Farm (APP/X0360/W/24/3354144).

RESOLVED: the Clerk to communicate the Parish Council's planning comments to WBC.

9492 **Finance**

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Nov-24									
					<b>Main Fund</b>	<b>CIL*</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Planning</b>	<b>Lodge Rd Appeal</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Previous Balance				£ 94297.04	142511.92	-5027.62	4634.14	236415.48
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:									
<b>Ref</b>	<b>Expenditure - Payee</b>								
8.1	WBC (planning permission)					1226.00			
8.2	itQED (365 Business Basic)				31.51				
8.3	M Bradshaw (ink cartridges)				139.56				
8.4	SCS (grounds maintenance)				824.25				
8.5	SSE (phone box)				200.35				
8.6	P Palmer (goal post install)				600.00				
8.7	Kompan (swings)				12702.16				
8.8	SSE (School Rd)				200.70				
8.9	MH Goals (goal posts)				1179.84				
8.10	Bibby (dog waste removal)				154.66				
8.11	Richard of Hurst (jetwash Sch Rd playpark)				245.00				
8.12	5G (phone)				40.93				
8.13	Royal British Legion (2 no poppy wreaths)				50.00				
8.14	St Nicholas CE Primary (hall hire)				25.00				
8.15	Castle Water (allotments)				235.19				
8.16	itQED (remote support)				20.00				
8.17	Brunel Engraving (memorial plaque)				95.54				
8.18	M Bradshaw (3 no. heavy duty chains and padlocks)				92.93				
8.19	Landmark Chambers (legal services)							3000.00	
8.20	Advantage print room (The Hurst Word)				942.00				
8.21	Fencing Products (Davis St playpark)				1797.60				
8.22	Mark Leedale Planning (heritage statement)					500.00			
8.23	Chocoholics (sweets for St Nicholas Night)				50.00				
8.24	SCS (grounds maintenance)				824.25				
8.25	M Bradshaw	Salary Sept			1676.88				
		(Income Tax)			-124.20				
		(National Insurance)			-50.31				
		(Pension)			-67.07				
		Office			40.00	1475.30			
8.26	M Bradshaw	Salary Oct			1732.08				
		Arrears (April - Sept 2024)			331.20				
		(Income Tax)			-198.60				
		(National Insurance)			-81.22				
		(Pension)			-82.53				
		Office			40.00	1740.93			
8.27	NEST (Employee pension £67.07 + Employer pension £50.31)					117.38			
8.28	HMRC (Employee's Income Tax £124.20 + Employee's NI £50.31 + Employer's NI £126.80)					301.31			
8.29	NEST (Employee pension £82.53 + Employer pension £61.90)					144.43			
8.30	HMRC (Employee's Income Tax £198.60 + Employee's NI £81.22 + Employer's NI £180.13)					459.95			
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>				24690.77	1726.00	0.00	3000.00	29416.77
	<b>Income</b>								
	Dunt Lane rent				80.00				
	Bank interest				732.45				
	CIL					70646.82			
	<b>Total Income</b>				812.45	70646.82	0.00	0.00	71459.27
	<b>Revised balance c/f</b>				70418.72	211432.74	-5027.62	1634.14	278457.98

RESOLVED: all payments were approved.

9493 **Neighbourhood Planning**

The Chair confirmed that the working group had met since the last Parish Council meeting and they are working hard with a view to bringing a paper to the Parish Council, along with a timeline, for consideration. She was very mindful that this significant volume of work was being undertaken by just a couple of people.

9494 **Community Hub Update**

Councillor Robinson updated the meeting and confirmed that the Heritage Statement in respect of the community hub application had now been received and passed to WBC. The report in respect of Great Crested Newts is expected towards the end of this month.

It was noted that Glyn Crocombe will be out of action for approximately six weeks and Members wished him well.

9495 **Final arrangements for St Nicholas night**

The Clerk confirmed that the Waltham St Lawrence Silver band had been booked. Chocolate goodie bags had been purchased from Chocoholics for a nominal £50, the Chair of Governors from St Nicholas CE Primary had been asked to switch on the lights. Alastair Lyon had agreed to print carol sheets for the Parish Council. Arrangements were in place for the erection of the tree and preparations on the afternoon of the 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Clerk would speak to the Cricket Club to arrange parking and sort the electrics and lights as appropriate.

9496 **Correspondence**

The Hurst Word

The Clerk confirmed that the Autumn edition of The Hurst Word had been produced and should, by now, be largely delivered to every household in the Parish.

John Edward's memorial tree

The Clerk advised that an English Oak tree will be planted in the community orchard this coming Thursday. A memorial plaque, with wording agreed by John's family, has been purchased and will be passed to his family for installation when they wish.

Northern Parishes Group

Councillor Boyd reported that he had attended the meeting of the Northern Parishes Group on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

New Fencing

New fencing and gates have been installed in Davis Street Playpark and fencing on the right hand side of School Road Playpark will be installed later this month. New chains and padlocks have been fitted to gates at the playparks and community orchard.

Dogs in Community Orchard

Councillor Ewart said she had been asked whether dogs could be allowed in the community orchard. The Clerk replied that this issued had been raised on a number of occasions and the conclusion remained the same. There are many places where dogs can be exercised and the community orchard remains a clean space where they are not permitted.

9497 **Information Reports**

There were no information reports to bring to this meeting.

The meeting ended at 8.13 p.m.

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