

HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HURLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2010 AT BURCHETTS GREEN SCHOOL, BURCHETTS GREEN, BERKS

PRESENT: Cllr S Harrington (Chairman)
Cllr J Addiscott
Cllr D Jarvis
Cllr Mrs K McLaren
Cllr C Westacott
Mr A Ramsey – Hurley Village Association
The Clerk – Mrs C Woodley

086/10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harrington opened the meeting with a reminder to all in attendance of the fire safety regulations for the venue of the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Baker, Cllr D Burfitt, Cllr G Hill and Cllr T Pratt. No declarations of interest were made.

087/10. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr S Harrington proposed that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th June 2010 were accepted, seconded by Cllr Addiscott. **AGREED.** The Minutes were then signed as a true record.

OPEN FORUM

Cllr Harrington closed the meeting to allow Mr Ramsey to address the Parish Council who discussed the current application relating to The Olde Bell, Hurley. Mr Ramsey commented that The Village Association had no objections in principal with this application but voiced concerns over a lack of consultation with local residents citing screening attached to his own party wall without his permission.

Trees at Hurley Play Area – Mr Ramsey reported that he had followed up the concerns of a local resident about a tree overhanging their property and this would be cut back when other tree work is carried out.

Phone Kiosk – Mr Ramsey asked if it would be possible to move the kiosk in Hurley, now under the Parish Council's ownership. Cllr Harrington informed him that the kiosk is listed and moving it would therefore need Listed Building consent.

Parking in Hurley – Mr Ramsey reported that wardens were patrolling the village last Sunday and the new parking arrangements appear to be working. There are a few small issues which are being sorted out by Mr Neil Walter RBWM.

The Rising Sun PH – has now re-opened. Flower boxes on the frontage are currently obstructing the pavement. Mr Ramsey was advised to contact Streetcare RBWM.

The meeting then re-opened.

088/10. PLANNING

APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED:

Location	Planning No.	Applicant	Proposal	PC's Comments
THE STUDIO, SHEPHERDS LANE, Hurley	10/01324	Mr J Hannon	Tree in a Conservation Area – notification to fell a crab apple	DEFERRED TO TREE OFFICER (The Clerk was asked to seek confirmation that removal of fruit trees need planning permission.)
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YE OLDE BELL HOTEL , High Street, Hurley.	10/01344	The Dhillon Group		Proposal by Cllr Addiscott, seconded by Cllr Westacott to SUPPORT with two provisos: 1. To ensure that the gates are fitted with a safety cut-out device. 2. That the new parking layout incorporates screening of the two existing storage containers. AGREED on a 4 to 1 majority vote.
THE WALLED GARDEN , High Street, Hurley	10/01347	Sir Brian Smith	Tree in a Conservation Area – to fell 2 apple trees	DEFERRED TO TREE OFFICER
THE CLOISTERS, HIGH STREET , Hurley	10/01315 LB Consent	Mr A Green	To replace single glazed panes in east facing sitting room with slimline integral double glazed panes retaining existing frames	Cllr Harrington proposed SUPPORT , seconded by Cllr Jarvis. AGREED .

RBWM DECISIONS (no Pending Appeals) – as at Appendix B.

89/10. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report received.

090/10. CLERK’S REPORT

Parish Councillor vacancy in the North Ward

Notices of the vacancy have been posted on notice boards. The expiry date for calling a By-Election was 7th July. Since no applications have been made to the Returning Officer at the Borough, the Parish Council is at now liberty to co-opt to fill this vacancy and the expiry date for letters of application is 19th July 2010.

Choseley Road Play Area

The Opening Ceremony took place at 2pm on Saturday 3rd July 2010 and was performed by Deputy Mayor Mr Asghar Majeed with Deputy Mayoress Naheed Majeed and Borough Cllr Mrs Maureen Hunt in attendance. It had been disappointing that only two children could attend due to a local school trip, but local residents confirmed that the play area is generally well used.

Hurley Play Area

Further necessary repairs have been identified at the Play Area. The Clerk and Cllr Addiscott have disabled the cable runway owing to a rotted prop. HAGS, the company that installed the equipment have surveyed this and other equipment they installed and have quoted for the following repairs:

- Replacement cableway pole
- Replacement timber screen on climbing frame
- Repair of timber floor on climbing frame

The Clerk has also approached Holdford Landscapes to request a quote covering the replacement screen and floor as well as replacement edging to part of the play areas and a portion of fence by the dog grid to solve the problem of dogs getting into the play area. Quotations discussed in Finance (Min. No. 093/10).

Appeal – Warrener Stable Block 07/03190

The Clerk again approached Mr Jacob RBWM forwarding photos of the warning signs in the Cookham Road and he responded as follows “There might be justification for a general “Concealed Entrances” sign along Warren Row but due the number of such entrances, the signs would be quite a distance from The Warreners. Therefore, there would be no specific warning for that access close by.” This matter is ongoing.

Car park at Bainhurst Cottages, Littlewick Green

Ongoing.

Knowl Hill War Memorial

Cllr Mrs Baker has spoken to Valerie (Church PCC) who has spoken to Tim Aze (who did the work on the Star Works Memorial) about a friend who works in stone. He is going to give her a price for sealing the stone and then filling in the lettering so that it can be read. Cllr Mrs Baker is looking into the War Memorials Trust website which gives details of a small grants programme which donates up to 50% of £2,500 which may be enough to cover this work, which will leave the Parish Council to raise the other half, if approved.

Priority Change in Honey Lane

Mr S Brown RBWM held a site meeting with Parish Councillors, Cllr Mrs Hunt and Cllr Rayner where they discussed the issue of priority for traffic at the junction of Honey Lane and the new office building. Mr Brown had to phase this work into the Borough’s other programmes and it has just started to be investigated. He anticipates changing the signs and road markings to give through traffic priority over the traffic exiting the offices. To emphasize this, they will need to extend the anti-skid surface around the bend. This work is likely to be done later this summer.

Parish Road Show – 20th July 2010

Cllr Mrs Baker and the Clerk are planning to attend this event organized by Tim Slaney, Head of Planning RBWM, which is taking place at Datchet Village hall. It is open to all Councillors to attend.

Road Closures in Hurley Parish

Cllr Mrs Hunt has informed the Parish Council of the following road closures:

Shepherds Lane, Hurley village – re-surfacing between the High Street and the Caravan entrance from 19th July for 1-2 days.

Warren Row Road – re-surfacing between the Warrener and Pudding Hill from 21st July for 1-2 days.

THE CLERK’S REPORT ON THE PARISH CONFERENCE

The Conference took place on Monday 14th June and was attended by the Clerk and Cllr Mrs Baker. Mr K Mist the Borough’s Head of Leisure Services gave a presentation on the new initiative to encourage communities to “Adopt A Park” in order to take more responsibility for the parks and open spaces in their area. Finding is available to groups to start this, for instance £100 for bulb planting and £150 for hire of skips for clearance.

A presentation was also given on the new Borough website “Scores on Doors” to promote food hygiene and safety by giving details of inspections on business premises in the Borough. This encourages the businesses to ensure they keep to high standards and gives the public and insight into the true state of local food outlets. A representative from Recyclebank presented on the roll out of the Borough’s new recycle scheme which monitors household recycle bins in order to reward householders for their efforts by the issue of shop vouchers etc.

Next Conference is planned for 26th October 2010 in the Town Hall, Maidenhead.

091/10. CONFIRMATION OF FINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO PRESENT CLLR GEOFF HILL WITH FREEMAN OF THE PARISH OF HURLEY

The Governors of Burchetts Green School have invited Cllr Geoff Hill to perform the Opening Ceremony of their new classroom at the School on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at 2.30pm when he will be awarded the

Freedom of the Parish of Hurley . Cllr J Addiscott has confirmed with Cllr Hill that he is available on that day has arranged for the press to be present on this occasion. Cllrs Jarvis, Mrs McLaren and T Pratt have given their apologies that they will be unable to attend.
Mr Ramsey left the meeting at 9.10pm.

092/10. "ADDING VALUE TO YOUR WOODLAND"

Cllr S Harrington reported on his attendance at the seminar on 12th June 2010 which included a visit to Ruscombe Woods. Grants are available for certain sizes of woodland. It was agreed that Cllr Harrington contacts Mr Richard Edwards from the Forestry Commission for an assessment of the Parish Council's woodland.

093/10. FINANCE

To consider quotations in respect of repairs at the Hurley Play Area

HAGS, the company which originally installed some of the play equipment has supplied a total **quote of £1047.99 + VAT** which covers replacement of the cableway pole, replacement timber screen on climbing frame and repair of timber floor on climbing frame. They had initially provided a quote for just the replacement cableway pole at a cost of **£914 + VAT**. It was noted that this quote included provision of a scaffold tower (£200) to carry out the work, whereas the second quote did not. Holdford Landscapes has provided a quotation for the remainder of the work(excluding the cable runway replacement pole) as follows:

Installation of wooden fence by dog grid - £195.00

All other wood replacement work - £190.00

Cllr Harrington proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Addiscott, that the Clerk returns to HAGS to accept the quote for provision of the replacement cableway pole (£214.99) with uniplay post cap (£16) and cost of remedial installation (£500) without the cost of the tower, offering that the Parish Council (Cllr Addiscott) will provide this, if still required. Also to accept Holdford Landscape's quote totalling £385.00 for the remainder of the work. **AGREED.**

To Authorise Payments as listed in the Finance Report and to sign cheques and bank transfer as required

The Finance Report was presented at Appendix A and had been circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr D Jarvis proposed acceptance of this Report and payment of all accounts, seconded by Cllr Harrington. **AGREED** with 1 abstention.

It was also **AGREED** to sign of the form from Lloyds Bank confirming change of contact details already approved at Min. No.070/10.

094/10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCILLORS' FORUM

Discussion on renovation etc. of the two newly purchased phone kiosks

The K6 pack has been received from BT which incorporates advice as to renovation etc. of the kiosks. Cllr Harrington has volunteered to scrape and paint a kiosk and is seeking to purchase of replacement glass etc. for each kiosk (a renovation budget has already been approved).

The Flood Forum

The Forum has suggested that each Parish involved funds the cost of a meeting room for the Forum's meetings (equates to a hire cost for Hurley approximately every 2 years). Cllr Jarvis proposed acceptance of this suggestion, seconded by Cllr Harrington. **AGREED.**

Report from Cllr Mrs S Baker on attendance at the Neighbourhood Action Group Meeting on 5th July 2010

"I attended the NAG meeting on Monday and the following items were relevant to Hurley Parish.

1. Parking problems in Shepherds Close due to lack of space not connected with new parking plan. Cllr Hunt has had a meeting with MDHA but "no forward plan".
2. Parking Wardens monitored new bays in Hurley High Street and ticketed any offenders over weekend of 3/4 July.
3. Problems at Knowl Hill Shop being monitored by police.

4. Car break-ins reported in Knowl Hill last month. Figures compared for same period last year, which were 4 cars, this year 3 cars.
5. Rising Sun Hurley - new landlord and residents still complaining of noise. Cllr Hunt is in contact with Licensing.

The Councillors to let me know of any items they would like brought up at the next meeting on 6 September.”

Upgrading of Footpath 63 – off Mill Lane, Hurley

The Clerk has been contacted by Mrs S Wootten RBWM, a Footpath Officer who is looking to upgrade and improve the disabled access over FP63. This involves removal of overhanging shrubbery and re-tarmac the path over tree roots as well as make safe the spikey rail fencing alongside part of this path. Mrs Wootten has requested that the Parish Council considers making a financial contribution to this project. After discussion, it was AGREED that the Clerk writes to Mrs Wootten to indicate that the Parish Council does not wish to make a contribution to this project since it is likely to set a precedent for all paths in the Parish and the Parish Council has no budget for such work. Members are however supportive of any work proposed.

095/10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 5th August 2010 at 7.30pm in Gilchrist Thomas Hall, Littlewick Green.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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