

ST. NICHOLAS HURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, HURST
ON TUESDAY 3RD JUNE 2025 AT 7.30 p.m.

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

OFFICERS: Mr. J Bradshaw (cover for Mrs. Bradshaw, Clerk).

PUBLIC: Fourteen Members of the Public.

9566 Public Forum

The Chair welcomed the public. There were no questions in the public forum.

9567 Questions arising from current Planning Appeals.

The Chair confirmed that she would be happy to take questions from Mr Nick Wilson of the New Hurst Village Society (NHVS) under agenda item 6, appeals.

9568 Declarations of Interest

There were none to declare.

9569 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Robinson and the Clerk, Mrs Maria Bradshaw. The Clerk's Husband, Mr John Bradshaw, had agreed to take the minutes for which the Chair was very grateful.

9570 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

9571 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th May 2025 were approved.

9572 Matters arising

The following matters were noted:

Councillor Thomas confirmed that he is still waiting for a reply from the Area Manager at the Warren Inn Public House regarding the siting of the new Parish noticeboard; and

The Clerk to purchase 2 no. fisherman's waders for use in the pond.

9573 Borough Councillor Update

The Chair welcomed Borough Councillor Andrea to the meeting.

He updated Members with regards to the review of Twyford Station. It is now busier than pre-pandemic times and nearly as busy as Wokingham Station. Plans are to extend the car parking facilities with funds being applied for from the Department for Transport. Additionally, options are being considered with regards to bus and cycle routes.

Councillor Boyd asked if there were any plans to reduce the parking for the station on the main Twyford Road. Borough Councillor Andrea replied that the Council are trying to address the situation. It was noted that the parked cars do naturally slow down the traffic on the main road, however.

Engagement with residents of Davis Street continue with temporary measures in place to limit off street parking in the area.

With regards to the Local Plan Update, no dates have yet been given for inspections. Borough Councillor Andrea believed it was likely the plan would be adopted next Summer.

A decision is awaited from the Planning Committee regarding the Bridge Farm development.

9574 Planning Applications

Members discussed the application attached to these Minutes. They objected to application 251020.

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

9575 Current Appeals

The two major appeals currently affecting the Parish were considered:

Land between Lodge Road and Tape Lane – outline application for the proposed erection of up to 99 no. dwellings, green infrastructure, open space, pedestrian and cycle links, recreational facilities and other associated infrastructure and access points on Lodge Road and Tape Lane with required improvements (APP/X0360/W/25/3364304).

Land NW of Hogmoor Lane – outline application for the proposed erection of 9 no. dwellings and associated access (APP/X0360/W/25/3359898) and

The first appeal to be determined on the basis of an inquiry with representations to be made by the 18th June 2025. The second appeal to be determined on the basis of a hearing with representations to be received by the 25th June 2025.

Nick Wilson from the NHVS asked whether the Parish Council would be objecting to the above applications. The Chair confirmed they would be and appeal statements were being compiled at present.

The Chair urged Parishioners to submit their objections and attend the inquiry if possible. Social media posts to be put out reminding parishioners of deadlines and details.

9576 Finance

The following accounts were presented for approval this month:

Jun-25										
						Main Fund	CIL*	Neighbourhood Planning	Lodge Rd Appeal	Total
						£ 76326.70	218085.66	-5027.62	1442.29	290827.03
Previous Balance										
The following accounts are presented for approval this month:										
Ref	Expenditure - Payee									
3.1	SCS (grounds maintenance)					905.02				
3.2	itQED (set up for new councillor)					58.57				
3.3	C Connell (internal audit)					200.00				
3.4	Castle Water (allotments)					21.09				
3.5	Holt Arboriculture (tree survey)						516.00			
3.6	Bibby (dog waste removal)					251.32				
3.7	5G (phone)					46.27				
3.8	M Bradshaw									
				Salary	1827.59					
				(Income Tax)	-153.40					
				(National Insurance)	-62.37					
				(Pension)	-73.10					
				Office	40.00	1578.72				
3.9	NEST (Employee pension £73.10 + Employer pension £54.83)					127.93				
3.10	HMRC (Employee's Income Tax £153.40 + Employee's NI £62.37 +Employer's NI £211.59)					427.36				
	Total Expenditure					3616.28	516.00	0.00	0.00	4132.28
	Income									
	Allotment rent (in part)					40.50				
	Dunt Lane rent					80.00				
	Total Income					120.50	0.00			120.50
	Revised balance c/f					72830.92	217569.66	-5027.62	1442.29	286815.25

9577 Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25

The annual governance statement was approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

9578 Annual Accounting Statement for 2024/25

The accounting statements were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

In respect of the annual audit, The Chair asked for her thanks to the Clerk to be formally noted.

RESOLVED:

all payments were approved; and
the annual governance statement and annual accounting statement for 2024/25 were signed by the Chair.

9579 **Approval of Policies**

RESOLVED: Standing Orders were approved.

9580 **Parish Council Mission Statement**

RESOLVED: outstanding for Councillor Boyd to produce. To be circulated to Members when complete.

9581 **Village Shop**

It was noted that the Village Shop is now on the open market with a view to being sold at auction. Councillor Boyd noted the powers within the Parish Council's gift to purchase the shop.

9582 **Correspondence**

Northern Parishes Meeting

Councillor Boyd agreed to circulate the minutes from the last meeting. He noted that the local police officer for our area is active and he thought it would be beneficial to invite them to a Parish Council meeting.

Hurst Show

Councillor Percival suggested that the Parish Council should have a stall at the Hurst Show which she was happy to organise. Councillors considered this would be a good idea and she would organise a rota to provide coverage over the weekend of the Show.

9583 **Information Reports**

There were none to report.

The meeting ended at 8.07 p.m.

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