

**Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at 7.30pm**

**Attendees:** Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Bond, Cllr Newman, Cllr Leggett, Cllr Foot, Cllr Shepherd, Sue Mordue – Clerk, no member of the public.

868. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Meijer.

869. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** none.

870. **Councillor Vacancy:** the Council unanimously agreed to the co-option of Mrs Dianne Shepherd of Little London to the vacant Councillor position. The Clerk received the new Councillor's Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Register of Interest would be received by the next meeting as required by law.

871. **Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** Cllr Bond declared his interest in planning applications due to his role as District Cllr sitting on the AVDC Development Control Committee as he will review his decision at Committee based on the additional information available at the time.

872. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were confirmed as true records.

873. **Matters arising** from those minutes not covered by the agenda: Swan Close bus shelter has been removed from the parish council's insurance policy as it is owned by JC Decaux and the new bus shelter outside the Doctors has been added in its place and is insured.

874. **The following planning applications were discussed and recommendations were:**

- a. 08/02782/APP – 19 The Meadows – first floor side extension over garage and rear conservatory – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
- b. 08/02639/ALB – 11 Oving Road – demolition of single storey rear extension, erection of side and rear extension and internal alterations – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
- c. 08/02640/APP – 11 Oving Road – side and rear extension – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

875. **Finance:**

d. The accounts for the year to date end November 2008 were agreed as reviewed.

e. The Council resolved to issue the following payments:

Lynch Garden Services	063	£150.00
Clerks Pay & Expenses	064	£345.48
Andrew Pain	065	£19.56
Whitchurch PCC	066	£350.00

f. Cllr Newman had been successful in his application on behalf of the Parish Council to VAHT Community Chest Fund for £2490.00 for the purchase of trees at the recreation ground and the purchase of a pond liner.

g. The Council resolved to set the Precept at £17000.00 and agreed the budget for 2009/10.

876. **Highways:**

- h. Pot holes were reported at 54 Oving Road and outside Trent Cottage, probably caused by the water leak which commences opposite the allotments. When it is icy this has frozen and there was an accident reported due to this.
- i. Bushmead Road – Clerk to request a site meeting with David Hedley BCC as 10 cars have recently gone off the road by the old wood yard caused by water running onto the road.
- j. Letter received from resident of Whistlers View querying who owns the land / verge where cars park outside his fence. The concern is that the parked cars obscure the vision splay for these residents when exiting their houses. Clerk will investigate with BCC.

877. **Footpaths & Footways:**

k. Footpath 4 – BCC are currently trying to arrange a site meeting with the owners of the houses regarding footpath 4. The Clerk has received all the papers required to claim the alternative footpath which runs across the rear gardens to be added to the Definitive Map as a footpath. The right to claim this footpath will remain so it was agreed that we would await the outcome of this meeting before submitting the forms.

l. Bollard still not been replaced by BCC at the end of Oving Road by the Legion Hall.

m. Damaged Litter bin – Clerk had spoken with Bob Bryant AVDC and provided a map of locations of the bins. This had been confirmed by Tony Bibbings AVDC as he undertook a site visit and confirmed the locations. The Council resolved that the Clerk should purchase 2 bases for the existing bin lids if possible, on the High Street and at the bus stop outside Doctors surgery.

878. **Street Lighting:**

n. Cllr Newman advised that the light was not working in Swan Close.

o. Clerk advised that the replacement lamps for the High Street had been delivered to Forde & McHugh and is awaiting advice of the date they will fit them.

879. **Recreation Ground:**

a. Trees had been delivered before Christmas and volunteers had a planting day 27<sup>th</sup> December. There will be another day required to plant the remaining trees once the stakes and guards have been purchased.

b. Funding has now been given for a pond liner and this will be discussed at the next meeting and in the meantime information will be obtained on all matters of pond safety and design so the Council can make a considered judgement.

c. Recycling – due to concerns of safety it was decided not to have recycling facilities in the car park area of the recreation ground in case of glass breakages adjacent to the play area.

d. Seats – Cllr Bond agreed to obtain quotations for wood for seating and Cllrs should send any ideas / photos to him so a decision can be made at the next meeting in order to request seating from the Whitchurch and Creslow Village Association.

880. **Freedom of Information Act** – the Council resolved to publish the New Model Publication Scheme as drafted by the Clerk on the Notice board and on the website.

881. **To discuss any correspondence and other communications** received since last meeting not covered by the agenda: nothing requiring comment.

882. **Communications:** Web Site – The Freedom of Information Publication Scheme would be added to the website.

883. **Other Business:**

- p. District Councillor updated that the budget will be set by AVDC on 12<sup>th</sup> February and the increase is likely to be between 2% and 4%. The new theatre is ahead of schedule and groups can visit it from the end of January. Two Heads of Service have now retired and they have not been replaced.
- q. Tony Radwell – Clerk to write requesting he looks after the cleanliness of the 2 bus shelters on Oving Road with the new one needing the glass wiping and the litter cleared. The one at Swan Close should now be maintained by JC Decaux. He should also be requested to purchase some paint for the brick bus shelter in case of need. The Council also resolved to increase his pay to £15 per month.

884. **Police:**

- r. Complete Police Community Feedback Form - it was disappointing that PCSO had not continued with her visits around the village recently. Youths have been leaving bottles and litter around the village and continue to hang around on the streets at night. Graffiti on the seat opposite Trent Cottage needs to be removed – Clerk to request Roy Randles to paint over.
- s. Cllr Newman update from the NAG – Commander List had reported that out of 200 towns in the Thames Valley Area Aylesbury has the least number of crimes. A police station is to be opened in Winslow.

885. **The date of next meeting** was agreed as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Signed.....Date.....