

WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,
Whitchurch on Monday 9th March 2009 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Bond, Cllr Newman, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Leggett, Cllr Foot, Cllr Shepherd, Sue Mordue – Clerk, 20 members of the public attended.

901. Receive Apologies: none.

902. Open Forum for Parishioners:

- a. Phillip Gomm from the NAG advised that a cheque had been issued for the joint purchase of the community speedwatch device. Costs were based on traffic flow and electoral role and were agreed by the NAG as Whitchurch £470, North Marston £445, Granborough £420, Oving £395, Pitchcott £265. Parish Councils were to cover their own insurance and volunteers from the community would be trained in operating the device.
- b. Comments were made about the untidiness of and litter around the garage which would be discussed as agenda item.
- c. Concern over the large amounts of dog fouling left from Market Hill up to the school and around Ashgrove Gardens. Article has been sent to the magazine regarding this.
- d. Concern about dogs being off the lead at the Recreation Ground with young children and elderly residents around. Article has been sent to the magazine regarding this.
- e. Residents are parking on the verges in Ashgrove Gardens and ruining the grass. Cllr Newman advised that he is having a site meeting with VAHT 24th March and would bring this up with them.
- f. Residents of Ashgrove Gardens spoke about their strong concerns for the location of the Affordable Housing. They were encouraged by the Council to attend the Open Meeting where plans would be on display and comments could be made.

903. 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.

904. The minutes of the last meetings held on Monday 16th February 2009 were confirmed as a true record.

905. To discuss any matters arising from those minutes not covered by the agenda:

- a. The Diocese had acknowledged the letter from the Parish Council and advised they would respond shortly however they confirmed they are still in discussions with AVDC Planning.
- b. Drains had been reported and are on the list to be unblocked by Draincare.
- c. Article had been sent to the magazine concerning dogs fouling, and being allowed to roam off the lead.
- d. MOD bunker had been reported to the Police who would deal with the matter of safety.
- e. The seats required in the recreation area had been advised to WCCA.

906. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:

- a. 09/00152/APP – 49 High Street – erection of single storey rear extension and provision of decking over flat roof of lower ground floor. The Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.
- b. 09/00153/ALB - erection of single storey rear extension and provision of decking over flat roof of lower ground floor. Insertion of lantern skylight, alterations to fenestration, internal alterations and demolition of coal bunker. The Council resolved it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

907. Finance:

- a. The accounts for the year to date end January 2009 were agreed as reviewed.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following payments:

Clerks Pay & Expenses	£362.34
BALC subscription	£110.24
North Marston Parish Council re Speedwatch	£470.00
E-on	£192.22
- c. The Clerk and Chairman had undertaken an audit of all the assets of the village and will be putting this together on a map for Council. Risk Assessment – Cllr Foot advised he would email this updated version to the Clerk.
- d. The Council resolved that Jonathan Gibbs would continue to be the internal auditor for 2009/10.

908. Highways:

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: numerous pot holes were reported in 3rd Ashgrove Gardens, outside the school, 48 Oving Road and along Bushmead Road.

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- b. Update from Clerk re Land outside Whistlers View: temporary bollards had been put in by Mr Chavasse and BCC advised they would replace them with permanent bollards, this should then assist visibility when exiting Whistlers View and crossing the road at this point.
- c. Clerk asked to add to the next agenda the issue of parking outside the Legion Hall.

909. Footpaths & Footways:

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: nothing to report.
- b. Clerk advised she is gathering the necessary paperwork together as evidence to claim the 'alternative Footpath 4' as a Right of Way.

910. Street Lighting: To report and update on lighting issues and repairs: still 2 lights are out at the roundabout, Clerk to advise BCC as these are their lights.

911. Recreation Ground:

- a. To update on recreation ground working group project: 249 trees had now been planted by volunteers at the field and the rest will be done shortly. The working party may approach the school to get the children involved in this.
- b. Pond: Planning permission is only required if the pond is over 200 cubic metres therefore the working party will meet with AVDC biodiversity officer to discuss and plan the pond following which the area can be calculated to see if permission is required.
- c. Clerk was requested to add to the next agenda whether a litter bin should be purchased and installed within the fenced play area.
- d. Rebecca Lemon, who is a past warden of the nature reserve at Calvert, has ideas for the area at the back of The Meadows and she will investigate borrowing equipment to cut this area.

912. To discuss any correspondence and other communications received since last meeting not covered by the agenda including:

- a. To agree what action should be taken in respect of the general untidiness of the Gulf garage forecourt: the Council resolved a strong letter should be written to Mr Choudery owner of the garage (tenant) and copied to Edward Davis the land owner.
- b. Affordable Housing – public briefing has been arranged for 22nd April in the Legion Hall from 3.00pm – 7.00pm. Plans would be on display and representatives would attend from Bucks Community Action, Hastoe Housing Association and Councillors to hear views of residents. This event would be advertised in the magazine and on posters around the village to advertise it as widely as possible.

913. Communications: Web Site – Cllr Pain advised that information had been put on the website regarding the Affordable Housing.

914. Police:

- a. Complete Police Community Feedback Form: report the litter around the garage.
- b. Cllr Newman advised that the next meeting would be 11th March but he was unable to attend. The Youth Event planning continues and it will be on 25th April 10.00am – 6pm in Winslow Community Centre.

Cllr Bond declared his interest in the next item left the meeting.

915. Grass Cutting – 4 tenders were received and the Council decided to accept the cheapest quotation by Reg Porter for the grass cutting 2009/10 at an amount of £1750 for the season.

916. The date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm. Signed.....Date.....