

WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,
Whitchurch on Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Ashley Bond Cllr Foot, Cllr Betts, Cllr Abigail Bond, Sue Mordue – Clerk, 2 members of the public attended.

1. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Meijer, and County Cllr Glover.
2. **Open Forum for Parishioners:** 2 members of the public stated their support for Planning application for wind turbine item 5 b.
3. **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.
4. **The minutes of the last meetings** held on Monday 9th November and 14th December 2009 were confirmed as true records.
5. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**
 - a. 09/02254/APP – 2 Barrettstown Stud Cottages – Alteration to roof pitch to provide first floor, two storey rear extension and single storey front extension – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
 - b. 09/02245/APP – Land at Barrettstown Stud Farm – erection of 20kw wind turbine on 15m mast– the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
 - c. 09/02135/ALB - Kempson House – internal alterations, insertion of two roof lights into North Elevation, insertion of door and frame into existing archway and new window to south courtyard elevation – amendment to Listed Building Consent 09/00593/ALB– the Council resolved it supported this application.
 - d. 09/02153/ALB and 09/02154/APP - Kempson House – conversion of groom’s cottage to annexe with erection of conservatory and porch and removal of dormer. Erection of three bay carport – the Council resolved it supported these applications and commented that this was a better application in that the knocking down of the listed wall in Church Hedland Lane would not be required.
6. **Finance:**
 - a. The Council agreed the accounts for the year to date end November 2009 as reviewed.
 - b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheque:
Clerks Salary and Expenses
 - c. Cllr Betts and Cllr Bond were added to the bank mandate as signatories.
7. **Highways:**
 - a. The Clerk had written to the BCC Cabinet members following the grid lock caused by the road works at the Horse and Jockey lights. BCC apologised and advised that the developers had to redo the surface of the road and needed to dig down 1/2m to correct things. This had been a requirement of the Buckingham Park Development approval. It would continue for 11 weeks and they would put further signage out to divert traffic and the light sequence would be changed and they would do everything possible to review the problem and try and minimise the impact.
 - b. Potholes were being filled as a priority with additional teams being diverted from normal duties to do this.
8. **Footpaths & Footways:** No issues.
9. **Street Lighting:** BCC light outside the farm entrance on A413 was out – clerk to report.
10. **Councillors Updates on Meetings Attended**
 - a. Cllr Betts had attended a meeting on Quality Parish. Information would be circulated along with the BCC alternative scheme and would be added to next months agenda for discussion.
 - b. Cllr Pain had attended the Winslow and District Local Area Forum – the East West rail project had been discussed and a presentation from David Smedley from Environmental Health – no actions required.
11. **Recreation Ground:**
 - a. To update on work on the pond – fence had been put back up by George Cheshire and the pond was full.
 - b. To update on Community Woodland – Extra trees have been planted and the design was by Robin Moore so they were intentionally planted along the straight line of the footpath to create a more interesting walk. Additional free trees had been obtained by Mr Adams and these would be planted in due course. More stakes

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and guards would be required at some point. Once quantity required is known Cllr Pain would obtain a quotation from Kingswood Garden Centre.

- c. To discuss and agree whether a sign should be put up at the pond – the Council resolved that although the pond had been created with the guidance and knowledge of Paul Holton AVDC it was felt that RoSPA should undertake a safety inspection as soon as possible to advise on things such as signage. Clerk to arrange.
- d. To agree that the pond should be inspected by RoSPA on an annual basis – the Council resolved that advice would be sought on frequency of required inspection from RoSPA following their first inspection.
- e. To ratify signage wording for Dog Fouling and placement to order for 2 signs – the wording had been agreed outside the meeting and the 2 signs would be put up.
- f. To update on how much has been spent to date of grant from VAHT - grant agreed was £2490 of this £1580.93 had been spent on the pond liner and £857.13 on the excavation works. The remaining part of the grant would be put towards the grass seed supplied by AVDC. Clerk to submit copy invoices to VAHT to claim the monies.
- g. To report inspection of Play Area Equipment - equipment inspected by Cllr Foot and no issues to report.
- h. Bin had not been emptied – clerk to follow up.

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

- a. Consider whether to set up a Youth Council – Cllr Abigail Bond agreed to put an article in the Village News and on the website and see whether there is any interest to form this.
- b. To discuss information received from Enertrag UK re the proposed wind farm near Wing - the Council agreed to keep a watching eye.
- c. Meeting to be set up with Paul O'Hare and Cllr Pain and Betts to discuss Whitchurch priorities for the LAF.
- d. Lesley Blue from BALC would be invited to attend a meeting to discuss implementation and issues from BCC Locality Strategy.
- e. BCC Walk your Local Paths Initiative – Gavin would be asked to see if he wishes to establish a group to do this and reconvene the Whitchurch Walkers.
- f. Application to add the footpath from the main road across the gardens at Little London to the definitive map is now being taken forward by BCC. The application is from the Parish Council on behalf of its residents following the padlocking of this gate stopping access as detailed in previous minutes. Evidence was submitted from various people in the village confirming they had walked the path for over 20 years.
- g. An additional application had been submitted by the residents stating that there was an error on the definitive map by putting footpath 4 on it. However the Council agreed we did not need to comment on this application as this would just result in the moving of footpath 4 on the map. However this is not able to be walked anyway. The other footpath in 12f above is the one that is walked and has been for over 20 years so once this is added this second application may only result in the movement of footpath 4 which is a separate issue and could result in 2 footpaths across the land.

13. Communications: Web Site – nothing to report.

14. Police: Complete Police Community Feedback Form –

- a. A car had been graffitied in the High Street and the Police are already involved in this.
- b. Cllr Abigail Bond would ask at the next NAG meeting whether we could be advised of the frequency of visits to the village by the Police and PCSO.

15. The date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 8th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. Signed.....Date.....