

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.30pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Ashley Bond, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Betts, Cllr Foot, Cllr Aiston, Sue Mordue – Clerk, County Cllr Glover, and 3 members of the public attended.

96. **Co-option:** Nicola Aiston was co-opted to the position as Councillor. Her declaration of acceptance of office and Register of Interest was received by the Clerk.
97. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Abigail Bond.
98. **Open Forum Adjournment:** to allow public participation.
99. **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.
100. **The minutes of the last** meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were confirmed as a true record.
101. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**  
Due to the timescale for response the Council considered the following application: 10/01364/ATC – St John's Gate 3 Church Lane - Crown reduce by 20% and thin one Maple tree – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application and commented to refer to the tree officer's comments.
102. **Finance:**
- The accounts for the year to date May 2010 were agreed as reviewed.
  - Cllr Aiston was added to the bank mandate as a new signatory to the account and Dianne Shepherd was removed.
  - The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:

Playsafety Ltd	138	£162.16
Lynch Garden Services	139	£90.00
Lynch Garden Services	140	£70.00
E Sharp Electrical	141	£124.21
Clerks Pay & Expenses	142	£342.69
Lynch Garden Services	143	£95.00
E-On	DD	£196.68
103. **Highways:** To report and update on issues and repairs:
- BCC have confirmed that the land slide outside Trent Cottage is due to be repaired soon.
  - Hedge along the Oving Road and Sandpath opposite Trent Cottage needs cutting back.
104. **Footpaths & Footways:**
- To update on recommendation to the Rights of Way Committee regarding the walked route across Spencer House and Paddock House. To advise of the committee date (10.00am 14<sup>th</sup> July at County Hall) and to agree attendance at the Rights of Way Committee: Cllr Pain agreed to attend and Mrs Valerie Sankeran would speak on behalf of the parishioners.
  - To report and update on issues and repairs: Overgrown footpaths were reported on the Bond Bros footpaths. Cllr Bond was requested to ask Bond Bros to clear this back.
  - Annual Walking of the Footpaths: To agree a lead Councillor for footpath issues which will include an annual walk of the footpaths in the Parish by either the Parish Council or the Whitchurch Walkers or other: Cllr Betts agreed to lead this and Dr Sankeran has said that he would assist. The paths would be walked and checked by the Parish Council once per year and Cllr Betts would be the contact point.
105. **Street Lighting:** To report and update on lighting issues and repairs:
- BCC lights on the roundabout need testing as they keep going off intermittently.
  - Clerk to forward inventory to Electricity supplier to update their records.
  - Clerk to ascertain whether any discounts can be gained by grouping with other Councils to purchase electricity.
106. **Recreation Ground:**

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- a. To update on Community Woodland and Pond Area: Trees are coping well in the heat and still growing well. They had been sprayed round the base however this did not appear to have worked yet. There are still a further 100 trees awaiting planting. The water level on the pond is down considerably. Cllr Pain requested all Cllrs attend a site meeting to discuss RoSPA report and guidance.
- b. To report inspection of Play Area Equipment: Gate would be fixed by Cllr Foot.
- c. To discuss RoSPA report and agree what actions will be taken to address any issues:
  - i. Site meeting to be held to discuss report and decide what actions to take.
  - ii. Notices to be put on the Noticeboard as RoSPA recommended stating "No Kite Flying near overhead cables" and "Warning Deep Pond" – Clerk to produce and laminate.
  - iii. Wood chippings to be raked by Cllr Foot.
  - iv. Cllr Foot will look whether the swing seats can be hung up higher to move feet away from the surface.
- d. To consider and agree in principle whether the field could be used for village functions: the Council resolved that in principle the field could be used for village functions. It would remain open to all at all times and not restricted access. A representative from the Parish Council would need to work with the WCCA if the May Feast moves to this location.

## 107. Village Questionnaire:

- a. To discuss and agree whether to undertake a village questionnaire: the Council resolved that it considered a village questionnaire is a useful exercise and should be produced later in the year.
- b. If so then to agree on its purpose. (i.e. whether just to establish how the £17,000 s106 monies will be spent or whether to produce a Community Led Plan from it as well.) The Council resolved that Cllr Pain, Betts and Aiston would get together to start to produce a questionnaire in draft for the Community Led Plan.

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

- a. AVDC had advised that the new road behind the Roses would be named Newman Close which was recommended by the Council. Mrs Newman is delighted with this news.
- b. Bus Shelter – the company who provided the new bus shelter outside the Doctors had been bought by another company. A quote had been provided for new decorative strips to replace those which had been vandalised. This was £130 therefore the Council resolved to not replace them but to ask Tony Radwell to clean off the glue and leave it without.
- c. Cllr Meijer advised of the new report issued by SAVI requesting Councils to object the plans. Information to be circulated for comment.

## 109. Police:

- a. Complete Police Community Feedback Form – no issues to raise.
- b. Update from Cllr Betts re Speed watch device – Cllr Betts had contacted Mr Gomm (Chair of the NAG) again regarding the use of and training for speedwatch however this had still not been forthcoming. The Clerk advised that Emma Garside had offered the Police to train people if requested. Cllr Betts to ask Mr Gomm again and if not progressed then the Police could be asked to train parishioners.
- c. Update from Cllr Abigail Bond re NAG issues raised last month – Cllr absent from meeting so no report given.
- d. Drayton Parslow Parish Council had asked whether they could borrow the Speedwatch device from the NAG group. The Council resolved that in principle this is acceptable to them.

## 110. Councillors Updates on Meetings Attended – adjournment for Cllrs to advise whether any decisions are required by the Council which need to be added to the next agenda – nothing raised.

111. The date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

## Closed session:

112. Path: To review quotations for footpath to play area and consider specification – despite quotes having been requested from several people the clerk had still only received one. Cllr Bond advised he would find further names to ask for quotations from.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm. Signed.....Date.....