

**Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,
Whitchurch on Monday 12th June 2010 at 7.30pm**

Attendees: Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Ashley Bond, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Betts, Cllr Foot, Sue Mordue – Clerk, County Cllr Glover, 6 members of the public attended.

81. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Abigail Bond.
82. **Open Forum Adjournment:** to allow public participation.
83. **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.
84. **The minutes of the last** meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010 were confirmed as a true record.
85. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**
- a. 10/01012/ATC – White House 56 High Street – felling of yew, holly and fir trees – the Council resolved it had no objections subject to the advice from the AVDC tree officer.
 - b. 10/01126/ATC – Paddock House – fell one Beech – the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
86. **Finance:**
- a. The accounts for the year to date April 2010 were confirmed as reviewed.
 - b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	134	£70.00
Lynch Garden Services	135	£90.00
Clerks Pay & Expenses	136	£333.29
Jonathan Gibbs	137	£60.00
 - c. The Internal Auditor had confirmed the accounts and they were now with the external auditor.
87. **Highways:** To report and update on issues and repairs: Pot holes in Church Headlands and Post Office Lane and outside the school. Concern over flooding on the main road when heavy down pour of rain recently, however it did appear that the remedial work undertaken a few years ago to stop the water flooding down Market Hill has worked. Clerk to request drain is cleared on High Street by roundabout and at Weir Lane.
88. **Footpaths & Footways:**
- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: none.
 - b. Annual Walking of the Footpaths: To agree a process for an annual walk of the footpaths in the Parish by either the Parish Council or the Whitchurch Walkers or other: the Council resolved that there should be a dedicated Cllr for footpaths as the Council wants to ensure they do not fall into disrepair and it is a duty to keep the Rights of Way open. Cllr requested to give this some thought to discuss at the July meeting.
89. **Street Lighting:**
- a. To report and update on lighting issues and repairs: E Sharp Electrical had repaired light on Church Headlands opposite Salem Cottage.
 - b. Cllr Betts and Pain had done an inventory of the lights and there are 63 in total. Need to advise Paul Hart of new inventory and try and see whether can get a bulk rate from suppliers if join with other PCs.
90. **Recreation Ground:**
- a. To update on Community Woodland and Pond Area: Trees doing well. Terry Lynch to be requested to spray roundup around trees. Water level is low in the pond due to lack of rain. Cllr Pain had met with the RoSPA Inspector to discuss the pond and play area.

He had no concerns regarding the pond and advised that it did not need a closed barrier/fence surrounding it. Also the Council should consider putting in a platform at the edge of the pond for a dipping platform.

- b. To report inspection of Play Area Equipment – RoSPA Inspector advised no high risk issues and report is to follow. New tops would be required for the tops of the columns on the tall structure. Await report and then follow up actions. He did state that a sign was required stating ‘No kite Flying’.
- c. To consider and agree in principle whether the field could be used for village functions – It has been suggested that the May Feast should move to the recreation field. Cllrs to think what needs to be taken into consideration so if approached by the WCCA then a decision could be taken.
- d. Clerk still awaiting further quotation for pathway. Roy Randles had provided a quote for stones however the Council requested quotations for a raised pathway of slabs to be put down. Clerk to obtain further quotations.

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

- a. Request for path to play area would be taken to the LAF by Cllr Pain and Bond.
- b. Cllr Foot agreed to complete TfB questionnaire on Winter Maintenance Feedback.
- c. S106 monies – to consider how we will decide how to spend the monies on the village: as part of the Affordable Housing development Whitchurch Parish Council will be given £17,000 to spend on the village. Cllrs agreed that the community should be involved in making the decision as to how this is best spent so should consider doing a Community Led Plan questionnaire. Clerk will circulate other village questionnaire and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

92. Police: Complete Police Community Feedback Form:

- a. Dog litter is still a major problem.
- b. At the next NAG Cllr Abigail Bond is to ask:
 - i. for a log of how much police time is spent in the village.
 - ii. Request Police Speed check on Bushmead Road and Oving Road.
 - iii. Cllr Betts updated that he had contacted Mr Gomm (Chair of the NAG) regarding training and using the Speed watch device but was advised he was broken. He is to respond to Mr Gomm saying we have a list of volunteers so can we train them as soon as possible and use the device.

93. Councillors Updates on Meetings Attended – adjournment.

94. The date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 12th July 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

Closed Session:

- 95. Co-option:** The Council resolved that Cllr Pain, Betts and Meijer would meet applicants and then make a recommendation to the Council. The successful applicant would be invited to be co-opted as the first agenda item at the July meeting.

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