

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.30pm

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

142. **Receive Apologies:** Cllr Abigail Bond, Cllr Betts.

143. **Open Forum Adjournment:** to allow public participation.

144. **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.

145. **The minutes of the last** meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were confirmed as a true record.

**146. Finance:**

a. The accounts for the year to date September 2010 were agreed as reviewed.

b. To ratify cheques issued outside the meeting:

Jimmy Watts (pond fence labour)	014	£300.00
Ian Malcolm re Village Questionnaire	155	£30.00

c. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Kompan	156	£97.53
AVDC Dog bins	157	£425.56
Lynch Garden Services	158	£90.00
Linnell Bros	159	£312.61
Giffords	160	£1,515.75
Clerks Pay & Expenses	161	£344.36

d. To discuss draft budget and precept – it was agreed to hold a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December to agree this.

**147. Planning: To discuss and agree recommendations:**

a. 10/02036/ATC – Kempson House – crown reduce two Beech trees, one Horse Chestnut and one Sycamore tree by 30%, reduce lower limbs of two Horse Chestnut trees by 30% - the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

b. 10/02076/ATC – Paddock House – reduce row of Cypress conifers by 50% height- the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

c. 10/02065/ATC – St Johns Church – re-pollarding 15 Lime Trees- the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

d. 10/02003/APP – Land Adj Wayside Oving Road – erection of Stable Block. - the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

e. 10/02021/APP – 11 Rickyard Close – conservatory- the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.

f. 10/02091/ALB – 10 Market Hill – replacement door and window (retrospective) – the Council resolved it Supported this application.

g. The Firs – application to extend the time limit on extant planning permission 07/00689/APP – demolition of pre-fabricated buildings and erection of 4no flats –the Council resolved it stood by its previous opinions on this application Opposing it and AVDC should refer to all previous comments made. The Parish Council also stated that a condition should also be that they rebuild the fallen down listed wall around the boundary of the site. They knocked this down previously and should be made to rebuild it before anything goes any further as it is in a conservation area.

h. The Firs – application to extend time limit on extant permission 07/00372/APP - erection of 6 flats–the Council resolved it stood by its previous opinions on this application Opposing it and AVDC should refer to all previous comments made.

**148. Highways:** To report and update on issues and repairs:

a. Pothole outside 54 Oving Road.

b. Cllr Glover agreed to ask why TFB have been so slow at even acknowledging reports of issues and still not dealing with them.

**149. Footpaths & Footways:**

a. To report and update on issues and repairs – tree / hedge cuttings left on Weir Lane were reported to BCC.

b. Update re Footpath claim at Paddock and Spencer House – no progress. Item will remain on the agenda.

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- 150. Street Lighting:** To report and update on lighting issues and repairs:
- The BCC lights at the roundabout continue to flash near the farm entrance as previously reported to BCC monthly over the last year and others are out.
  - Rickard Close – 2<sup>nd</sup> light on left above the steps is out.
- 151. Recreation Ground:**
- Update on Community Woodland, Pond area, grass cutting and Car Park:
    - Clerk had arranged for 50m<sup>3</sup> of cushionfall to be delivered to the car park on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to top up the play area. The Community service workers will then spread this on the following Monday and then continue weekly thereafter. They will also be asked to clear weeds from the car park. Cllr Pain had arranged use of the Legion Hall for them.
    - Pond area fencing had been completed by Jimmy Watts and Council are pleased with the result.
    - Grass Meadow Area had been cut and unfortunately some trees had been cut down/run over so some will need replacing.
  - To agree whether to accept quotation for 140 stakes and guards for new trees – AVDC quoted £583.98 for these, however agreed to pay half the cost. County Cllr Netta Glover agreed to donate £200 from her Leader Fund towards this. Council agreed to pay the remaining balance and thanked Cllr Glover and AVDC for their assistance with this.
  - To report inspection of Play Area Equipment – no new issues. Ends had now been received for the tops of the high structures and Cllr Foot agreed to put these on.
- 152. Village Questionnaire:** Questionnaires had been distributed and boxes had been located around the village to collect them. Once all collected the Cllrs would agree how to assess them. There was frequent comment of speeding Police cars on a daily basis and Cllr Pain agreed to bring this up at the next LAF. Cllr Aiston agreed to put up a chaser notice outside the school and put a box in school for collection. WCCA requested that any volunteers from the questionnaire who expressed an interest in joining them are notified to them as soon as possible.
- 153. To discuss any correspondence and other communications** received since last meeting not covered by the agenda including:
- Affordable Housing – it is expected there will be an opening ceremony in March of the new homes.
  - North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium - 11 November meeting - to decide if anyone should attend and join this group – the Council resolved not to attend but to ensure they are copied in to any information relevant to them.
  - Hulcott letter re objecting to the Wind farm at Wingrave – the Council resolved that they should not have a policy regarding this but should assess each application on its own merit. In the meantime any information should be circulated to assist in knowledge build up relating to wind farms.
  - WCCA advised they would like to hold the May Day event on the Recreation Field on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 10am – 6pm. The Parish Council were happy with this and requested there be a Councillor in attendance at all the planning meetings before hand. A plan would be required by the Council of the siting of activities and Cllr Aiston agreed to attend meetings.
- 154. Police:** Complete Police Community Feedback Form:
- Parking on footway in the High Street continues to cause an obstruction.
  - Speeding Police cars.
- 155. 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 required.
- 156. The date of next meeting** was agreed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December for Budget and Planning only followed by a normal Parish Council meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm. Signed.....Date.....