

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Ashley Bond, Cllr Abigail Bond Cllr Meijer, Cllr Betts, Cllr Foot, Cllr Aiston, Sue Mordue – Clerk, BCC Jackie Wesley and 2 members of the public attended.

113. **Receive Apologies:** County Cllr Glover.

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

115. **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.

116. **The minutes of the last** meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were confirmed as a true record.

117. **Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**

- a. To agree whether to make any further comments regarding appeal re Land adjacent to Wayside Oving Road – erection of single storey building for storage including tractors and farm machinery and provision of track to existing field access – the Council resolved to make no further representation.
- b. 10/0157/ATP – 10 Firs Close – fell one horse chestnut tree – the Council resolved the ratification of no objections decision.
- c. 10/01492/ALB Whitchurch House – repairs and alterations - – the Council resolved the ratification of no objections decision.
- d. 10/01519/APP Paddock House – conversion of existing integral garage and loft void over including insertion of rear dormer windows - – the Council resolved the ratification of no objections decision.

118. **Finance:**

- a. The accounts for the year to date July 2010 were agreed as reviewed.
- b. Audit has been confirmed and completed by Mazars and to be displayed on noticeboard by Clerk.
- c. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

Lynch Garden Services	148	£90.00
E Sharp Electrical	149	£83.52
Lynch Garden Services	150	£70.00
Mazars	151	£158.62
Clerks Pay & Expenses	152	£333.29
E-On	DD	£196.68

119. **Highways:**

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs – By the bus stop in High Street by the Priory there is a manhole which is collapsing and the top is off a smaller one nearby. Hedge opposite 6/8 Ashgrove Gardens still needs cutting back.
- b. To discuss and agree whether to ask BCC to remove the Hedge opposite Trent Cottage as it causes an obstruction into the road – it was agreed to ask BCC to cut this back severely and also the one on North Marston Lane past the school down the hill towards Oving.
- c. There should have been a new school crossing sign put in as part of the s106 – clerk is chasing BCC to see when this will be done.

120. **Footpaths & Footways:**

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: Hemp Plait the narrow pathway between the High Street and White Horse Lane needs cleaning and overhanging trees need cutting back.
- b. To update on Rights of Way Committee decisions regarding the walked route across Spencer House and Paddock House – the Committee resolved that the evidence supported that the walked route should be added to the definitive map as a footpath. The draft order for this has been issued.
- c. To discuss and agree whether to accept in principle for “a new footpath to be put in across the front gardens of Paddock and Spencer House in place of the claimed route across the middle of these rear gardens, and the existing route on the definitive map which passes under the corner of the house” – this was agreed in principle by the Council. Clerk to progress next steps with BCC Mike Walker. Cllr Pain would write and advise those parties involved in giving evidence about this.

121. **Street Lighting:** Light in Church Headland Lane is out again needs repair. BCC lights still flicker at mini roundabout.

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## 122. Recreation Ground:

- a. Update on Community Woodland, Pond area, grass cutting and Car Park:
  - i. Car park area needs a tidy up and weeds removed – Clerk to ask Community Service to assist with a team to do this.
  - ii. Wildflower Meadow Area – clerk to ask Lynch Garden Services to cut this. In next years tender for grass cutting it should be included to be cut twice a year in early spring and September and also the grass on the mound.
  - iii. Pond – Clerk to obtain quotations for a fence 1 m high with 2 rails and a mesh to be put round the pond.
  - iv. Signs to be put up re Overhead cables and Water.
  - v. Trees – In the autumn they will look at where to locate the new trees.
- b. To report inspection of Play Area Equipment – no new issues. Clerk to get RoSPA actions completed and gain quotation for top up of chippings on play area. Cllr Foot would look to see if swing could be raised.

123. **Village Questionnaire:** The draft questionnaire was discussed and it was agreed that Cllrs should feedback to Cllrs Pain, Betts and Aiston and they would prepare a final draft.

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

- a. The new postal address for the Affordable Housing Development will be Newman Close.
- b. All those who had expressed an interest in the homes would be contacted and others should register their interest if they have not done so already.
- c. The Council resolved that it was against the incinerator plant in Calvert.
- d. Next agenda will include whether to respond re Wind Farm at Hulcott.

## 125. Police:

- a. Complete Police Community Feedback Form: There have been a couple of horrific car/bike accidents on the main road. Police cars have been coming through the High Street very fast with lights on around mid day everyday. Also complaints received regarding parking on the pavements outside Tudor House – will ask PCSO to review.
- b. Update from Cllr Betts re Speed watch device and agree to joint purchase of high visibility jackets on grounds of H&S: Cllr Betts advised that there are now 13 volunteers and the speed watch is now up and running. Council agreed to purchase of high visibility jackets.
- c. Update from Cllr Abigail Bond re NAG issues raised last month- she had been unable to attend meeting and advised that she would have to step down from this group. Cllr Meijer agreed to become the NAG representative for the Council with Cllr Foot as a backup. Cllr Betts would continue as the Speedwatch co-ordinator.
- d. To discuss and agree whether to use the warning letters provided by the police for cars parking on pavements in Whitchurch – the Council resolved that these letters should not be used by Cllrs to put on cars and instead that the Police / PCSO should come out and do enforcement.

126. **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. The Local Development Framework had been cancelled by the District Council further information would follow.

127. **The date of next meeting** was agreed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm. Signed.....Date.....