

WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council on Monday 12 June 2017 at 7.30pm in the St Johns Hall

Present: Chairman Ashley Bond
Vice Chairman Charlotte Lincoln
Councillor Mark Parrott
Councillor Caroline Heron
Councillor Paul Alderman

County Councillor Netta Glover
Plus 18 attendees

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Councillor David Meakin, Councillor Sue Ford and District Councillor Janet Blake.
- 2. Declaration of interest** in items on the agenda: to declare any interests and agree any dispensation requests - Chairman Ashley Bond declared his interest as Members of the AVDC Strategic Development Control Group and also the Development Management Committee.
- 3. Open Forum: (under adjournment)** – Chris Wilkie was in attendance and addressed the group with his proposal to bring Broadband into the village. He reported that AV Broadband (AVB) were massively behind on their rollout of Broadband across the District, and he confirmed that following positive dialogue with Andrew Mills, the lead for AVB, Ecom would now take over the implementation in Whitchurch. AVB had agreed to refund in full, the £20 deposits previously paid to them by 105 residents in the village. A resident asked if there were plans to run cable down Weir Lane in addition to across the Meadows and also if business users would get priority. Chris replied that no plans were yet in place to install to Weir Lane and in terms of priority, only the cable installation was being looked at, at this stage in the process. He disseminated plans and photographs which highlighted his proposals. Councillors thanked Chris for addressing the group and agreed to consider this proposal under agenda item 6b.

County Councillor Netta Glover gave a verbal update to the group. Her report is attached to these minutes.

Anne Rizzo-Naudi from the Travel Team at Whitchurch Combined School referred to email correspondence with Bucks County Council and the Parish Council regarding parking problems at the school. She was looking at three different options and asked the Parish Council if they would consider funding, or help the school to apply for funding. Options were - to ask the Parish Council to paint parking bays in the Recreation Ground car park, to ask the Parish Council to provide or otherwise help secure funding for a crossing patroller, to ask the Parish Council to provide funding for pavement railings. She told the group about a meeting the following evening which was to be held at the school which would discuss these options and she invited all Councillors to attend. The Clerk had spoken to officers at Bucks County Council and agreed to follow this up and arrange a meeting between BCC, Anne, Ashley Bond and the Clerk.

ACTION: AMD

A resident raised the issue of trees and footways in the village and the worrying state in which they were increasingly being becoming due to lack of maintenance. She referred to one in particular down Weir Lane. The Clerk agreed to contact the Local Area Technician at Bucks County Council to invite him on a walkround the village where these issues could be further discussed.

ACTION: AMD

Councillor Heron had been approached by a local resident who asked that our Parish Council write to Oving Parish Council advising them of dangerous dogs at Hideaway Farm which were allegedly not under the owner's control. The Clerk was asked to write to the Parish Council.

ACTION: AMD

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A member of the audience referred to the footway from Whitchurch to Hardwick and said it was now dangerous to walk due to overhanging vegetation. The Clerk agreed to advise the Local Area Technician. **ACTION: AMD**

A resident referred to an earlier email sent to the Clerk and asked what the Council's view was on speeding in Mount Pleasant. The Clerk apologised for any lack of reply but stated that she had definitely not received any such email but would ask Councillor Charlotte Lincoln to forward on. The Chairman addressed the question and stated that this matter had been considered on many occasions and the Parish Council had invited the local PCSO and Local Area Technician to a previous meeting where several options had been considered to try and help the situation in Mount Pleasant. Ultimately it was decided by both Thames Valley Police and Transport for Buckinghamshire that no further action would be taken.

4. **To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Monday 8 May 2017 – The minutes were signed and agreed as a correct record.
5. **To update on matters arising** – None – all covered on agenda.
6. **To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
 - a) To review correspondence from AVDC regarding their plea for information on Reception and Rest centres to assist their emergency plan.
The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor David Meakin to ask if the St Johns Hall could be nominated in the first instance. **ACTION: AMD**
 - b) To discuss the proposal to run fibre across Parish land and agree next steps – Councillors referred to the earlier presentation by Chris Wilkie and resolved to support this venture providing the correct wayleave agreement was in place. **ACTION: AMD**
 - c) To discuss the approach from a local resident who would like to bring an Under 16 football team to the Recreation Ground – This proposal was unanimously agreed by Councillors with the proviso that the Football agreed to manage the parking on match days and training days sensitively to residents in the adjacent area. The Clerk was asked to advise the proposer. **ACTION: AMD**
 - d) To consider the request from a local resident to use the Recreation Ground for an exercise class twice a week – Again Councillors fully supported this request but with the proviso that the proposer had her own insurance in place. The Chairman would advise her. **ACTION: AB**
 - e) To consider and discuss the future of the village website and administration – Councillor Lincoln told the group that she and Councillor Heron had met with a local resident, Alan Dixon and he had agreed to look at the village website to see how it could be updated and he would come back with proposals. Councillors agreed to archive previous emails and blogs from the former late editor Terry Mcaffrey. The Clerk was asked to thank both Andrew Pain and John Wilson who had stepped in to manage the website in the interim period following Terry's passing. **ACTION: AMD**
7. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

The Clerk had received a request from AVDC which related to the proposed development at the Land off Newman Close for the erection of 22 dwellings. AVDC needed to know an appropriate sport/leisure project for the £65k that would be generated should the development go ahead. This request was considered under item 8 on the agenda as it was linked to any outcomes following the public consultation.

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Playsafety Ltd	chq 596	£130.20
Lynch Garden Services	chq 597	£360.00
L A Orchard	chq 598	£60.00
PCC Whitchurch	chq 599	£16.00
Ashley Bond	chq 600	£19.01
(padlock and mileage to collect MVAS)		

Trevor Adams	chq 601	£315.00
PCC Whitchurch	chq 602	£350.00

Councillors agreed to donate £350 to the upkeep of the churchyard.

- c) To discuss the purchase of a PC laptop so that MVAS data can be downloaded and interrogated.
Following discussion, Councillors resolved to not buy a laptop as the data that would be produced was not useful to Thames Valley Police. Councillors agreed that the MVAS was more as a visual deterrent than anything else.
- d) To receive feedback from consultation on how £25,000 should be spent on sport and leisure facilities in the village and make a decision – incorrectly duplicated – see item 8 for details.

12. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – date of next meeting was 29 June 2017 and the Clerk gave her apologies as she would be on annual leave.

13. Recreation Ground.

- a) To receive and discuss the Annual Inspection Report from RoSPA – Councillors discussed the outcomes of this report and focussed on the Medium risks. The Chairman agreed to ask the Contractor to rake the chippings in the Recreation Ground and also to speak to Reg Porter about the installation of sleeves to reduce the damage of strimming.

ACTION: AB

14. To agree the date of the next meeting – Date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the St Johns Hall.

Signed:

Date