

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council on Monday 10 July 2017 at 7.30pm in the St Johns Hall

**Present**

Chairman Ashley Bond  
Vice Chairman Councillor Charlotte Lincoln  
Councillor Mark Parrott  
Councillor Sue Ford  
Councillor Caroline Heron

District Councillor Netta Glover  
Plus 7 residents

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from District Councillor Janet Blake, Councillor Paul Alderman and Councillor David Meakin.
- 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)** - County Councillor Netta Glover gave a verbal update to the group. Her report is attached to these minutes.

A resident informed the group that a light was out to the front of 21 and 22 Ashgrove Gardens. The Clerk would report to VAHT. **ACTION: AMD**

Further potholes were also reported at Market Hill. The Clerk would advise the Local Area Technician (LAT). **ACTION: AMD**

It was reported that Hemp Platt had become nettly and the hedge by the Church overgrown. The Chairman would contact Terry Lynch to ask him to deal. **ACTION: AB**

Diane Cole the resident of the planning application at 6 Market Hill, Whitchurch addressed the group present. She gave a comprehensive description of the application and invited any questions. The planning application was considered under item 7.

Councillor Heron reported that verges in Swan Close were now so overgrown they were covering the footway. She would provide photographs as to the exact whereabouts so that the grass cutting contractor could be asked to deal. **ACTION: CH/AMD**

- 4. To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Monday 12 June 2017 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 5. To update on matters arising** – The Clerk advised the group that she was still to obtain the confirmation that St Johns Hall could be used as a rest centre in an emergency situation. She would continue to chase for a response. Councillor Mark Parrott suggested she contact Philip Parrott. **ACTION: AMD**
- 6. To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**
  - a) To update on the proposal to run fibre across Parish land – The Clerk updated the group on actions since the last meeting. She had been dealing with HB Law (via Bucks County Council), and they were, as formerly agreed by the Parish Council, writing a new Wayleave

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Agreement for the Contractor to sign up to. Councillor Lincoln asked for it to be made clear to residents, that the Parish Council were in no way endorsing Ecom as a provider, all we were doing, was allowing fibre to cross our land as a facility for the village, nothing more.

- b) To decide an appropriate sport/leisure project for the £65k that would be generated should development for 22 dwellings at Land off Newman Close go ahead – Councillors discussed this proposal at length and considered all the expenditure options available. Councillors agreed to put forward a proposal to build a small community type sports pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was asked to advise AVDC. **ACTION: AMD**
- c) To consider proposal by Councillor Heron to set up a WPAG group similar to the one in Oving – Councillor Caroline Heron offered the group extensive background to this proposal and how lots of local village are working alongside the group Ripple to improve the upkeep of footpaths in their villages. She asked for the Councils permission to meet up with Wendy Kett from Weedon to learn a bit more about the project and also asked if the Parish Council would support a donation in the region of £500. Following discussion Councillors voted and the majority supported this proposal. Councillor Heron would feedback to a future meeting. **ACTION: CH**
- d) To consider proposal from a resident in Mount Pleasant to train up on Community Speedwatch – The Clerk updated the group on an email discussion with a resident who lived in Mount Pleasant. The resident had raised concerns over speeding traffic in Mount Pleasant and asked if the Parish Council could help in anyway. The Clerk had informed the resident of previous presentations back in November 2014 from both Thames Valley Police (TVP) and Transport for Buckinghamshire regarding this subject. She also copied TVP into her responses. TVP whilst indicating that they believed the speeding problem was more about perception rather than a ‘real’ issue, also suggested that it may be useful to use our existing Community Speedwatch equipment. The resident was agreeable to this and wanted to train up as a volunteer. Previously Councillor David Meakin was the Co-ordinator for Speedwatch. The Clerk was asked to request that Councillor Meakin contact the resident to take this proposal forward. **ACTION: DM**
7. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:
- 17/01325/APP – Land to South of Oving Road, Whitchurch, Bucks** – To note minor amended plans. No further consultation being undertaken – The Clerk was asked to refer to our previous OBJECTION and contact AVDC to say our position had not changed. **ACTION: AMD**
- 17/02167/APP - 31 Oving Road, Whitchurch, Bucks, HP22 4JF** – Replacement of existing garage and new porch to dwelling – Councillors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 17/02281/APP – 6 Market Hill, Whitchurch, Bucks, HP22 4JB** – Removal of existing rear single storey extension and replacement with a two storey extension - Councillors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
- 17/02400/APP – Whistlers View, 5 Oving Road, Whitchurch, Bucks, HP22 4JF** – Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey side and rear extension – As this application had only just been received, Councillors decided to do a site visit first and feedback their decision to the Clerk before the end of the consultation date of 28 July 2017. **ACTION: Planning committee**
8. **To update on the progress for the agreement to spend the £24,881 on a new Cricket pavilion and an outdoor gym** – The Clerk informed the group that both proposals were

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progressing well with AVDC. They had received the Ward Members approval and were now just waiting on confirmation from Officers at AVDC. The Clerk was asked, on behalf of Councillors, to keep in contact with the Cricket Club on their design proposals for a Cricket Pavilion.

**ACTION: AMD**

## 9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs

The Clerk advised the group that the LAT had offered dates for a walkround in early August. The Clerk had gone back to him for alternative dates as she was unable to attend at that particular time. Councillors asked that a Monday or Tuesday be avoided and would prefer a morning walkround if possible. The Clerk would liaise with the LAT to organise.

**ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was asked to contact VAHT regarding overgrown footways to the outside of 41 Ashgrove Gardens.

**ACTION: AMD**

- b) To receive an update on the improvements to the wall adjacent to the bus stop in the High Street – The Chairman had still been unable to reach anyone from Ashford's. He would continue to chase and update at a future meeting.

**ACTION: AB**

## Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs

The Clerk said she had been in contact with the lighting contractors and they hoped power would be put to the new lights in Swan Close and old columns removed within the next fortnight.

## 10. Finance

- a) To agree the accounts for the month ending May 2017 – the accounts for May were agreed as a correct record.

- b) To draw cheques

PCC Whitchurch	chq 603	£16.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 604	£456.34

## 11. To report on meetings attended on behalf of the Parish Council

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – No update.

- b) Winslow School Parking meeting (should have read WHITCHURCH School and not Winslow as stated) – The Chairman briefly updated the group on his and Councillor Caroline Heron's attendance at the Parking issues meeting held by the School. He then advised the group that a further on site meeting had been held to the outside of the school and attended by himself, the Clerk, Anne Rizzo-Naudi (from the School) and Simon Garwood from Bucks County Council. It had been a good meeting where the School had advised that Bucks County Council would be installing railings to the outside of the school over the summer. Ms Rizzo-Naudi asked if the Parish Council would pay for double yellow lines to be painted on the entrances to the Ashgrove Gardens roads. Simon Garwood was hopeful that the Local Area Forum could fund 50 per cent of the full cost if the Parish Council could match fund.

This proposal was put to Councillors at tonight's meeting. They agreed to put forward funds up to the value of £1000 and hoped that both Ashgrove Gardens would benefit from double yellow lines. The Clerk would enquire and take forward.

**ACTION: AMD**

The issue of the Parish Council funding a School Crossing Patroller was discussed. Councillors decided not to support this proposal as they felt it would not be fair to ask local

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residents to fund given that 47% of children attending the school lived out of the Whitchurch catchment area.

Councillor Caroline Heron advised the group that she had herself trimmed overhanging vegetation which was blocking the 'school' signs. She asked whether the school sign could be moved to below the flashing points on the sign. The Clerk suggested this matter could be raised at the walkround with the LAT.

- 12. Recreation Ground** – The group asked for a progress report on the new benches for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported real difficulties in dealing with the company who had been asked to provide the benches. The expected date for delivery was hoped to be in the coming week. The Chairman and Councillor Mark Parrott asked that the Clerk inform the company not to please deliver on a Friday. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Caroline Heron asked if the Recreation Ground could be sprayed once more. The Chairman would contact the Contractor to ask him to deal. **ACTION: AB**

It was decided that sleeves to the base of trees would be replaced to assist strimming, when necessary.

The Clerk advised that she had forwarded details of the Micro Grants available from AVDC to WCCA. Councillor Mark Parrott said they would be following this up with an application.

- 13. To agree the date of the next meeting** – The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 14 August at 7.30pm in the St Johns Hall.

Signed:

Date