

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

## Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council on Monday 9 October 2017 at 7.30pm in the St Johns Hall

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

County Councillor Netta Glover  
District Councillor Janet Blake  
Plus 7 residents

- 1. To receive apologies for absence – None.**
- 2. To note any applicants received for the vacancy of Parish Councillor and if so, consider co-option –** AVDC had informed the Clerk that they had not received any applications for the post of Parish Councillor. The Chairman advised the group that his daughter Abi Bond would like to apply but due to other commitments was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Abi had previously been a Parish Councillor to Whitchurch. Councillors accepted her application and the Chairman took away a Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be completed.  
**ACTION: AB**
- 3. 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.
- 4. Open Forum: (under adjournment)** – A resident was in attendance to advise the Council of the dreadful state of dog poo on the Glebe field. The Clerk was asked to place the dog collection poem into the Whitchurch News.  
**ACTION: AMD**  
  
Councillor Heron also offered to conduct another dog poo collection which she had previously undertaken.  
  
Verbal reports were received from County Councillor Netta Glover and District Councillor Janet Blake. Vice Chairman Charlotte Lincoln asked District Councillor Blake what had happened to the Aylesbury Vale Broadband rollout. Councillor Blake said that discussions of a commercial nature were currently taking place and further details would be released towards the end of the year.  
  
County Councillor Netta Glover responded to an enquiry from the audience and confirmed that Whitchurch would indeed benefit from a new bench from her Council fund. She also promised to send through details on the Winter Driving Workshops run by BCC in response to a question from Councillor Caroline Heron.
- 5. To agree the minutes** of the last meeting held on Monday 11 September 2017 – The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- 6. To update on matters arising** – The Clerk asked Councillor Heron if the verges at Swan Close still needed attention. Councillor Heron advised no action was needed at present, but she would continue to monitor.
- 7. To consider correspondence and other communication received since the last meeting.**

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- a) To consider the new VALP and its contents in regards to Whitchurch – Discussion arose over the figure of 22 new homes planned for Whitchurch. It was unclear whether this was in addition to the 54 previously stated or whether this was a new figure. The Clerk was asked to contact AVDC Planning department for further clarification. **Since the meeting it has been confirmed that the only requirement for housing for Whitchurch is 22.**

**ACTION: AMD**

- b) To update on response from Whitchurch Cricket Club regarding portacabin – The Clerk advised the group that the Cricket Club had responded to say they would check that a portacabin was acceptable to the landowner and let us know. In the interim, the Clerk was asked to contact AVDC to check if there was a time limit to spend the s.106 monies.

**ACTION: AMD**

- c) To discuss proposals to spend the potential £65,000 s.106 funding that would be generated should the Newman Close development progress – After lengthy discussion Councillors resolved to state 'Drainage and a sports pavilion'. The Clerk was asked to advise AVDC and contact George Cheshire for a quote to deal with any drainage issues that may exist on the Recreation Ground.

**ACTION: AMD**

8. **Planning:** To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

***Councillors were asked to note the refusal of the planning application 17/02946/AGN for land at the Gutters, Manor Farm, Whitchurch for the erection of an agricultural building as it exceeds 465sqm and would need full planning permission.***

**17/03292/APP – Land adjacent to Wayside Oving Road, Whitchurch Buckinghamshire –** Construction of a partially underground Passivhaus with ground source heat and detached storage building with associated external parking and access )amendment to planning approval 15/02903/APP) – Councillors resolved to **OPPOSE** this planning application on the grounds that we wanted to protect the 'green boundary' between Whitchurch and Oving.

**17/03546/COUOR – The Coach House, The Firs, High Street, Whitchurch –** Determination as to whether prior approval (Class O) is required in respect of transport & highway impact, contamination risk, flooding and noise for the conversion of the upper floors from Class B1a (offices) to Class C3 (residential) to provide 6 x 2 bedroom dwellings – Councillors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTIONS** to this planning application. However, the Clerk was asked to state that they hoped frosted glass would be used in the second floor windows to protect the privacy of neighbours.

**ACTION: AMD**

**17/02579/ALB – 27 High Street, Whitchurch –** Internally alter and refurbish the kitchen, dining room, utility, wc and family room. Including the thermal upgrade of the existing building fabric and installation of new windows, doors, roof lights with some external garden alterations – Councillors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTIONS** to this planning application.

**17/02578/APP – 27 High Street, Whitchurch –** Installation of new windows, doors and roof lights - Councillors resolved to offer **NO OBJECTIONS** to this planning application. The Clerk was asked to advise AVDC of all decisions.

**ACTION: AMD**

## 9. Highways, Footpaths and Footways

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – The Clerk updated the group on the email correspondence she had received regarding overhanging trees on cables in Weir Lane. Following visits by both UKPN and Openreach it was now apparent responsibility lay with Transport for Buckinghamshire. A similar situation existed in Castle Lane. The Clerk would

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contact the Local Area Technician to ask for action to be taken. In addition there was also a felled tree to the top end of Weir Lane that needed removal.

It was also reported that the signage at Bushmead Road was still not repaired. The Clerk would report all issues. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Sue Ford reported that the grass to the outside of 26 & 27 Ashgrove Gardens had not been cut when VAHT last visited. The Clerk would contact VAHT to report. **ACTION: AMD**

Overhanging vegetation to the outside of The Old House was now impinging safe passage on the footway. The Clerk was asked to write to the householder to ask for their assistance in cutting this back. **ACTION: AMD**

- b) To receive an update on the improvements to the wall adjacent to the bus stop in the High Street – The Chairman asked for this item to be carried over to the next meeting. **ACTION: AMD**

## 10. Street lighting

- a) To report and update on issues and repairs – None to report.

## 11. Finance

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

- b) To draw cheques

PCC Whitchurch	chq 616	£16.00
Ann-Marie Davies	chq 617	£493.32
Bucks Playing Fields Ass	chq 618	£20.00

- c) To consider whether to support Bucks Playing Fields Association for £20 p.a. – Councillors resolved to support this Association and the Clerk raised a cheque (see above for details).

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

- a) Winslow Local Area Forum – Both the Clerk and Chairman were unable to attend the September LAF.

**13. Recreation Ground** – Councillor Sue Ford was carrying a question from local residents. She asked why the Recreation Ground car park was now locked in the evening as it had been useful for overspill parking by residents in Ashgrove Gardens. Councillor Caroline Heron explained that during the winter times it was prudent to do so for several reasons. In the past, anti-social behaviour had been experienced through youngsters driving erratically and dangerously. Also litter had collected from vehicles that were parking their at winter time. She confirmed that it would of course be left open for events such as Xmas plays at the school.

The football team that had asked to use the Recreation Ground had not been in contact since the Parish Councils decision to support. The Chairman would contact them to find out further detail. **ACTION: AB**

The Clerk reported some damage to the seat on the leg press. Councillor Heron agreed to take photographs so that the Clerk could advise Caloo the manufacturers. **ACTION: CH/AMD**

Councillor Ford also asked if the gym had had an official opening. Councillor Heron replied that an official opening had not happened, but an informal gathering had taken place.

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Councillor Ford also carried questions from residents who asked why the Council could afford a gym and yet not pay for double yellow lines to the outside of the school. The Clerk responded that the gym purchase had not been from Parish Council funds, but from s.106 funding which could only be spent on a sport/leisure project.

- 14. To agree the date of the next meeting** – The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 13 November at 7.30pm.

**Signed:**

**Date**