

Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr Tony Skeggs

DRAFT - Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held via Zoom

On Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.00pm

21/38	<p>Attendance: Councillors A.Bond (Chair), P.Alderman, Miss A.Bond, S.Ford and M.Perry.</p> <p>Clerk: Mr A.Skeggs</p> <p>Apologies Accepted: N/A</p> <p>Residents: Six</p> <p>Absent: N/A.</p>	
21/39	<p>Members' Interests: Members were invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Whitchurch Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>Cllr A Bond declared an interest in item 21/50 Planning, as he is a member of Buckinghamshire Council Development Control committee.</p>	
	<p>Open Forum for Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rotary Club had a “Lend a Hand” day on the 22nd April. They, also, had free tablets available for isolated residents, which included training and support. Anyone interested should contact the clerk / Rotary Club. • Cllr Peter Cooper had been attending parish council meetings introducing his running mates – Poonam Gupta and Sanchia Davidson. • Cllr Perry reported that Buckinghamshire Council were offering support for businesses. • Cllr Ford reported a rat infestation problem in a vacant VAHT property. Clerk to write to VAHT. • Thanks were expressed to Cllr Ford for her article on the role of a parish councillor. 	Clerk
21/40	<p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on the 8th March 2021, were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
21/41	<p>Parish Elections</p> <p>There would be an election on the 6th May as twelve nominations had been received by Buckinghamshire Council for the seven positions. The next meeting of the Parish Council would now be on Monday 17th May. The regulation to hold virtual meetings ends on the 7th May, after that date normal face-to-face meetings should restart.</p>	
21/42	<p>Highways / Footpaths</p> <p>a) Footpath WHI/61/1 had been inspected by Buckinghamshire Council and no action would be taken at this time.</p> <p>b) Cllr Perry reported two stiles down Weir Lane needed repairing.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial a 'Dogs on leads at all times' policy. • Spraying the faeces with luminous paint to highlight the problem. <p>The problem was not just restricted to the recreation ground, there were a number of footpaths that were quite bad.</p>	
21/46	<p>Streetlights</p> <p>a) It was NOTED that the five streetlights in Bushmead Road have been converted to LEDS.</p> <p>b) It was NOTED that the streetlight on the corner of Little London and Firs Lane had been reported to Aylesbury Mains for repair.</p>	
21/47	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The combined year end bank reconciliation for March 2021 was NOTED.</p> <p>b) The list of cheque payments was APPROVED, details at end of the minutes.</p> <p>c) The financial position as at the 31st March was NOTED. Cllr Bond informed the clerk that a salary increment was due from the 1st April 2021.</p>	
21/48	<p>Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</p> <p>Charlotte Lincoln gave an update on the Plan Overall, good progress was being made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development – Several response to the request for land availability had been received, which will be considered alongside the needs of the village and the overall development policies. The deadline for responses was the 30th April. • Communication – An open virtual meeting had been held for the village to hear on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. Six residents had attended, all had found the session extremely informative. More events will be held both virtually and in person as restrictions allow. 	
21/49	<p>Clerks Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The White Swan public house has been re-registered as an asset of Community Value for a further five years. • Mount Pleasant – A request has been made to Buckinghamshire Council to repaint the speed humps. • Little London – The condition of the footpath between numbers 1 and 3 had been reported to Buckinghamshire Council. • Oving Road – The abandoned foliage on the verge was to be removed within the next 28 days. 	

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21/50	Planning There were no applications for consideration.	
21/51	Points of Interest Cllr Perry gave a report on the Buckinghamshire Council Planning meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three presentations from the planning section. • It was hoped that the VALP would be adopted this summer. • All planning was to move faster, more digitalization, less detail but more conditions to be met. • Growth areas still to be identified. • Large increase in housing stock required, which could mean growth of upto 38%. • Developers tend to favour large, more profitable houses rather than smaller affordable houses. • Neighbourhood Planning was a way to help restrict encroachment. 	
21/52	Date of Next Meeting: Monday 17 th May 2021 @ 7.00pm. As this was the last meeting before the election, the chairman thanked all of those who had put themselves forward as candidates and wished everyone the best of luck.	

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

Action List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
21/10	Prepare information on streetlights for conversion.	Clerk	In Progress
21/30a	Contact Kompan and arrange a site visit.	Clerk	In Progress
Forum	Contact VAHT about rat infestation	Clerk	
21/43a	Chase Wicksteed for quotation.	Clerk	
21/43d	Contact VAHT re trees on edge of playing field.	Clerk	

Chair's Initials: _____

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BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 st March 2021	Treasurers – 6902	£6,470.16	
31 st March 2021	Playing Field – 7507	£9,053.37	
31 st March 2021	Business – 7003	£44,065.69	
31 st March 2021	Investment	£30,000.00	£89,589.22

INCOME AND PAYMENT LISTING

Income	£
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank.	£6.31
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN MARCH	£6.31

Expenditure	Cheque	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
ONeill Homer ⁽⁶⁷⁾ – Neighbourhood Plan Professional Fees	786	£5,280.00
Aylesbury Mains ⁽⁶⁸⁾ – Invoice 20366 – Four lights Bushmead Rd	787	£1,056.00
The Great Green Company ⁽¹⁾ – Four Alder Trees (WG)	788	£28.80
Aylesbury Mains ⁽²⁾ – Invoice 20382 - Light Bushmead Road	789	£264.00
C Lincoln ⁽³⁾ – Consumables for Neighbourhood Plan	790	£100.00
Clerk ⁽⁴⁾ - Salary and expenses for April 2021	791	£421.55
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁵⁾ – March Grass Cutting	792	£497.00
C Heron ⁽⁶⁾ – Laminator & Pouches (WG)	793	£32.37
TOTAL OF CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£7,679.72

Direct Debits	£
EON ⁽⁷⁾ (March – Street Lighting)	£576.43
TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS SINCE THE MARCH MEETING	£ 576.43

For Information - Reclaimable Vat to date for 2021/22	£222.90
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WHITCHURCH WILDLIFE COMMUNITY GROUP	£
Income	
Grant of £250 from Buckinghamshire Council on completion of the project.	£0
Expenditure	
Purchase of four alder trees	£28.80
Purchase of Laminator and Pouches	£32.37