

# Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr Tony Skeggs

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held at the St Johns Hall

On Monday 9 August 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), S Ford, M Palin, M Perry, and C Thomas.

Public Attendance: Two members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Cooper.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

21/98	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Alderman and James-Friday.	
	<b>Open Forum for Residents</b> The following points were raised at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wall - It was asked whether the developer working in White Horse Lane would be replacing the wall that had been taken down.</li><li>• Oak Trees – The position of the five oak trees in the recreation ground was raised and it was asked if that they could be moved to a more prominent / accessible location.</li><li>• Noticeboards – The specification for the new noticeboards had been now been agreed.</li><li>• Buckinghamshire Councillor – Cllr Cooper alerted the meeting to a Community Board led Health and Wellbeing meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August. There was Community Board funding available for cycleways and social pre-scribing initiatives. Cllr Lincoln then asked Cllr Cooper for some advice on the best way for the parish council to get its views across to Buckinghamshire Council on a specific planning application.</li></ul>	
21/99	<b>Members' Interests:</b> 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.  No new declarations were made.	
21/100	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, were approved and signed as a true record.	
21/101	<b>WW1 and WW2 Oak Tree Commemoration Service</b> After consideration it was <b>AGREED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The date for the service would be the morning of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</li><li>b) A commemorative plinth made from reconstituted stone should be</li></ul>	

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	<p>purchased, as it would be more durable / visible than a flat piece of stone. The four sided plinth could then accommodate an inscription and the names of those who had died in conflict. The suggested wording for the inscription was <i>“In memory of those from this parish who have fallen during WWI and WWII, and any who have fallen in conflicts since.”</i></p> <p>Cllr Ford queried the number of names being suggested, 180. Cllr Perry to confirm the number. Once agreed, a cost for the plinth would be obtained for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>c) The possible invitees to include residents, Royal British Legion, the Church, local school, scouts / guides etc, WCCA, neighbouring parish councils, and the press.</p>	
21/102	<p><b>Recreation Ground Intrusion</b></p> <p>Following a large area of hedgerow that had been cut back by a resident to create an access onto the recreation ground, it was <b>AGREED</b> that residents living in the Meadows, Oving Road and Ashgrove Gardens that backed on to the recreation ground were not permitted to create an access with the exception of those residents of Ashgrove Gardens where there was already an access. Where there was an access, this could be retained but use was entirely at their own risk, and any access to be no more than 1.2m wide, and nothing was to be placed on the recreation ground side of the boundary i.e. paving, fencing or planting.</p> <p>Unauthorised access to the recreation ground could damage the current hedgerow management that was in place, although it was <b>AGREED</b> that certain areas may need to be managed differently in the future.</p>	
21/103	<p><b>Hedge Cutting</b></p> <p>The quote from Buckland Landscapes of £750 plus VAT to cut back the growth from the pathways and clear the foliage from around the signs on the A413 was <b>AGREED</b>.</p>	
21/104	<p><b>Whitchurch &amp; Creslow Community Association (WCCA)</b></p> <p>A request had been received from WCCA for a contribution to their “Party in the Park” event. It was <b>AGREED</b> to defer any decision until further information had been obtained about the event.</p>	
21/105	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) The list of cheque payments for August was <b>APPROVED</b>, details at end of the minutes.</p> <p>b) The combined bank account position at the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 was <b>NOTED</b>.</p>	

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21/106	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The following applications were considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>21/02571/APP – Land Adjacent to Bushmead Road</b> – Reserved Matters Application of 14 Dwellings including Layout, Scale and Access. The planning working group had met with the developer and after consideration it was happy to recommend <b>No Objections</b> to the application. This was <b>AGREED</b> by the meeting. The developer confirmed that he would fund the cost of a MVAS pole.</li> <li>• <b>21/02108/APP – The Firs Building, The Firs, High Street</b> – Amended Plans for External Works and Alterations to the Firs Building and Boundary Wall including Demolition, Installation of a New Pitched Roof, Removal of Trees, Installation of a New Drainage System and Replacement of External Walls and Foundations. After consideration the meeting unanimously <b>AGREED to Object</b> to the amended application on the following grounds:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Removal of three mature conifers was not proven to be essential and would reduce amenity in the local area,</li> <li>⇒ The proposed air heat pump system could be noisy even if enclosed / insulated to reduce the noise.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>It would also request that the application be “called in” and to request attendance at the planning committee, if Buckinghamshire Council officers recommended the application for approval.</p>	
21/107	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 7.00pm.	

**The meeting closed at 8.32 pm.**

Chair’s Signature ..... Date.....

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Treasurers – 6902	£6,915.11	
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Playing Field – 7507	£9,058.16	
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Business – 7003	£56,668.46	
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Investment	£30,000.00	£102,641.73

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank.	£14.13
<b>TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN JULY</b>	<b>£14.13</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>£</b>
BALC <sup>(30)</sup> – Three training events for councillors	812	£158.00
Matrix Fire & Security <sup>(31)</sup> – Security Fencing Behind Football Goal	813	£816.00
Whitchurch PCC <sup>(32)</sup> – Hall Hire for August PC Meeting	814	£20.00
Buckland Landscapes <sup>(33)</sup> – July Grass Cutting	815	£497.00
Clerk <sup>(34)</sup> - Salary and expenses for August 2021	816	£422.00
<b>TOTAL OF CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>		<b>£1,913.00</b>

<b>Direct Debits</b>	<b>£</b>
EON <sup>(35)</sup> (July – Street Lighting)	£575.53
<b>TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS SINCE THE JULY MEETING</b>	<b>£575.53</b>

<b>For Information - Reclaimable Vat to date for 2021/22</b>	£1,145.72
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<b>WHITCHURCH WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (Costs to Date)</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Grant from BBONT.	£1,000.00
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Purchase of four alder trees	£28.80
Purchase of Laminator and Pouches	£32.37
Purchase of wildflower seeds for Bushmead Road	£68.50
Clearance Work	£150.00