

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 11 October 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), P Alderman, S Ford, V James-Priday, M Palin, and M Perry.

Public Attendance: Four members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Blamires and Cooper.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

21/120	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thomas.	
	Open Forum for Residents The following points were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandpath / Ashgrove Gardens – VAHT were responsible for cutting the hedge.• Bushmead Road – The white lines along the Bushmead Road to Cublington and on to Wing needed repainting.• Litter Pickers – Thanks were expressed to the residents seen doing some litter picking. But please wear some hi-viz jackets for your own safety.• Traffic Defects – Buckinghamshire Council would be issuing an interactive traffic defects spreadsheet, which would allow reporting and monitoring of traffic defects• 20mph Zones – This would be covered later on the agenda but Cllr Cooper outlined the current Buckinghamshire Council policy that made it difficult for parishes to introduce 20mph zones. Currently, 20mph zones were not enforced by Buckinghamshire Council or the police.	
21/121	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. No new declarations were made.	
21/122	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 13 th September 2021, were approved and signed as a true record after the councillors present details had been corrected to include Cllrs Alderman and James-Priday.	
21/123	WW1 and WW2 Oak Tree Commemoration Service Cllr Perry gave an update of the preparations for the forthcoming service.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass around the five oak trees had been cut. • The plates were being engraved, which would require sticking to the plinth. It was AGREED to purchase some glue for this. • A quote of £500 had been obtained to provide the concrete base. It was AGREED that unless a cheaper quote could be found that could be done within the timeframe then this quote be accepted. • Invitations would be sent out later shortly, this would include neighbouring parish councils. • There would be no bugle present but two cornets instead. • The provision of seating and an audio system still needed to be considered. 	
21/124	<p>Consultation on 20mph Zones for Residential Areas</p> <p>Following a request from Buckinghamshire Council councillor Peter Cooper the parish council was asked to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would the council like to have the option of introducing 20mph zones in the parish. • Would the council pursue the option if it was available. • Would the council support the widespread adoption of 20mph zones in residential areas across Bucks. <p>After considering where 20mph zones could be employed within the parish, realizing it was unlikely that the A413 could be zoned, the meeting AGREED all of the three points above.</p>	Clerk
21/125	<p>Wing Raiders Junior FC – Use of the Football Pitch in the Playing Field</p> <p>The council had received a request from Wing Raiders Junior FC to use the football pitch in the playing field from the 2022/23 season. They were prepared to prepare the pitch and provide some temporary accommodation. After consideration it was AGREED in principal to hire the pitch to them but that meeting would be required to go through the details / requirements.</p>	
21/126	<p>Fireworks Event</p> <p>Having learned that the WCCA would not be organising a firework event this year Cllr James-Priday had made enquires in the hope that the parish council could pick up the event. But as there was insufficient time to put the necessary arrangements in place, it was with regret that there would be no fireworks event in the village this year.</p>	
21/127	<p>Rights of Way / Footpaths</p> <p>No new issues were raised. Letters had gone out to a number of residents with a RoW running through their land, which would be followed up.</p>	

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21/128	<p>Road Safety / MVAS / Speedwatch</p> <p>a) Bids had been submitted to the Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board by Cllr Lincoln for Gated Signs, Banners and Red Tarmacing of the roads, and Cllr James-Priday for new MVAS Cameras. These would be considered at the next Board meeting in October.</p> <p>b) A resident had contacted the council regarding a road safety issue at the Oving Road / North Marston Lane junction. As this was a Highways issue the resident's concerns would be passed on to Buckinghamshire Council.</p> <p>c) Cllr Perry had yet to hear back from Waddesdon PC regarding the Speedwatch equipment.</p>	
21/129	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Keith Armour gave an update on the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three landowners had withdrawn their sites from the process. • Landowners had been asked to provide sketch plans with numbers and types for the consultation days on the 4th and 7th November. • There would be a Q&A session on each day, so residents are asked to book a place on either of the days. • Strategic and Environment assessments are required. • Evidence based policies were being drawn up. 	
21/130	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>a) Grass Management – A new specification was required for 2022/23 to take account of the additions / deletions that had taken place during 2021/22.</p> <p>b) Play Areas – Cllr Ford was still waiting for the third quote. It was hoped that the quotes could be brought to the November meeting.</p>	
21/131	<p>Planning</p> <p>The following applications were considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21/03206/ALB – Legion Hall, 2 Oving Road – Internal Partitions, Alterations and Repairs and External Repairs. The planning working group was happy to recommend No Objections to the application. • 21/03174/APP – 7 Oving Road – Erection of Rear Extension, Summer House and Garage. The planning working group was happy to recommend No Objections to the application. • 21/03966 – Land North of Crabbs Grove – Conversion of Agricultural Building to a Residential Dwelling. The planning working group had considered the application and whilst it had no objection to the barn conversion, it recommended that the meeting should OBJECT to the application for the following reasons: 	

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	<p>1. No request has been made to upgrade the current track to a more robust surface.</p> <p>2. Access should only be via the A413 and not via the Crabs Grove cul-de-sac.</p>	
21/132	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The list of cheque payments for October was APPROVED, details at end of the minutes. It was NOTED that a number of parish councils had queried the cost of the 2021 election compared to the 2015 election.</p> <p>b) The combined bank account position at the 30th September was NOTED.</p> <p>c) It was NOTED that the cost of the electricity for the streetlights had increased from 22.10p per kwh to 25.4 per kwh from the 1st September.</p>	
21/133	<p>Streetlights</p> <p>It was NOTED that the streetlights reported at the last meeting had now been repaired and that if the current contractors were unable to repair lights quicker then a different contractor would be used.</p>	
21/134	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th November 2021 @ 7.00pm.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

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This is the website that Buckinghamshire Council recommends you use to report problems, which could be pot holes, broken pavements, signage problems etc.

Here is the link www.fixmystreet.com If you do have the need to report anything then please put as much detail as possible and always upload some photographs. Reports with photographs will get resolved quicker than ones without.

BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
30 th September 2021	Treasurers	£10,994.54	
30 th September 2021	Playing Field	£9,058.32	
30 th September 2021	Business	£69,270.48	
30 th September 2021	Investment	£30,000.00	£119,323.34

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Buckinghamshire Council – Second Half of Precept.	£12,601.00
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank for August and September.	£9.90
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN SEPTEMBER	£12,610.90

Expenditure	Cheque	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
O'Neill Homer ⁽⁴⁸⁾ – Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base Work	826	£1,320.00
C Lincoln ⁽⁴⁹⁾ – Commemorative Plinth	827	£180.64
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁵⁰⁾ – September Grass Cutting	828	£497.00
Clerk ⁽⁵¹⁾ - Salary and Expenses (2 wreaths) for October 2021	829	£481.80
Whitchurch PCC ⁽⁵²⁾ – Hall Hire for October PC Meeting	830	£20.00
Buckinghamshire Council ⁽⁵³⁾ – Cost of PC Elections in May 2021	831	£1,024.10
TOTAL OF CHEQUE PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£3,523.54

Direct Debits	£
ICO ⁽⁴⁷⁾ – Annual Data Protection Licence	£35.00
EON ⁽⁵⁴⁾ (September – Street Lighting)	£637.31
TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS SINCE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING	£672.31

For Information - Reclaimable Vat to date for 2021/22	£2,911.26
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For Information

WHITCHURCH WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP (Costs to Date)	£
Income	
Grant from BBONT.	£1,000.00
Grant from Community Board.	£250.00
Total	£1,250.00
Expenditure	
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
Purchase of Petrol Brush Cutter	£149.00
Purchase of Equipment and Consumables	£241.78
Total	£670.45