

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm

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**Attendees:** Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Foot, Cllr Ashley Bond, Cllr Betts and Cllr Abigail Bond, County Cllr Glover, 3 members of the public.

**74. Receive Apologies:** Sue Mordue – Clerk.

**75. Co-option:** The Council unanimously resolved to the co-option of Peter Betts and Abigail Bond to the positions of Councillors. Cllr Betts declarations of acceptance of office and register of interests were received and Cllr Abigail Bonds declaration of acceptance of office was received and her Register of Interest would be received at the next meeting.

**76. Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents commented that the bush by the bus stop in the High Street had still not been removed by BCC.

**77. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** none.

**78. The minutes of the last meetings** held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 were agreed as a true record.

**79. Finance:**

a. The Council agreed the accounts for the year to date end August 2009.

b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

E Sharp Electrical	099	£172.10
PRA Randles	100	£140.00
BCA	101	£30.00
E-On	103	£192.50

c. Delegated Budget 2010/2011 – the Council resolved to:

- i. reapply for the school signs as last year
- ii. request that David Hedley costs out the project for a lay-by parking on the A413 for the Legion Hall
- iii. and also car parking area outside Whistlers View.

**80. Highways:**

- a. Cllr Pain reported progress with the Firs wall and will meet with David Young in the next few weeks to discuss further the issue of rebuilding the wall.
- b. The weight limit on Oving Road was discussed and Cllr Betts agreed large vehicles were a major concern and the road is dangerous. Cllr Pain said that vehicles going to and from North Marston to A413 had to use Oving Road. Agreed to await further response from David Hedley.
- c. Cllr Shepherd was delighted to hear that AVDC had agreed to put a new sign in to clarify Little London and High Street.
- d. Bus stop on Oving Road had been repaired.
- e. Cllr Betts asked whether Perspex can be replaced with glass on Swan Close Bus Shelter. Cllr Pain explained that it is owned by J C Decaux and that they should be asked again to change it.

**81. Footpaths & Footways:**

- a. Cllr Abigail Bond reported two stiles one on FP15 and one on FP17 junction of Weir Lane did not allow dogs to pass through. The Council resolved to ask whether they could be changed.
- b. Cllr Pain reported he had walked footpaths 36,37,39,43 as they had been reported at the last meeting as being unmarked. He explained it is the duty of the landowner to reinstate all paths following ploughing and sowing. Cllr Bond was given a copy of the maps with the areas highlighted and he agreed that they would be remarking in due course.

**82. Street Lighting:** Repairs had been made to lights at Rickyard Close and Market Hill.

**83. Recreation Ground:**

- a. George Cheshire had advised the Clerk that he could commence the pond in the next week. Cllr Bond confirmed he could deliver the pond liner when required.
- b. The Council resolved to accept the quotation from Lynch Garden Services to cut the Wild flower area on main recreation field and wildlife Area at back of the Meadows.

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- c. Round – up around trees: Discussions that the Bond Bros had not carried out the work and the Council considered whether to gain another quotation for another contractor to do the work quicker. Cllr Bond offered to spray Round-Up next week whether the grass had been cut or not. This offer was accepted by the Council.
- d. Dog Fouling – this issue was discussed and the Council agreed that we should not yet ban dogs from the recreation field. New signs should be explored which may help and use the Whitchurch News to report the message.

**84. To discuss any correspondence and other communications** received since last meeting not covered by the agenda including:

- a. Letter from Allianz re Play Area Inspections – noted that the Council should minute monthly that it has inspected the area on a weekly basis.
- b. On the Road Project – Arranged for the skate park and i-van to attend on 2<sup>nd</sup> November advertising to follow.
- c. Land Registration – to consider whether any action is required re registering of land in the village – the Council resolved that we should find out who owns the land on Market Hill in front of No 13. If it is not Highways then it should be claimed by the Council.
- d. Quality seminar – agreed that Cllr Betts should attend and report back.
- e. Rural Affordable Housing – update from Cllr Pain – planning application still not submitted as they are just awaiting the final option on the land.

**85. Communications:** Web Site - nothing to report.

**86. Police:**

- a. Complete Police Community Feedback Form – 3 crimes had been reported in the past month:
  - i. Little London Theft of a sit on mower
  - ii. Ashgrove Gardens – van broken into.
  - iii. Manor Farm – theft of a caravan.

A long discussion ensued basically criticising the Police for not attending the scene of crime or it seemed willing to search for evidence. Agreed we should raise this at the next NAG along with a request to see an attendance log of when the Police routinely visit the village.

- b. To agree whether to have a Councillor on the NAG and involvement in Speed watch: Cllr Abigail Bond agreed to be the NAG representative and Cllr Betts agreed to meet with Ken Watson to discuss involvement in Speedwatch.

**87. The date of next meeting** was agreed as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Signed.....Date.....