

**Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church  
Hall,  
Whitchurch on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm**

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**Attendees:** Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Foot, Sue Mordue – Clerk, 12 members of the public attended.

**88. Receive Apologies:** Cllr Ashley Bond, Cllr Betts and Cllr Abigail Bond, County Cllr Glover.

**89. Open Forum for Parishioners:** Residents commented on their strong objections to the outline planning permission application for 10-12 dwellings at Green Acre Stables. 7 people agreed with a proposal that 'they would urge the Council to object to the application'.

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

**91. The minutes of the last meetings** held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were confirmed as a true record. 'On the road project' with the skate park and i-van was a great success even though the advertising from AVDC was only sent a week before the event.

**92. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:**

- a. 09/01735/AOP: Green Acre Stables Oving Road - site for residential development of 10 to 12 dwellings the Council resolved to *Oppose* this application on the same reasons as the previous application 08/02535/AOP for 2 dwellings; emphasising the weight of feeling against this in the village. The reasons were that it would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the village, the proposed properties would be outside the village envelop. The existing property has an agricultural restriction on it and is only bounded by property on one side.
- b. 09/01757/APP: 31 Oving Road – two storey side extension – the Council resolved it had *no objections* to this application.

**93. Finance:**

- a. The accounts for the year to date end September 2009 were agreed as reviewed.
- b. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

*PC Account:*

AVDC	103	£406.04
E Sharp Electrical	104	£82.62
Jonathan Gibbs re Internal Audit	105	£60.00
Lynch Garden Services	108	£250.00

*Playing Fields Account:*

Geo Cheshire	012	£857.13
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**94. Highways:** To report and update on issues and repairs:

- a. New sign for Little London/High Street has been put up however in a different location to where the old sign was. Clerk to request BCC to move it to where the old one was removed from so that the sign is clearer.
- b. Mrs Sankaran has notified Highways that the work has been undertaken to stop the water leakage by her property.
- c. Area of land outside 13 Market Hill – Clerk spoke with Sue Burchell at BCC and she confirmed that it is a publicly maintained piece of Highway and BCC look after and maintain it. Therefore neither the Parish Council nor any other would be able to claim it nor have any rights over it as it is BCC maintained land.

**95. Footpaths & Footways:** To report and update on issues and repairs:

- a. New sign on Church Headlands by the side of the gate to Kempson Farm has been erected.
- b. Footpath 51 – first 2 stiles need repairing as entered from The Swan – clerk to report.
- c. 2 stiles on footpath 15 and 17 at the junction of Weir Lane BCC are contacting the land

- owners to seek their agreement to change them to kissing gates.
- d. Bus stop outside the Doctors had been vandalised again with the decorative plastic parts having been removed. Also they had put a firework in the bin and the bin has shattered. The youths were seen heading down North Marston Lane away from the shelter. New bin would have to be purchased and bus shelter fixed again at cost to all parishioners.
  - e. Swan Close Bus Shelter – BCC had responded that the glass could be replaced at a cost to the Parish Council and also insured/underwritten by the Parish Council. All agreed to get a costing from BCC and then review.

**96. Street Lighting:** To report and update on lighting issues and repairs:

- a. Light had been repaired outside 7 Green Acres Close however a note from Cllr Ashley Bond stated that it was still not working. Clerk would clarify with Cllr Bond before releasing cheque.
- b. BCC Parish Gang should be requested to cut back the trees which are obscuring the street light on Sandpath.

**97. Recreation Ground:**

- a. The pond had been dug by George Cheshire and is gradually filling up with water. Paul Holton from AVDC Biodiversity has suggested that wild flower and grass seeds should be put around the edge now to speed things up with the pond. Cost would be £46 and AVDC will pay half – the Council resolved to proceed with this. Planting in the pond would be discussed with Paul in the new year.
- b. To report inspection of Play Area Equipment: Cllr Foot confirmed the area had been inspected weekly and no maintenance was required. He had done some raking of the shavings.
- c. Dog Fouling signage: The Council resolved the clerk should re word the example signs as discussed and then get a costing for them.

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

- a. Consider whether to set up a Youth Council – the Council agreed to re-circulate the information on this and add to the January agenda.
- b. Letter had been received from Mr Samson regarding the dangerous parking around the school. He had notified the school who had not responded and therefore went to the Police. PCSO Webb attended and talked to the school head teacher and parents parking irresponsibly and gave them a warning. He intends to attend school on further occasions.

**99. Communications:** Web Site – Cllr Pain advised he had received 2 contacts this month with information on the Firs.

**100. Police:** Complete Police Community Feedback Form:

- a. Concern was expressed again that the Police were very slow and almost unwilling to respond to 3 reported crimes last month.
- b. Clerk to report vandalism of bus shelter and bin.
- c. Report red Peugeot on the roundabout which had been parked on the verge for several weeks.

**101. The date of next meeting** was agreed as Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Signed.....Date.....