

**Draft Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held in The Church Hall,
Whitchurch on Monday 14th September 2009 at 7.30pm**

Attendees: Cllr Pain (Chairman), Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Meijer, Cllr Bond, County Cllr Glover, Sue Mordue – Clerk, 3 members of the public.

Prior to the meeting District Cllr Janet Blake, Chair of AVDC presented Harold Newman with a plaque as a certificate of congratulations for his 28 years of service to the community by serving on the Parish Council.

At the meeting she presented Cllr Ashley Bond with a plaque for his 32 years service to Whitchurch Parish Council. Cllr Bond had joined the Parish Council in the Silver Jubilee Year and then also moved to also serving on the District Council. He was praised for his work in Whitchurch and also in the wider community he serves.

57. Receive Apologies: Cllr Foot. During the month Cllr Newman had resigned due to ill health and the Council wished him well for his treatment and expressed their sadness at losing him from the Council and commended him on his excellent work over the years.

58. Open Forum for Parishioners:

- a. Rebecca Lemon advised the Council on what was required for the wild flower area on the Recreation Field and also in the wild area at the back of the Meadows. She was thanked for her help and advice on this.
- b. The bus stop at the end of Church Headlands Lane has a bush there which obstructs the view of the bus on the High Street. Clerk to advise BCC and request it is cut back.

59. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Bond declared his interest in planning applications due to his role as District Cllr sitting on the AVDC Development Control Committee as he will review his decision at Committee based on the additional information available at the time. Cllr Bond also declared his personal interest in item 72 re the potential co-option of Abigail Bond.

60. The minutes of the last meetings held on Monday 13th July and Monday 10th August 2009 were confirmed as a true record.

61. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendations:

- a. It had been reported that on Bushmead Road at Old Quarry Barn building work had commenced and nearly finished despite the planning application having been withdrawn. Clerk to report this to AVDC Planning Department to investigate.
- b. 09/01491/APP – 25 Ashgrove Gardens, single storey rear extension – the Council resolved it had no objection to this application.
- c. 09/01215/APP – 1 The Meadows, First floor side extension – the Council resolved it had no objection to this application.
- d. 09/01442/ATC – hedge nr thatched cottage Keinches Lane – fell one Eucalyptus tree and reduction of hedge – the Council resolved it had no objection to this application.
- e. Due to the deadline for comment on this application the Clerk requested and it was agreed to respond on this application at this meeting.

Cllr Pain declared his personal interest and left the room for this agenda item

*09/01650/ATC- 4 Rickyards Close – pollard one Robina by 50% - the Council resolved it had no objections to this application.
Cllr Pain returned to the meeting.*

62. Finance:

- a. The accounts for the year to date end July 2009 were agreed as reviewed. Cllr Meijer asked for a date to be added to the budget page instead of 'Year to Date'.
- b. The Clerk confirmed that the Audit was completed.
- c. The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:

E-On	Direct debit	£192.50
Mazars	chq 098	£460.00
PRA Randles	chq 011	£200.00

63. Highways:

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: none
- b. To discuss and agree whether to request a weight limit on Oving Road: John Peasgood had requested this and the Council decided to advise Mr Peasgood that he could collated the information of what lorries and when to record a log. County Cllr Netta Glover advised that if we emailed her should would find out the process for a review of this however it was felt by the Council that there was a lot of local traffic which needed to access this road as well. Following Cllr Glovers advice the Parish Council would ask BCC for a review of this.
- c. Cllr Shepherd again asked whether an additional name sign could be put in for High Street /Little London as AVDC had declined.
- d. Parking:
 - i. around the Legion Hall: It was agreed to ask BCC Highways whether a lay by parking could be put in from the roundabout up the main A413 to the left hand side up to the turning for Mount Pleasant.
 - ii. Along the High Street – clerk to ask whether white line car parking spaces could be provided from the Laurels down to Deerstalker like in Winslow.

64. Footpaths & Footways:

- a. To report and update on issues and repairs: Clerk to request BCC to sweep the path at the back of the Church Hall.
- b. The Clerk confirmed she had held a meeting with BCC regarding the height of the trees along the footpath between Ashgrove Gardens to The Meadows. An adjacent resident had requested them to be cut down on height. BCC confirmed that access along the footpath was clear and that the trees would belong to properties adjacent to the path along Ashgrove Gardens. Therefore the resident should write to those owners if they wish to request a reduction in the height of the trees.

- c. Cllr Pain agreed to walk footpaths 36, 39, 43 and the report back to Council following concerns expressed by residents concerning these footpaths.

65. Street Lighting: To report and update on lighting issues and repairs: light outside 4 Rickyards Close had been reported for repair.

66. Rural Housing:

- a. Update on potential planning permission for Affordable Housing in the village: it was confirmed that funding had been secured for Hastoe Housing and that a planning application would be submitted shortly for the Affordable housing.
- b. To report on Bucks Community Action letter re rented properties on rural exception scheme: it was noted that applicants for rural housing should register with BHC. The details would be put in the magazine.

67. Recreation Ground:

- a. To update on recreation ground working group project and agree when to commence work on the pond. The Council resolve to commence the pond in 4 weeks time and the Clerk should contact George Cheshire to do this as previously agreed. The liner would then need to be delivered and put down by volunteers. As soon as a date is known this would be organised. It was agreed that Andrew Bond would put the round up down around the trees in the next 2 weeks as he had been busy combining etc and this had not been done.
- b. Wild flower area on main recreation field – the Council resolved to cut the grass and pick up. Clerk to obtain a quotation from Reg Porter and Lynch Garden Services for this work.
- c. Wildlife Area – at back of the Meadows – the Council resolved to cut a path through this area to allow it to be viewed. Clerk to obtain a quotation for this as well.
- d. Maintenance of equipment – to discuss goal frame on hard standing area and agree what action to take – It was agreed that Playdale would be requested to attend the site and advise on what action should be taken to rectify the continuing problem with the goal.
- e. Basketball Goals on new football posts – the Council resolved to put up the basketball goals. Clerk would ask Roy Randles to undertake the work.
- f. The clerk confirmed that Kompan had rectified the problems identified in the RoSPA report.

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

- a. TVP and TVP Authority review of the NAG – the Council agreed not to feedback any comments.
- b. Cllr Pain had circulated suggested ideas for the council. Cllr Meijer proposed a brain storming session to agree priorities once the full compliment of Councillors was in place.
- c. NHW – Cllr Meijer commented that the item in the magazine from NHW about lavish lifestyles and reporting your neighbour if they have a lifestyle above their perceived income, was a bad idea for the community. Cllr Bond agreed. It was advised that this was a crime stopper campaign which was why it was included.
- d. Best Kept Village – Cllr Pain had circulated the comments and they were on the notice board. The 2 areas of comment were the garage forecourt and the Church Hall being in a very poor state. This had been seen by the vicar and the church warden.
- e. On the Road Project – the i-van and a skate park would be coming to Whitchurch Recreation Field in the near future. This was offered in partnership with Hardwick Parish Council and dates would follow.
- f. Incinerator – BCC had agreed that the waste would not be going to Calvert but instead to Bedfordshire.

69. Communications: Web Site - To update on site – lots of communication is coming through around the Firs history.

70. Police: Complete Police Community Feedback Form: clerk asked to comment on the disapproval regarding the 'Bling' Crime stopper campaign as discussed in 68c above.

71. Representations:

- a. Following the resignation of Cllr Newman to discuss and agree membership of the NAG and who will be the contact for and lead the Speed watch use in the village: it was felt this was necessary as if no representative then no vote on this. It was agreed to appoint at the October meeting when there is a full compliment of Cllrs.
- b. Local Area Forum – a request had been made for applications from LAF budget – the Council agreed to apply for funding for parking area outside Whistlers View.

Closed session: members of the public were to leave so the Council could discuss confidentially:

Cllr Bond having declared his personal interest left the meeting.

72. Co-option: To discuss the applications received for the 2 Councillor positions vacant, and to agree who to co-opt with effect from the October meeting. The Council resolved to co-opt Peter Betts and Abigail Bond to the positions with effect from the October meeting by which time confirmation would be received from AVDC Electoral Services for the co-option of the 2nd Cllr following the resignation of Harold Newman.

73. The date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 12th October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm. Signed.....Date.....