

Whitchurch Parish Council
Clerk to the Council – Mrs Ann-Marie Davies

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 in the Methodist Church, at 7.30pm

Present: Chairman Ashley Bond
Vice Chairman Paul Foot
Councillor Charlotte Lincoln
Councillor David Meakin
Councillor Susan Ford
Councillor Mark Parrott
Clerk – Ann-Marie Davies

County Councillor Netta Glover
Plus 8 residents

- 1. To note apologies for absence:** to accept apologies for absence – Apologies were received from District Councillor Janet Blake and Councillor Paul Alderman.

- 2. Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment).

A resident highlighted loose and broken kerb setts to North Marston Lane. A further resident asked if the Hemp Platt could be cut back further as its hindering safe passageway. The Clerk would report both items to the Local Area Technician. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Ford reported that the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust had done a great job in clearing the Sandpath hedge. A resident agreed and asked if leaves could now be tidied up as it could be dangerous underfoot. The Clerk would contact VAHT. **ACTION: AMD**

A resident enquired as to whether the s.106 monies held by AVDC for the Parish Council could be used towards the new Church Hall instead of the suggested skate ramp. The Clerk would investigate and feedback to the next meeting. **ACTION: AMD**

County Councillor Netta Glover read a report to all in attendance. See note attached to these minutes for further detail. The Clerk was asked to send details of the Winter Driving Workshop across for insertion into the Whitchurch News. **ACTION: AMD**

- 3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any interests – Chairman Ashley Bond declared his interest as Members of the AVDC Strategic Development Control Group and also the Development Management Committee.

- 4. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2015** – the minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

- 5. To update on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting and agree any further actions required –**

The Clerk reported that despite several emails, she had not had a response from Ian Hooper at Community Impact Bucks.

She asked if the required repair had been carried out to the zip wire following the safe arrival of the spare parts. Councillors confirmed that the repair had been done. Councillor Ford stated that

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the zip wire should not hit the two wooden posts when it reached the end. Adjustments were needed. Councillor Foot agreed to take a look. **ACTION: PF**

She also told the group that despite further contact the feasibility study for the pedestrian crossing in the High Street had still not been received from TFB. The Clerk had also had to email the County Councillor again to remind him he had offered a meeting to discuss this issue. Dates had now been offered and the Clerk would report back to a future meeting on the outcome.

It was agreed that the action for Councillor Parrott to cut back brambles by the Recreation Ground was no longer required.

The Clerk reported that one resident already had come forward asking to be registered for any vacant Rural Exception properties in the village.

6. To receive prices for a skatepark into the village following representations by young residents.

The Clerk had disseminated prices to Councillors following a contractor recommendation from a Parish Clerk colleague. These prices indicated that, if Councillors reached a decision going forward to install a ramp, it would be possible with the s.106 funds available. Councillor Ford told the group that after checking Fields in Trust good practice, it would appear that any future siting of a ramp should not be at the top corner of the Recreation Ground as being out of sight could encourage anti-social behaviour. She also wanted to make clear that users of a skate ramp should not be unfairly judged as being badly behaved. After a lengthy discussion and agreement that further evidence and also options for use of this funding needed to be explored, it was agreed to delay any further decision until a public meeting was planned for the new year where residents would be invited to come and discuss leisure options for the village in the new Church Hall.

7. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:

15/02903/APP - Land Adj Wayside Oving Road Whitchurch Buckinghamshire - Construction of partially underground Passivhaus with ground source heat, and construction of detached building with central archway (amendment to storage barn approved on appeal under ref. 10/00583/APP) to provide access, garaging and storage, with associated external parking and access.

Council resolved that it had NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application. The Clerk would advise AVDC. **ACTION: AMD**

8. Finance:

a. To draw cheques

The Council resolved to draw the following cheques:-

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| Fenland Leisure Products Ltd | chq 498 | £73.14 |
| Playsafety Ltd | chq 499 | £121.20 |
| Playsafety Ltd | chq 500 | £36.00 |
| Aylesbury Mains Ltd | chq 501 | £38.76 |
| Ann-Marie Davies | chq 502 | £388.83 |
| D P Alderman | chq 503 | £30.00 |

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- b. To decide whether to attend one of the Transportation Devolution events being held in November 2015 – Councillor Foot may attend one of the events being held. In the meantime the Clerk was asked to obtain maps and an idea of how much was on offer from TFB for this devolved service. **ACTION: AMD**
- c. To decide whether to take part in the Whitchurch Forest project – receive one tree into the village as part of a friendship, positive contribution to nature and carbon footprint initiative – Councillors agreed to accept this kind offer. The Clerk was asked to let the WWW Project Leader know and to also contact The Moore’s for a suggested location for the tree. **ACTION: AMD**
- d. To decide whether to approach AVDC to ask for a clearer idea of timescales for implementation of Superfast Broadband into Whitchurch – Councillors discussed the contents of District Councillor Blake’s email regarding Superfast Broadband. The Clerk was asked to check to see if Whitchurch was registered on the Connected Counties website. **ACTION: AMD**

Councillor Meakin said he would speak to the BRAG group to see if he could find out more information. The Clerk was asked to place this item onto the January agenda and invite District Councillor Blake to attend. **ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was asked to add Neighbourhood Planning to the December agenda.

ACTION: AMD

12. To agree the date of the next meeting – date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 8 December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Date