

WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 January 2015 in the Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman Ashley Bond
Councillor Maggi Sanders
Councillor Margaret Palin
Councillor Paul Alderman
Clerk Ann-Marie Davies

County Councillor Netta Glover
Plus 2 residents

- 1. To note apologies for absence:** to accept apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor David Meakin, Councillor Paul Foot and Councillor Charlotte Lincoln.
- 2. Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment). Councillors received a report from County Councillor Netta Glover. Councillor Glover advised the group that she had indicated to TFB her choice for resurfacing roads in Whitchurch. The Clerk was asked to contact TFB to let them know this could impact positively on estimated costs for a pelican crossing in the High Street if the resurfacing was carried out from Councillor Glover's budget.

ACTION: AMD

One of the residents thanked the Parish Council for their part in keeping the recreation ground looking really good.

A question was raised regarding the progress of the skatepark in the village. Councillors indicated that it could be discussed going forward as the allocation of s.106 monies would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

- 3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any interests – Cllr Bond declared his interest in planning applications due to his role as District Councillor sitting on the AVDC Development Control Committee as he will review his decision at Committee based on the additional information available at the time.
- 4. To confirm the minutes** of the meeting of 9 December 2014 – the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.
- 5. To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meeting and agree any further actions required.

Whilst Councillors were grateful for the advert in the Whitchurch News which asked dog owners to be mindful of collecting dog mess, the Clerk was asked to contact the Editor to see if maybe the advert could either be larger or be placed in a more prominent position.

ACTION: AMD

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

The Chairman drew Councillors attention to the dismissed appeal for The Old Sandpit, Oving Road, Whitchurch, Aylesbury, HP22 4ER. Some relevant information was contained within the decision material which could be useful to the proposed development on the Oving Road. The Clerk would retain the documentation in case it was needed.

ACTION: AMD

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14/03699/APP – Orchard Barn, Bushmead Road, Whitchurch, Bucks, HP22 4LG – Single storey rear extension with accommodation in roof space above, dormer to rear and front porch – Councillors discussed this application at great length. The Clerk was asked to seek further information from AVDC before the Parish Council could come to any decision.

ACTION: AMD

14/03674/COUAR – Land adjacent North Marston Lane, Whitchurch, Bucks – Change of use – Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport and highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational consideration for the conversion of two agricultural buildings into one dwelling (under Class MB a) and in relation to design and or external appearance of the building (Class MB b) – the Council resolved that it had **NO OBJECTION** to this planning application. The Clerk would advise AVDC.

ACTION: AMD

14/03332/APP – 34 Oving Road, Whitchurch, Bucks, HP22 4JF – Demolition of outbuildings, erection of one dwelling and garage for no.34 and associated works - the Council resolved that it had **NO OBJECTION** to this planning application. The Clerk would advise AVDC.

ACTION: AMD

7. Finance:

a) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to issue the following cheques: -

Heather Moore	chq 272	£24.00
Clerks pay & exp	chq 273	£378.50
Swarco	chq 274	£225.28 (invoice resent to include VAT)
Reg Porter	chq 275	£2700.00
Aylesbury Mains Ltd	chq 276	£66.12
D P Alderman	chq 277	£30.00

b) To agree accounts for November 2014 – the accounts were agreed as a correct record.

8. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:

The Chairman advised the group that he had noticed a stile being repaired in Oving Road. Other highways issues were reported – the Brickyard footpath still needed planings, the wooden fence to stop you falling into steps by the main road needed repairing, a large pothole was at the end of Keinches Lane, water was coming down the footway at Wittle Hole and the telephone box still needed glazing. The Clerk was asked to arrange a village walkround with the Chairman and the Local Area Technician.

ACTION: AMD

9. Recreation Ground:

Councillors were pleased to hear residents were happy with the way the recreation ground was being kept.

10. To consider correspondence and other communications received since last meeting:

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Councillor Margaret Palin agreed to display the notice that the Register of Electors for 2015 is now published and available for inspection at the AVDC offices **ACTION: MP**

It was also agreed to display other fundraising notices.

11. Police

The Clerk was asked to contact the local PCSO to request details of the new officer for the area and ensure that he was invited to future meetings. **ACTION: AMD**

12. Councillors update on meetings attended – adjournment (for Cllrs to advise whether any decisions are required by the Council which need to be added to the next agenda)

The Chairman advised the group that he had attended the residents meeting on the proposed development at Oving Road. As yet no planning application had been put forward to AVDC. He would keep the group advised as to any changes.

Councillor Margaret Palin and Councillor Maggi Sanders advised the group that their membership of WACO led them to discover that insurance to put on two events in the year was over £700 (one event included a firework display). They asked the Clerk to look into options for cheaper insurance. **ACTION: AMD**

The Clerk was asked to forward Netta Glovers report which contained useful utility information to the Web editor Terry McCaffrey. **ACTION: AMD**

13. To agree the date of the next meeting – as Tuesday 17 February 2014 at 7.30pm.

CLOSED SESSION

14. To consider the recommendation from the NJC (National Joint Council for Local Government Services) on the new national salary award for Clerks from 2015

All of the Councillors present, they unanimously agreed to adopt the newly published paycales for the Clerks salary from January 2015.

Signed:

Date