

# WHITCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL MRS ANN-MARIE DAVIES

Minutes of the Whitchurch Parish Council held on Monday 2 March 2015 in the St John the Evangelist Church at 7.30pm

**Present:** Chairman Ashley Bond  
Councillor Maggi Sanders  
Councillor Paul Alderman  
Councillor David Meakin  
Councillor Charlotte Lincoln  
Clerk – Ann-Marie Davies  
Plus in excess of 50 residents

- 1. To note apologies for absence:** to accept apologies for absence – Apologies received from Councillor Margaret Palin and Councillor Paul Foot.
- 2. Open Forum for Parishioners:** (under adjournment). The Chairman addressed the audience. He reported that the agenda was to be altered and that the planning item would be heard first to give residents the opportunity to comment directly after the item. He stated that the Parish Council strongly objected to this proposed application and would be putting forward a list of objection to AVDC.
- 3. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda:** to declare any interests – none.
- 4. To confirm the minutes** of the meeting of 17 February 2015 – the minutes were confirmed and agreed as a correct record.
- 5. To update on matters arising** from the minutes of the last meeting and agree any further actions required – nothing to report.
- 6. Planning: To discuss planning applications and make recommendation, and to include those planning applications received after this agenda is published, if urgent:**

## **15/00320/AOP - Land To South of Oving Road Whitchurch Buckinghamshire**

Outline application with access to be considered and all other matters reserved for the erection of up to 80 dwellings and creation of a new access off Oving Road including open space, landscaping and ancillary works.

Councillor David Meakin led on this agenda item. He told the group that several Councillors had met with the Whitchurch Action Group and since that time had prepared a statement of objections which he then read out to the audience.

Several questions were raised by the group present which included issues such as drainage, traffic control, the installation of a pedestrian crossing and also open ended roads shown on the developer's plans. Councillors Meakin and Lincoln were comfortable these elements were wither included within the Parish Council statement or not relevant grounds for objection. One resident referred to the NPPF and suggested grounds for objection could also be pulled from that policy document. Councillors Meakin and Lincoln would follow up that lead and incorporate into the Parish Councils objection statement.

**ACTION: DM/CL**

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Once completed the Clerk would upload onto the AVDC website, display the full statement onto the village noticeboard and also send through to the Whitchurch web editor.

**ACTION: AMD**

The Chairman advised the group that he had been invited to a Strategic Development Control meeting which was just for local Members and being held at AVDC on Wednesday 11 March 2015. He said that if allowed to do so, he would report back to the Parish Council and the Whitchurch Action Group as soon possible afterwards.

**ACTION: AB**

There was a suggestion that the closing date for public consultation had been moved from 10 March to the 18 March. Since the meeting the Clerk has contacted AVDC for such confirmation as the date showing on their website is now in fact 19 March 2015. The Clerk will update as soon as she has heard back from AVDC.

**ACTION: AMD**

The Parish Council received several comments of thanks from the audience for opposing this planning application and the work done on preparing the objection statement.

## 7. Finance:

a) To draw cheques

The Council resolved to issue the following cheques:-

Ann-Marie Davies	chq 280	£370.94
PCC (Church donation)	chq 281	£30.00
Adam Walton	chq 282	£25.93

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

## 8. Highways, Footpaths & Footways, Street Lighting:

Councillor Lincoln raised the issue of the new footway in the High Street and her action to take photographs to send to Councillor Glover. The Clerk reported that Councillor Glover had already visited the area and the Clerk was in talks with TFB to ask for their opinion on the quality of the works.

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

The Clerk advised that she had received a letter from NHS England which had designated Whitchurch as a rural area.

The Clerk had received posters from the Alzheimer's Society advertising the befriending scheme. The Clerk would display on the noticeboard.

**ACTION: AMD**

10. To agree the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 14 April at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall.

**Meeting closed at 8.16pm**

**Signed:**

**Date**

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