

Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, Monday 7th September 2015 commencing 8.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairman Keith Brooks
Vice Chairman Jim Donahue
 James Norman
 Dave Bowen
 James Polansky

District Councillor: Rob Simister

Public:
Richard Wingfield

1. To receive apologies for absence

Carrie Hart and John Steward

2. To receive declarations of interest

None

3. Public Forum: Opportunity for members of the public to address the Council. With the permission of the Chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.

No representations from public.

4. Agree Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10th August 2015.

Minutes of the Monday 10th August meeting.

Approved as a true record.

5. District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Simister.

Voter registration update: please encourage residents to update their voter details. RW to put on website when KB sends report from RS.

Currently consultation on Parks, Sunday trading and subsidised buses (for the buses the deadline is the 14th Sep to register opinion).

Newsletter from SODC to be sent in future to KB as clerk email not monitored until new clerk appointed.

Recycling from SODC, via Biffer: they can now collect small electrical items and clothing/textiles (in bags) kerbside. Flyer on side of bins with information.

Summer House pending planning; it's been recommended by planning officer so it's going to planning committee. RS say SODC has two areas of concern: 1. Right of way through property (need assurance from applicant that it is valid) and 2. Sewage disposal, SODC wants building to be supported for sewage due to flood plain. SODC needs WoT PC representative there for Planning Committee decision meeting to present their report and why the WoT PC doesn't back the application. KB to attend.

6. Planning.

Summer House discussed above.
DB to become planning expert on WoT PC.

7. Finance – Approve Payments/note receipts.

Paid grass cuttings £366

Notice Board £520

Electricity Bill for Village Green £26 To be confirmed if Cricket Club will refund it.

Play area Manor road Inspected £88

Chairman's training course £78

Future payments: Councillor training on the 25th November. All to attend.

8. Village Green – report

JD reported:

Village green charter consultation for next bulletin and to be put out on SurveyMonkey to canvass Parish opinion. Please send your thoughts and feedback to the Village Green WG chairman, Jim Donahue, using the proforma questionnaire. Please send to him at 17 Hillside, Hardwick Rd, RG8 7HL for him to consolidate this feedback. There will also be an email survey version of this form and you can request it via the web-site or get it from Jim at jimdonahue7@gmail.com

JN would like an option on feedback form to suggest a preference that clubs pay for use of village green. RW suggested there would be quite a few residents who would want the Cricket Club to pay for use, particularly if a large number of the players are from outside the parish and would therefore be useful to include in survey. JD to add reply box to survey to cater for this.

Apple pressing day Sunday 27th Sep at Maze please encourage attendance.

9. Residents Issues List – review/update. Discuss communication from Councillor Pamela Bale regarding possible removal of 143 bus.

DB: Average of 4 passengers per trip, 24 people a day. DB calculated it's roughly a £7.60 subsidy per trip. DB to investigate further and reply to consultation from SODC and email other Parish Councils involved to try and get a coordinated approach. DB to send paragraph to RW to put on website to get residents opinion.

Repaving the Cut. JP to find out how much it would cost from Daniel Hazel with a view for WoT PC to do it if OCC don't do it. JP also waiting for Kevin Bullmer to respond from OCC.

Old Polish chapel. After it was removed by SODC they left two large manholes uncovered which are unsafe. To be chased by TAPAG.

10. Village Environment/Maintenance – report. Discuss tree removal in Manor Road and problem with HGV's missing Castrol.

Tree removal in Manor Road. Inspection by qualified tree surgeon (Arborea) who said tree hadn't moved recently, it's relatively safe and if removed it would affect other trees which are currently protected from the wind by it. £645 estimate to remove the tree. KB to write to resident informing him of tree surgeon's report.

HGV's turning up at bridge, more than 1 a week which are over 11 feet in height. The majority come from Castrol by taking a wrong turn. OCC highways have responsibility for signage. Goring Heath/WoT PCs & Castrol to possibly make a joint application/plan of action. JP to follow it up with Castrol as part of TAPAG.

10. Other Matters for Chairman & PC to Consider. – Items that arise that are not on this Agenda but need discussion and to be proposed for a future Agenda.

TAPAG to be standing item on Agenda.

Next Monday and Tuesday interviews for WoT PC clerk to be held from 7.00-7.45pm in Village Hall, all councillors can attend.

JP to put together distribution list and Village Green survey for SurveyMonkey.

11. Note date of next meeting which will be the Monday 5th of October 2015 at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed.....Chairman/Date.....