

WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council on Tuesday 4th January 2011 in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Harry Butterworth (chairman), Cllr Keith Brooks (vice-chairman), Cllr Elizabeth Robinson, Cllr Vincent Aldridge, Cllr Lindsay Austin

In attendance:

Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), Stephen Trinder (Village Hall and Parish Plan Committee)

76. Apologies for absence

Cllr Nigel Grove, Cllr Matilda Oppenheimer, County Cllr Sexon, District Cllr Slatter

77. Declarations of interest

None

78. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of 6th December 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record

79. Matters arising

None

80. Village information board

Planning permission for the village information board has been granted. Stephen Trinder (parish plan chairman) has received quotes for the new board of around £600. He confirmed there is £300 remaining in the parish plan fund. All agreed that the parish council will pay for the other half.

81. Public forum

No questions from members of the public

82. Community Sports Field

Cllr Austin reported that the grant application to Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance has been submitted.

The parish council's insurers (AON Insurance) confirmed that the parish council has public liability cover for all the land it owns, and is responsible for. Assets and equipment will be insured as and when they are purchased.

83. Planning

Application number	Location	Details	Decision
P10/E1756	Ashdown Duchess Close	A porch to the front of the house, and a single storey rear extension. Replacement windows and doors, a replacement slate roof with a steeper pitch, a new gate to the entrance of the drive, and an out-building in the front garden	No objections
P10/E1762/LB	3 Whitchurch House	Replacement windows in kitchen extension	No objections

84. Environmental Group report

Cllr Brooks asked whether the parish council would like to replace the street lamps in the High Street to match the two recently purchased. He suggested replacing the light outside the Greyhound public house and possibly moving it to the end of Eastfield Lane, where residents have complained about the lack of lighting. All agreed that because the new street lamps weren't included in the 20-11/12 budget, and as the council anticipates a large spend on the sports field in 2011, this would be re-visited at the end of the year. In the meantime Cllr Brooks will meet with the supplier to discuss the feasibility of moving the street lamp.

85. Traffic & Pavements Group report

The council discussed the four proposals from the group, for improvements to the pavement on the Berkshire embankment, on the bridge, passing the toll booth, and passing the Ferry Boat. The council have been in support of these proposals and formally agreed them.

West Berkshire Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and the Bridge Company will soon be meeting, which provides an opportunity for discussing the pavement improvement proposals. The toll bridge planning application is due to be submitted in mid January.

Cllr Butterworth commended Keith Stennings (Highways Engineer) at Oxfordshire County Council for his quick response to road maintenance in the bad weather.

86. Village hall matters

New sanitaryware has been installed in the bathrooms of the village hall.

87. Financial matters

Payments made:

Payee	Description	Amount
J Wheeler	Net monthly salary for January	£307.60
Goring Heath Parish Council	50% of cost of bugler for Remembrance Sunday service	£30.00
S Butterworth	Bulletin payment	£367.00

88. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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Signed:

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