

WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council on Monday 17th March 2008 in the village hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr M. Oppenheimer, Cllr Nigel Grove, Cllr Vincent Aldridge, Cllr Nigel Cabeldu, Cllr Harry Butterworth, Cllr Elizabeth Robinson, County Cllr John Farrow

106. Apologies for absence

Kate Thatcher and Pearl Slatter

107. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the 7th January 2008 meeting signed as a true record.

108. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

109. Public forum

No members of public were present

110. Matters arising

Village hall

Matilda and Harry met with Suzanne Malcolm (SODC Economic Development Manager) and Pat Connell (SODC Lawyer) to discuss paying less for the village hall site as other parish councils have done. They provided an update on the progress:

- SODC confirmed that the total purchase price of £4,500 for the verges and village hall site was agreed in May 2006. The parish council requested that the overall price be reviewed in view of the considerable delays and to conserve the parish council resources for the development of the village hall after the purchase.
- The right of pre-emption was also discussed. This clause would have to remain in the contract which means if the parish council sells the site to develop on another site SODC can step in and purchase the property at the original price.
- SODC are asking their valuer to re value the site.

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Bulletin advert

Draft for advert not received yet, **Jo to email Kate for update.**

31 Swanston Field

Matilda rang Norman Fowler and discovered the property is being sold to Fentons. He has spoken to the builders and they have freed up some of the pavement.

111. Village plan

Cllr Butterworth reported that the plan is progressing well. Sub committees are being set up to deal with specific issues. Castrol are providing £1500 in funding.

Jo to contact Steven Trinder to invite to the annual assembly to provide an update.

A parish questionnaire will be hand delivered to every household in the village on Saturday 14th June and there will be room on the questionnaire for every member of the household to have their say.

112. Website

Matilda asked whether anyone updates David Robinson, the webmaster, with current information and news. Matilda had an email from a resident to say it hadn't been updated in some time.

Cllr Cabeldu suggested that the newspaper to link to the bulletin.

Cllr Oppenheimer suggested someone take up the role of updated David.

Cllr Robinson suggested everyone check the website for to see what is on there.

All agreed to check the website and discuss at next meeting.

113. Ferryboat licence application

Discussed objection sent by parish council. The committee hearing is on the 2nd April.

114. Traffic survey

115. 9am bus service

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Oxfordshire County Council are not aware of Thames Travel statement about cancelling the 9am 142 bus service.

116. Noise complaint

117. Road surfaces

Total Dec to paint railings as soon as the weather improves. Jo to ask Total Dec to paint wooden notice bard as well.

118. District Councillor Report

None

119. County Councillor Report

120. Planning applications and decisions

Applications: none received

Decisions: P07/E1589 – Extension to conservatory at **New Place**, High St – **granted**

P07/E1643/RET- Erection of replacement garage attached to new dwelling and retention of 3 new window openings on side elevations of the new dwelling at **Pluto House** Eastfield Lane – **granted**

121. Finance

To pay:

OALC	Training	£71.00
Jo Wheeler	Salary part Jan/Feb	£754.36
Information Commissioner	FOI & data protection	£35.00
RM Weaver	Grass cutting Sep/Oct	£754.36

In between meetings

Harry Butterworth*	Entertainer (village plan)	£125.00
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Audrey Kingham*	Expenses (village plan)	£41.48
Catherine Rogers*	Drinks (village plan)	£81.45
Nova Press	Bulletin printing	£367.00
Roaster*	Food (village plan)	£600.00

Payments received

ORCC*	Village plan	£1950.00
Allotment society	Allotment rent	£88.48

*Village plan funds

122. Other reports

a) Allotments

Research other councils charge between £10 and £20.

Already discussed

c) Cricket Field

Change to chairman – use letter

d) Village Maintenance

Already discussed

e) Toll Bridge

Nothing to report

123. Correspondence received and distributed

124. Any other business

Bottle bank needs emptying but first the tree needs clearing. **Nigel G to contact about tree and then Grndon to empty the bin.**

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Per school fire alarm, council doesn't offer grants.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Annual assembly on Tuesday 8th April at 8pm.

Annual meeting on Monday May 12th at 8pm.

125. Actions from meeting:

Action	Person responsible