

# WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
in the village hall

**Present:**

Cllr Harry Butterworth (chairman), Cllr Elizabeth Robinson, Cllr Lindsay Austin, Cllr Nigel Grove

**In attendance:**

Jo Wheeler (parish clerk), District Council Slatter, County Councillor Sexon

**89. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Vincent Aldridge, Cllr Keith Brooks (vice-chairman), Cllr Matilda Oppenheimer

**90. Declarations of interest**

None

**91. Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record

**92. Matters arising**

None

**93. Public forum**

Members of the public expressed concerns about the appeal for the planning application for Eastfield House, and the fact that objections from other parishioners haven't been taken into account. The parish council agreed that South Oxfordshire District Council's refusal of the application is in line with the parish council's objections, and they will be reporting this to the Planning Inspectorate.

**94. Community Sports Field**

The business plan for the community sports field has been circulated in draft. This outlines the plans for the field, in particular how it will be financed and managed. The parish council is hoping that the agreement will soon be completed that hands ownership of the field over to the sports field committee.

**95. Planning**

No new planning applications

**96. District Councillor report**

District Cllr Slatter reported that South Oxfordshire District Council will not be increasing council tax this year. The waste collection service is performing so well it has won a number of prizes.

**97. County Councillor report**

County Cllr Sexon reported that Oxfordshire County Council have had to make a number of budget cuts that will result in reduced services. This is because money from central government will be cut by 28% over the next 4 years.

He informed the council that the school warning signs are now in place along Hardwick Road.

**98. Financial matters**

**Payments made:**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
J Wheeler	Net monthly salary for January	£307.60
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils	Annual membership fee	£148.44
Oxfordshire County Council	New street lighting	£4932.73
BDO Hayward	Audit fee	£399.50
Russell Leisure	Repairs to playground following RoSPA inspection	£299.63
S Butterworth	Bulletin payment	£367.00

The parish council showed appreciation to Philip Weir for his help with the village website.

**99. Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 9pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**