

WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council on Monday 1st September 2008 in the village hall

Present:

Cllr Matilda Oppenheimer (chairman), Cllr Vincent Aldridge (vice chairman), Cllr Nigel Grove, Cllr Nigel Cabeldu, Cllr Harry Butterworth, Cllr Elizabeth Robinson, Jo Wheeler (parish clerk)

48. Apologies for absence

District Cllr Pearl Slatter

49. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of the 7th July 2008 meeting to be signed at the next meeting.

50. Declarations of interest

None

51. Public forum

None

52. Matters arising

The fence panel in the playground needs painting and all agreed to include this as part of the playground 'wear and tear' painting works.

Cllr Oppenheimer informed the council that Tom Christie from the Environment Agency is dealing with this Sheepwash Lane.

Parish clerk to chase Peter Reynolds at Oxfordshire County Council for speeding survey results.

53. Village plan update

Cllr Butterworth provided an update on the village plan. Other plans are being used and committees are meeting to discuss ideas. There will be a village plan stand at the village fete.

54. Road and pavement review

The B471 still has debris along the verges, parish clerk to send SODC a reminder.

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JW to chase Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire District Council and circulate updated list to all parish councillors.

55. Allotment Society

Parish clerk read out the email from Simon Lidbetter from the Allotment Society suggesting a meeting about the allotment rent. All Councillors agreed that that the council write to him and again stipulate that they can't subsidise one community group and not another.

56. District Councillor Report

None

57. County Councillor Report

None

58. Planning applications and decisions

Applications

Reference	Location/Description	Parish council response
<u>P08/E0946</u>	29 Manor Road Whitchurch-on-Thames Two storey extension.	No strong views
<u>P08/E0912</u>	Jasmine Cottage High Street Whitchurch on Thames Single and two storey extension to the rear (North) elevation, replacement of flat roof with pitched at south elevation, and internal alterations.	No strong views, provided distance from boundary and extension conforms to building regulations.
<u>P08/E0875</u>	Eastfield Lodge Eastfield Lane Whitchurch-on-Thames First floor extension over rear dining room.	No strong views
<u>P08/E0687</u>	White House Cottage Manor Road Whitchurch-on-Thames Erection of garden shed.	No strong views
<u>P08/E0780/RET</u>	2 Swanston Field Whitchurch-on-Thames Single storey rear extension and internal alterations (Amendment to	No strong views

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application P07/E0314 to include increase in height of the roof).

Decisions

P08/E0591- Eastfield Lodge, Eastfield Lane, single storey timber summerhouse – **granted**

P08/E0641- The Hive Hardwick Road, side garage extension – **granted**

P08/E0685 - Lubricants UK Ltd Technology Centre Whitchurch Hill (In the parish of Goring Heath) RG8 7QR, proposed fabricated temporary store building – **granted**

P08/E0721- Ferry Boat High Street - alterations to existing rear store to form external covered area –**granted**

59. Finance

Finance

In between meetings

Nick Brazil	Parish plan	100.00
Mr. Cole	Parish plan	100.00

At meeting

COIF Investment Fund	Investment	£25,000.00
Nikki Deacon	Internal audit	£35
J Wheeler	Salary July & August	£705.32
S Butterworth	Bulletin printing	£367.00

60. Other reports

a) Allotments

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Already covered

b) Transport

Nothing to report

c) Cricket Field

The parish council noted that it cannot become involved in the cricket ground as it is privately owned.

d) Village Maintenance

Already covered

e) Toll Bridge

The toll bridge meeting has been postponed, parish council to await date of next meeting from Geoff Weir.

61. Correspondence received and distributed

62. Parish councillor resignation

The council has received notice from Kate Thatcher of her resignation as parish councillor. The resignation is due to the strong feelings she has about South Oxfordshire District Council's planning process.

All agreed to advertise for new councillor and conduct interview at next meeting.

The council received notice from Cllr Matilda Oppenheimer of her resignation as chairman; although Matilda has regrettably had to step down from her role due to work commitments she will continue as a parish councillor. The parish council thanked Matilda for all her hard work as chairman.

63. Any other business

Cllr Grove gave the parish clerk an article to include in the bulletin about the bottle bank overflowing. It states that if the bank is full, not to leave bottles on the ground, but to report the situation to a parish councillor or directly to South Oxfordshire District Council

The sign just before the Ferry Boat at the narrows isn't visible because it is covered in ivy. Parish clerk to report to Oxfordshire County Council.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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64. Next meeting

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