

Whitchurch-on-Thames Parish Council

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held in the village hall, Manor Road, Thursday 17th August 2017, commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Chairman	Keith Brooks
Councillors	Dave Bowen Jim Donahue Rachel Hatcher Denise Huxtable Carrie Leadbeater-Hart
Clerk	Felipa House

Public:

Tony, Arife & Celine Butcher

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Simister & Cllr. Bulmer.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr. Leadbeater-Hart explained that, as a chartered engineer, she was working on the plans for the new village pavilion. She is providing her expertise free of charge.

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.

Tony Butcher explained that 4 Whitchurch House was originally a 3-storey dwelling. He has submitted plans for a loft conversion which would return it to this original state. The main impact externally would be the installation of 3 dormers at the back of the building. These would be of a traditional size & shape. Pre-planning advice suggests that the plans are suitable so long as the intended rooflights at the front of the house are not put in.

4. Agree minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting 11th July 2017

The Council had received comments from the school & Leslie Prater expressing concern about section 9 of last month's Minutes. The Council asked the Clerk to amend this paragraph to take in to account the comments received & to clarify some points. The use of a recording device for future meetings will be added to the agenda for September's meeting.

5. District councillor's report

Cllr. Simister was not present.

6. County councillor's report

Cllr. Bulmer had sent his report before the meeting. This included information about a major upgrade to the A34 in Abingdon, Government approval for OCC's new minerals & waste core strategy & the need for £9 billion of potential investment to support Oxfordshire's growth to 2040 & beyond.

7. Planning

P17/S1961/O, the Sports Pavilion, Eastfield Lane, will be resubmitted within the next month. Cllr. Leadbeater-Hart will submit a short article to the website describing the revised plans so that all residents are aware.

P17/S1408/HH, The Baulk, Path Hill. Installation of a pair of automatic gates. The Council voted unanimously to submit 'No strong views'.

P17/S2494/LB, The Dower House, Hardwick Estate. Renewal of insect mesh on basement windows. The Council voted unanimously to submit 'No strong views'.

P17/S2660/HH, Milverton House, High Street. Side & rear extensions. The Council voted unanimously to submit 'No strong views', although it was felt that the extension was very large.

P17/S2778/HH, 7 Manor Road. Single-storey side extension. The Council voted unanimously to submit 'No strong views'.

P17/S2574/HH, 4 Whitchurch House, High Street. Loft conversion. The Council voted unanimously to submit 'No strong views'.

It was noted that rebuilding of the wall at the corner of the High Street & Manor Road has begun.

8. Finance Approve payments/note receipts

Monthly salary for the Clerk

Invoice from Nova Press for the July edition of the 'Bulletin' (£343.75)

Purchase of water heater for village hall (£44.00)

Invoice from SODC for dog-bin emptying (£50.23)

18. Other matters for Chairman & PC to consider Items that arise that are not on this agenda but need discussion & to be proposed for a future agenda

The Clerk has received 3 applications for the vacant Councillor position. She will invite the applicants to an interview with the Chair & Vice-Chair at the beginning of September.

Cllr. Donahue will be visiting the sign-makers in Didcot next week to finalise plans for the new village & AONB signs.

19. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 8pm.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....