

## WHITCHURCH ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Whitchurch on Thames Parish Council on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007 in the village hall.

### **Present:**

Chairman: Cllr M. Oppenheimer, Cllr Nigel Grove, Cllr Vincent Aldridge, Cllr Nigel Cabeldu, Cllr Harry Butterworth, Cllr Kate Thatcher, Cllr Elizabeth Robinson,

### **74. Apologies for absence**

District Cllr Pearl Slatter, County Cllr John Farrow

### **75. Minutes of previous meetings**

Minutes of the 5th November 2007 meeting signed as a true record.

### **76. Declarations of interest**

Members were asked to declare any personal interest, and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. There were no declarations of interest.

### **77. Public forum**

No members of public were present

### **78. Matters arising**

The long delay in the purchase of the village hall was discussed and it was decided that **Matilda would re-negotiate the price of the village hall.**

Concerns were raised that the pavement outside 31 Swanston Field has been absorbed by the builders. Because there isn't a pavement it is dangerous to walk past. Two options were discussed - whether the parish council should accept that the work is short term or try and make sure that some of the pavement is retained/cornered off. **Jo to contact Oxfordshire County Council (and Thames Valley Police if necessary).**

### **79. Parish plan**

The exhibition was reported as a success. A copy of the grant application has been emailed to everyone and hard copies of the application were handed out. It was agreed that:

- the Village Plan Committee would be a sub committee of the Parish Council
- invoices will be sent to the clerk who will send cheques for payment

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Cllr Harry Butterworth is the village plan committee treasurer and the clerk would manage the account
- the parish council would increase in the start up donation £500.

There is a link on village website to information about the village plan and Cllr Robinson recommended Kingsclere's parish plan as a useful one to benchmark against.

### **80. Hardwick Rd parking**

Agreed that although the 'no parking' lines on Hardwick Road weren't to all resident's taste the parish council had acted on behalf of the majority of residents that asked for action. It was also noted that all village residents are welcome to give comments in the public forum or via a Councillor or the clerk. Also commented the lines will fade over time.

### **81. Whitchurch Bulletin**

The council discussed a village comment about the Whitchurch Bulletin. The bulletin is a non commercial publication but there was a concern that an advert asking for £20 per head may constitute commercial advertising. All agreed that that the rule needs to be consistent and no commercial advertising be allowed. It was suggested that the best action would be for Sarah could discuss with a Councillor if unsure.

### **82. District Councillor**

None

### **83. County Councillor**

None

### **84. Planning applications and decisions**

Applications:

P07/E1557 – Mallards, High Street - reconstruction of conservatory  
NO STRONG VIEWS

Decisions:

P07/E1260/LB - the New Rectory - partial rebuilding of two areas of boundary wall plus a new section of foundation – GRANTED

### **85. Finance**

#### **Invoices paid**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

BDO	External Audit fee	£158.63
Kate Preston	Parish plan exhibition costs	£178.00
Sarah Butterworth	Bulletin costs	£367.00

## 86. Budget

Draft budget agreed.

## 87. Annual return

Annual return agreed.

## 88. Other reports

a) Allotments

Nothing to report

b) Transport

Nothing to report (already discussed)

c) Cricket Field

Nothing to report

d) Village Maintenance

It was noted that South Oxfordshire District council have agreed to empty the bins in the playground.

It was reported that there are overhanging trees in Hardwick Road. Some of which are tangled with telephone wires. **Jo to write to BT and OCC to request removal.**

It was noted that the wooded area on Whitchurch Hill may need clearing. **Liz to confirm and Jo to write to Highways if necessary.**

e) Toll Bridge

Nothing to report

## 89. Correspondence received and distributed

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- County Circular
- Subsidised bus service
- ORCC –post office closures
- Casualty report & road safety strategy
- Primary education in Oxfordshire
- Village cinema

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Actions from meeting:

<b>Action</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>
Make contact about re-negotiation of the price of the village hall	Matilda
Contact OCC and police to report effect on pavement by building work on Hardwick Rd	Jo
Write to BT and OCC to request trees on Hardwick Rd be cut back.	Jo
Liz to confirm with Jo about wooded area on Whitchurch Hill and Jo to contact Highways if necessary	Liz