



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th July 2010 at 7.00pm at Whiteshill Village Hall

Present: Chairman John Rogers, Vice Chairman Rebecca Charley, Cllrs Peter Hood, Greg Dance, Nigel Smith, Vanessa Price, Louise Scott, Steven Tomkins (from 7.50) Helen Dunn (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Philip Booth, County Cllr Tony Blackburn, Head teacher of Whiteshill school R Kempner, 3 school children and parents, Adrian Wakefield and Gary Dowling from Whiteshill and Ruscombe football club

At 7pm a small presentation was given by Whiteshill Primary School: Three children from the school addressed the Council with their issues. These comprised of stinging nettles on the playing field, the monkey bars on the park spin round when trying to go across them, owners of dogs were taking the dogs through places where dogs shouldn't be, holes in the fences where children would stand on them, the rubber matting is worn out on the path. The Council responded by stating they would look into these issues and try to resolve them. The children went on to thank the Council for the hanging baskets on the school railings and for the street light on the footpath. The Council asked what was most used on the playground – they were informed the swings and big climbing frame. Cllr P Booth asked what the children thought of traffic speeds through Whiteshill - the children would like to see 20mph, but they feel safe with their lollipop man when on duty. Cllr J Rogers thanked the children for their report and said they are welcome anytime to give their views. It was also commented that it was a balanced report.

245/07/10 To accept apologies for absence:
Cllr G Kimber

246/07/10 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda
There were none

247/07/10 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2010
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2010 had been previously distributed and were accepted and signed as a true record

248/07/10 Chair's announcements
Cllr J Rogers apologised for not being able to attend the AGM and thanked Cllr R Charley for Charing. Cllr R Charley noted that when David Hagg attended he had said that he would be happy to come and speak on specific issues should the council request. This could be a useful resource
Cllr G Kimber has now moved and will be officially resigning at September's meeting

Standing orders were suspended for 10 minutes for public time.
Adrian Wakefield and Gary Dowling from Whiteshill and Ruscombe football club expressed their concerns at sharing the pitch with another football club playing under a different league and trying to organise the use of the field with the matches. Cllrs stated they would look into this and a fixtures list would be helpful from both teams. A team could play in the morning with the other in the afternoon.

Standing orders resumed

249/07/10 Report from County Councillor
Cllr P Booth reported on an incident with a sky lantern that led to a tree catching fire – trading standards will be monitoring. SDC have under spent this year and Cllr P Booth will attend a meeting to discover the reasons. An inquiry is being launched into decent housing and about what tenants want – it seems fuel poverty is a bigger issue than having kitchens replaced.

250/07/10 Report from District Councillor

Cllr T Blackburn congratulated on everyone being elected. Reported on pothole issues, street lighting, and a new sign to direct people to A46 instead of through Whiteshill. Main Road through Randwick is due to be resurfaced from 2nd August.

Cllr S Tomkins arrives at 7.50pm

Talks then continue from all to discuss 20 is plenty campaign. Cllr T Blackburn suggests that the petition and Cllr P Booth's report be presented to Stan Waddington at either the Village Hall or at Shire Hall with some of the school children present and the press/media invited. A date at the beginning of September was decided upon and Cllr T Blackburn would contact Stan Waddington to arrange. The petition was hoped to be completed by the end of July. Cllr G Dance to re open the online petition. The response to the questionnaire had been good. Cllr T Blackburn thanked everyone for their support in this.

251/07/10 Reports from the Officer of the Council

- Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge – information had been e-mailed about this and the Clerk had signed up for the newsletter to receive updates
- Letter from enforcement officer – regarding the property in Bread Street. Mr Sturmeay has been told to apply for planning permission or to clear away the items.
- Responses regarding rubbish on playing field – both the football club and the Scout hut had replied stating they would inform their members
- Cllrs G Dance, J Rogers and L Scott booked into Minchinhampton forum on Tuesday 20th July at 7pm **Action: G Dance, J Rogers, L Scott**
- Arrange date with R Charley regarding notice board and fencing – a meeting took place earlier to show Clerk what was required – Clerk to obtain quotes. **Action: Clerk**
- Bread St closure information – This will be taking place on 17th July between 11 and 6pm
- Parish E-list – this currently has 71 names on it
- Litter bin and Dog bin to be put in place - message from owner of the field about signs – Clerk to contact Steve Marshall to install. The post for the dog bin was put in the wrong place whilst ok now should the owner wish to use the gate this will need moving. Owner happy for the dog bin and has asked for assistance in keeping the signs up with regards to people keeping to the footpath. **Action: Clerk**
- Licensing – public consultations paper – no comments
- GAPTC invite for meeting with new Glos Chief Constable – no one to attend.
- Glos Playing Field Ass invite to retirement of the president – no one to attend.
- Invitation from Whiteshill School for Garden Party and Grand Opening of Outside Area – Cllrs J Rogers, L Scott and P Booth hoping to attend.
- Parish Online – Clerk to look into it a little more before filling out the forms. **Action: Clerk**

252/07/10 Updates on actions from last meeting:

- Basketball hoop – this was now in Cllr S Tomkins garage due to be fitted when the position is reviewed on the Playing Field. Cllr S Tomkins to contact J Kirby **Action: S Tomkins**
- Update on School railing flower boxes – these are now fitted although one more is still due to arrive

253/07/10 Finance and formal notices

- Resolution: to approve payments in accordance with the budget

1.	Steve Marshall	Village maintenance	£292.00
2.	P Booth	Bread Street road closure	£40.00
3.	CR signs	Basketball back board	£76.38
4.	TW Hawkins	Mowing 14/4 – 25/5	£329.76
5.	MJ Fletcher	Clearing garden at Humphreys End	£317.25
6.	Mrs Helen Dunn	Clerk's monthly salary	£291.90

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| 7. | Mrs Helen Dunn | Clerk's expenses | £44.30 |
| 8. | John Rogers | Fixture of play equipment | £9.69 |
| 9. | Sue Dance | Delivery of Parish Plan Flyers | £65.00 |
- Report on current financial position – The Clerk has still yet to receive any statements, this is being chased up
 - To sign letter stating the change of address and contact details for Tridos bank account – Cllr S Tomkins signed this.

254/07/10 Crime and Disorder report

- Cllr P Hood attended a Cluster meeting at Stroud Police Station. Stroud is suffering problems at the London Hotel with residents. Neighbourhood policing is to have more emphasis. Reduced street lighting has not increased crimes.
- It had been noted that on the bike ramps on the field there had been reports of 'fire jumping'. This was to be monitored where possible. **Action: All Cllrs**

255/07/10 Playing Field Working Party

- The field was being mowed when it was not necessary due to the grass not growing with the sun. Clerk to contact TW Hawkins and ask for it not to be mown until it is growing properly again after some rainfall. Clerk also to contact SDC to ask not to mow Laburnum Crescent for the same reason. Cllr V Price to join the PFWP. A date was arranged to clear nettles and prune trees. **Action: Clerk, PFWP**
- Ongoing use of football pitch – e-mail received from Whiteshill and Ruscombe football club. Clerk to contact both Whiteshill and Painswick to ask for a fixture list **Action: Clerk**
- Update from tree inspections that took place 30th June – this was postponed until Thursday 15th July 3.30pm
- Playground of the Year competition – Cllr R Charley filled out the forms – Clerk to obtain map and send off. **Action: Clerk**

256/07/10 Public Rights of Way Working Party - footpaths and highways

- It had been commented on that at the top end of Whiteshill past the Woodcutters there was a need for 2 grit bins. It was resolved to purchase from Hayley Sawmills.

Action: Clerk

A resident had commented on the Bread St sign and the Ruscombe sign that they were the wrong way round. Cllr L Scott to look and see if there is a possibility of swapping them over.

Action: L Scott

At 9.05 Cllrs L Scott and N Smith left the meeting

It was commented that there was no longer a snow warden. Cllr R Charley to ask someone who may like to do it. Clerk to find out what payments were given from Glos Highways

Action: Clerk, R Charley

Clerk to ask Glos Highways when the lines would be in place at Ruscombe Road and Kitesnest Lane.

Action: Clerk

It was noted that buses were travelling in the middle of the road at a section on The Plain, this was because there was an overhang of trees from 2 houses and the buses could not travel on one side of the road. Clerk to draft a letter to be dropped into the owners doors to ask for the trees to be cut back.

Action: Clerk

A discussion was held regarding a property using agricultural land for waste – to go on the next agenda

- The bungalows on Min Road access. No decision was made
- 20 is plenty updates from petition and received e-mails – this was discussed earlier
- Cllr P Hood – problem with road drainage at Overdale – Clerk to contact Glos Highways for advice on drainage as a house is having it's driveway affected by the rain flow **Action: Clerk**

257/07/10 Planning and Environment Committee

- Permission received for:

- S.10/0393/HHOLD Sunnyside, Lower Street, Whiteshill. Creation of vehicular access and new driveway
- S.10/0666/HHOLD Grandmas, Ruscombe Rd, Whiteshill. Erection of detached building to form music room

258/07/10 Parish Plan

- Dates for the next meeting to form a steering group. Clerk to contact Marilyn Cox to ask of the available dates for her to attend the next event (end Sept/ beginning Oct) to do a talk on the steering group. A Flyer can then go out in time with the next edition of the WaRbler and an e-mail sent out for interested parties to be part of the steering group.

259/07/10 Allotments

- Update from the Allotments Association. Clerk had received all the free advertising information for the association to do their launch with. So far it has been advertised on Stroud FM and there is due to be a photo in the Stroud Citizen. The gates have been purchased and are with Julia Currie due to be fitted. The Allotment Association bank account is now active. Cllr R Charley knew of someone who could provide hessian backed old pieces of carpets if anyone needed them on the site.

260/07/10 Forthcoming external meetings

- Being a Good Councillor – GAPTC – Tuesday 23rd November 9.30 – 4.30
Cllrs G Dance and V Price would like to attend – Clerk to book them in
- Clerk would like attend Clerk networking day – 10th December – Clerk to book place and ask Slimbridge Parish Council if they would like to be invoiced for half

261/07/10 Dates of next meetings

- 22nd July Planning Committee 8pm
 Finance Committee 8.30pm
- 12th August Full Council 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm