

WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.00pm at Whiteshill Village Hall**

Present: Councillors John Rogers (Chairman), Rebecca Charley, Gerri Kimber, Peter Hood, John Mutton, Greg Dance, Julie Shirley (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Councillor Louise Scott (family commitments)
Councillor Steve Tomkins (work commitments)

Members of the Public Present: Four people present

Due to the late arrival of councillors it was agreed to vary the order of the agenda and deal with Co-option of Councillor later in the meeting.

117/12/09 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - None.

118/12/09 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th November were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Mutton arrived at this point.

119/12/09 Chair's announcements

Parish Plan funding had been awarded by SDC for £1209 during 2010/11 financial year. The grant is payable on completion of the project.

There is a Christmas event at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th December to exchange Christmas cards and have a sing-along.

Boxing Day walk commencing at 10.30am from the usual meeting points.

Councillor Charley arrived at this point.

The Chair proposed adjourning the meeting to hear presentations from the two candidates for the councillor vacancy. All agreed.

119/12/09 Co-option of Councillor

After hearing from the two candidates, the meeting was reconvened. The Council took a vote on the two candidates, Christine Newport and Mike Cutler. It was 3 votes each candidate and the Chair used his casting vote in favour of Christine Newport. The council expressed thanks to Mr Cutler and hoped that he would continue his interest in the parish council and stand for election in May 2010.

Christine Newport signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the meeting.

120/12/09 Report from County Councillor

Councillor Tony Blackburn was unable to attend the meeting this evening and sent his apologies.

Councillor Blackburn is continuing to work for a 20mph limit through the village and a proper crossing outside the school.

121/12/09 Report from District Councillor

Councillor Philip Booth was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. An emailed update was read out from Councillor Booth. In particular was the Wood Fuel Project in Randwick; there is a group of people looking into possibilities of a Wood Fuel project with the National Trust. There is a meeting planned for Tuesday 5th January at 7.30pm in the Vine Tree pub in Randwick village. Interested parties are invited to contact Councillor Booth direct about this project.

122/12/09 Receive and consider reports from the Officer of the Council

Report on important correspondence

Letter from SDC regarding Parish Plan Funding. Noted.

Email from SDC regarding Core Strategy consultation. Noted.

123/12/09 Finance and formal notices

Donations to organisations

Donations were given out for the Church and Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB unfortunately not able to collect in person).

It was resolved to pay the following in accordance with the budget:

Cheques:

1.	Steve Marshall	Village Maintenance	£110.00
2.	Whiteshill Parochial Church Council	Donation	£500.00
3.	Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	£100.00

Direct Debit / Standing Order:

1.	Village Hall	Rent of venue	£24.00
2.	Inland Revenue	PAYE (September)	£72.52
3.	Julie Shirley	Clerk (October)	£290.08

Total: £1096.60

Report on current financial position

The Clerk circulated the balance sheet and bank reconciliation as at 30th November 2009. It was noted by the meeting that the Publicity budget was going to be overspent due to additional toner needed and the Christmas Warbler delivery.

The Clerk reported back that War Memorial grants are available and are awarded twice yearly by English Heritage. Clerk to find out prices for replacing the names in bronze.

124/12/09 Planning and Environment Committee

Planning Applications for review:

None.

125/12/09 Allotments

Receive an update regarding the Lease

The Chair gave an update regarding the Land Lease and explained about the change in the car parking clause that we have requested. The landowner preferred to have the car parking arrangements on the public highway included in the Lease, however as it is a public highway we are not able to dictate parking arrangements and so have re-worded that section for consideration by the landowner.

Funding Application

The Chair requested that the Allotments Working Party start working on the revised funding application. **Action: Allotments Working Party.**

SW Allotment Officers Forum

Councillor Dance recently attended the South West Allotment Officers Forum and gave a brief update and will type up notes from that meeting for distribution.

126/12/09 Report from the Whiteshill School Governor

Mrs Fry is retiring about 27 years. The school is currently writing up the WW2 memories that have been collected.

127/12/09 Consider attendance at forthcoming external meetings for which the clerk has received details

SDC has invited all Parish and Town Councils to a meeting on 4th February 2010, agenda not yet available.

128/12/09 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 14th January, 7.30pm Full Council meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.