

WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 10th September 2009 at 7.30pm at Whiteshill Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Councillor Rebecca Charley (family commitments)
Councillor Steve Tomkins (working)

Members of the Public Present: None

072/09/09 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda
None.

073/09/09 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th August 2009
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th August were approved and signed by the Chairman.

074/09/09 Chair's announcements
None.

075/09/09 Parishioners' ten minutes
No parishioners present.

076/09/09 Report from County Councillor
County Councillor Tony Blackburn was unable to attend the meeting.

077/09/09 Report from District Councillor
Councillor Philip Booth was unable to attend the meeting and sent an email update which was read out to the meeting.

078/09/09 Receive and consider reports from the Officer of the Council
Report on important correspondence

Proposed Waiting Restrictions in Whiteshill received from Gloucestershire Highways. Five councillors were in favour of the restrictions, 1 abstention. Clerk to respond to SDC.

Thank you letter received from Whiteshill & Ruscombe Boys Football Club. Noted.

List of plants for village green planter received from Down to Earth. All in favour of the plant choice. Clerk to respond to Down to Earth.

GAPTC AGM 15th October. Noted.

Dog fouling problem on Lightwood Lane. Councillor Rogers suggested putting a general notice in the Warbler. Cllr Rogers will draft and provide to the Clerk.

079/09/09 Finance and formal notices

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

Cheques:

1.	Steve Marshall	Village Maintenance	£176.00
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Direct Debit / Standing Order:

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

Report on current financial position

The Clerk circulated the balance sheet and bank reconciliation as at 31st August 2009. Councillor Hood had conducted a general review of the accounts and was satisfied that the accounts are being properly maintained. The council thanked Councillor Hood.

080/09/09 Crime and Disorder Report

Councillor Dance reported a motorbike theft that occurred in the playing field car park. Six people were arrested.

081/09/09 Playing Field Working Party

The next Working Party meeting will be discussing the improper use of the car park and unauthorised vehicles on the playing field.

Councillor Hood suggested 2 signs were needed for the car park. One on the back of the notice board stating that untaxed vehicles will be reported as abandoned. A second sign on the gate near the village shop stating no unauthorised vehicles on the playing field.

Councillor Rogers suggested that the playing field rules could be made into a sign to go on the back of the notice board and this included mention of untaxed vehicles. Clerk to request a price for the sign. Stroud Signs has already been requested to provide a sign for the gate.

There was further discussion about the improper use of the car park and that it appeared to be used for the storage of cars that were for sale. Clerk to obtain advice concerning this matter. All councillors requested to note down the contact details on the car for sale signs.

082/09/09 Public Rights of Way Working Party - footpaths and highways

No update.

083/09/09 Planning and Environment Committee

Planning Applications for review:

S.09/1502/FUL and S.09/1503/LBC - The Star Inn. Various internal and external renovations. SUPPORT – will be an improvement to important amenity for the village.

S.09/1540/HHOLD - Gough Cottage, Ferndale Road. Loft conversion & erection of 2 storey extensions (resubmission following refusal S.09/0033/FUL).

OBJECT: extension is overbearing particularly the new north window. The style is still inconsistent.

S.09/1558/HHOLD - Ael Y Bryn, Upper Kitesnest Road. Retrospective application for the erection

of fence and creation of driveway to the rear of the property.

Do not object or support: access to the substation must be maintained at all times. Parish Council recommend that the secure access to the substation is reinstated at the end of the driveway.

084/09/09 Report from the Whiteshill School Governor

The school children are coming to 8th October council meeting – starting at 7pm for the presentation. Councillor Hood was requested to provide a few refreshments – biscuits and squash. There was a brief discussion about Councillor Hood attending a Food Hygiene course as he is often called upon to provide refreshments for council meetings. The course was agreed and Councillor Hood will arrange to attend.

085/09/09 Consider attendance at forthcoming external meetings for which the clerk has received details

Meeting dates circulated on the Clerk report.

086/09/09 Dates of next meetings

Planning Committee meeting for Thursday 24th September is CANCELLED.

Thursday 8th October, **7.00pm** at Whiteshill Village Hall – Full Council Meeting with presentation from Whiteshill School.

Thursday 22nd October, 8pm Planning Committee meeting followed by Finance Committee meeting. The Finance Committee will be looking at the budget and precept for 2010-11; all councillors are invited to attend. Any ideas for expenditure to be communicated to the committee.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.