

**WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.30pm 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 (unwell)  
Councillor Steve Tomkins (holiday)

**Members of the Public Present:** 23 residents, PCSO Jayne Fellowes.

PCSO Jayne Fellowes introduced herself to the meeting. PCSO Fellowes is the new Community Support Officer for Whiteshill.

Residents were present to address the meeting concerning the field at Stokenhill that now contains horses. The field is being leased and the current tenant has restricted access to walkers. The residents are going to put in an application to have a footpath through this field put on the definitive map. The landowner was also present and addressed the meeting. Chairman addressed the group of residents and noted that until such time as the formal procedure is commenced, the only right of way that formally exists is the one at the top of the field marked on the definitive map and there is no established right of way along the side of the field that backs onto Field Road.

One resident requested a dog bin near the stile. This will be considered by the parish council.

Chairman thanked the residents for coming to talk to the parish council and then declared the meeting open. The majority of residents left at this point.

**146/02/10 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - None.**

**147/02/10 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010**  
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**148/02/10 Chair's announcements**

Chairman announced the Clerk's resignation. The Clerk has offered to stay on until a new clerk in post and handed over the workload.

**149/02/10 Report from County Councillor**

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

**150/02/10 Report from District Councillor**

Councillor Philip Booth was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies. An emailed update from Cllr Booth were read out.

## **151/02/10 Receive and consider reports from the Officer of the Council**

### Report on important correspondence

- 20 is plenty signage letter from Gloucestershire Highways. The parish council previously received a letter of permission for the signs that did not stipulate a timescale. Chairman will draft a letter for approval at the March council meeting.
- Playing Field use email from Friends of Whiteshill School. Parish Council agreed to the use. Action: Clerk to respond.
- SHLAA response from SDC. Chairman read out a draft response. The meeting agreed that an amended version be circulated to council and then it should be sent.
- Consultation Policy email from Nailsworth PC. It was agreed that the parish council should support Nailsworth Parish Council. Action: Clerk to send letter of support.
- Joint Core Strategy email from SDC. Consultation to be referred to the Planning Committee for response.
- Snow & Allotments email from Julia Currie. Article will appear in the Warbler to raise awareness regarding the snow and use of farmland.
- Buckingham Palace Garden Party nominations. The meeting agreed to nominate Cllr Kimber.
- Email from Whiteshill Boys FC. Noted.
- DF Legal regarding the Certificate of Lawfulness Appeal. Letter of representation has already been sent to LPA and it was agreed to send a copy to DF Legal for information. Action: Clerk.

### **Julie Currie arrived and it was agreed to bring forward the agenda item on Allotments.**

## **152/02/10 Allotments**

The meeting discussed the draft land lease with Julia Currie and several amendments were agreed. Ms Currie will arrange for the amendments to be carried out and will supply another copy of the lease to the council. The meeting agreed that the Chairman be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the parish council once the agreed amendments had been made.

Cllr Kimber left the meeting during the Allotments item.

## **153/02/10 Finance and formal notices**

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

### Cheques:

1.	Steve Marshall	Village Maintenance	£155.37
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### Direct Debit / Standing Order:

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

Total: £541.97

### Report on current financial position

The Clerk circulated the balance sheet and bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

### Grass Cutting & Pitch Marking Out Contract

The meeting agreed that TW Hawkins & Sons SGMS be awarded the annual contract for the mowing of the playing field and marking out of the football pitch.

The meeting also considered the quote to re-build the bike ramps. Cllr Charley will find out a price for a mini-digger contractor.

**154/02/10 Crime and Disorder Report**

No update.

**155/02/10 Playing Field Working Party**

No update.

**156/02/10 Public Rights of Way Working Party - footpaths and highways**

No update.

**157/02/10 Planning and Environment Committee**

Planning Applications for review:

S.10/0147/HHOLD – 4 Field Road, Whiteshill. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of single storey rear and side extension. No comment.

**158/02/10 Parish Plan**

This item was deferred to the next parish meeting.

**159/02/10 Report from the Whiteshill School Governor**

One of the teachers is being seconded to Nailsworth School as deputy headteacher for maternity cover.

**160/02/10 Consider attendance at forthcoming external meetings for which the clerk has received details**

Circulated to councillors.

**161/02/10 Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Planning Committee meeting to discuss the Joint Core Strategy consultation.  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Full Council Meeting.

The meeting agreed to delegate recruitment of a new clerk to the Finance Committee; meeting to be arranged.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10pm.