

WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th January 2010 at 7.30pm at Whiteshill Village Hall

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

Apologies: Councillor Rebecca Charley (unwell)
Councillor Steve Tomkins (holiday)

Members of the Public Present: None.

129/01/10 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda - None.

130/01/10 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2009

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December were approved and signed by the Chairman.

131/01/10 Chair's announcements

Chair explained why the meeting had been re-arranged due to the snow conditions. The Chair thanked the Clerk and Councillor Kimber for their determination to get the grit bins filled and roads gritted.

132/01/10 Report from County Councillor

Councillor Tony Blackburn gave a brief update. Gloucestershire County Council's portion of the precept is set to increase at 2.3%. Cllr Blackburn thanked Cllr Kimber for being the parish snow warden. Cllr Blackburn has had a meeting with Highways (Jason Humm, Glenn Dooley, John Kay) regarding Highways issues. Cllr Blackburn has raised the issue of speed limits with the Environment Scrutiny committee and would like them to investigate lower limits.

133/01/10 Report from District Councillor

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

134/01/10 Receive and consider reports from the Officer of the Council

Report on important correspondence

- GCC Consultation on Gloucestershire's Local Transport Plan. Deadline is 31st January for responses. It can be viewed online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/talkingtransport. Each councillor was encouraged to respond individually and Cllr Kimber will complete the consultation for the parish council.
- Neighbourhood Policing letter about changes to their processes and a letter inviting the council to a meeting of Parish Council Chairs on 2nd February. Cllr Newport will attend for the parish council.
- Army Presentation Team invite to evening reception on 2nd February. Noted.
- Gloucestershire LINK public event invitation. Noted.
- Whiteshill Football Club – regarding hiring arrangements at the Scout Hut. Clerk to respond and

copy the letter to the Scout Hut committee.

- SDC Parish & Town Council Meeting 4th February – Cllr Dance may be available to attend.
- GRCC Emergency Planning Workshop 22nd February. Cllr Newport and Cllr Scott may be available to attend. Councillors to let the Clerk know so places can be reserved
- Excessive Signage email from GAPTC. There are no examples within the parish but WRPC wish support the initiative. Clerk to send letter.
- Email regarding rubbish left on local landowner's land during the recent snow weather. A notice is needed in the Warbler to remind local residents to act responsibly. Clerk to respond to the landowner with sympathy. Cllr Mutton will raise the issue at the school governors meeting.

135/01/10 Finance and formal notices

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

Cheques:

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| 1. | Steve Marshall | Village Maintenance | £66.00 |
| 2. | Steve Tomkins | Warbler Delivery | £65.00 |
| 3. | Peter Hood | Expenses | £43.58 |
| 4. | Julie Shirley | Expenses | £156.99 |
| 5. | Greg Dance | Expenses | £63.00 |
| 6. | TW Hawkins | Mowing & marking out | £131.68 |
| 7. | Hailey Wood Sawmill Ltd | Wooden Litter Bin | £63.25 |

Direct Debit / Standing Order:

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

Total: £976.10

Report on current financial position

The Clerk circulated the balance sheet and bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2009.

136/01/10 Crime and Disorder Report

PCSO Jayne Fellowes has requested to attend the February parish council meeting.

137/01/10 Playing Field Working Party

The grass has been damaged by a vehicle at the entrance to the playing field between the car park and shop. Clerk to ask the handyperson to repair the ground.

Cllr Hood suggested an article in the Warbler about use of the car park and that untaxed vehicles will be removed by the DVLA. Cllr Hood will write the article.

Cllr Hood mentioned that a street light is needed on the footpath from the school to the playing field. This has previously been reported to Gloucestershire County Council. Action: Clerk will follow-up with GCC.

138/01/10 Public Rights of Way Working Party - footpaths and highways

It was suggested to write an article for the Warbler to make people aware that the grit is not for use on private land. Snow needs to be discussed as part of Emergency Planning.

139/01/10 Planning and Environment Committee

Planning Applications for review:

S.09/2218/FUL – Horizons, Main Road, Whiteshill.

Sub-division to form two dwellings. Alterations and extensions. No Comment.

S.09/2138/HHOLD – Little Pickwick, Lightwood Lane, Randwick.

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey extension. No Comment.

S.09/2209/VAR – Larkshill, Field Road, Whiteshill.

Variation of Condition 1 of permission S.06/2354/OUT. Original permission was the renewal of outline permission for the erection of a detached bungalow. No comment.

S.10/0041/FUL – 6 Ashgrove Cottages, The Throat, Ruscombe.

Loft conversion including raising of ridge. Comments only: prefer wood to be in the same colour as existing roof.

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Four sites have been identified as being suitable for development. Cllr Rogers drafted a reply and it was considered by the meeting. It was agreed to send the letter and copy to District Councillor Booth. Action: Clerk to send the letter.

Certificate of Lawfulness Appeal. The meeting agreed that a letter be sent to the Local Planning Authority that it is the recollection of the councillors that machinery has been stored on this site for a number of years but have no recollection of machinery repairs taking place. Action: Clerk to send letter.

140/01/10 Parish Plan

This item was deferred to the next parish meeting.

141/01/10 Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Newport will attend the workshop at SDC on Monday 22nd February, 6pm. The item will be discussed at the March meeting.

142/01/10 Allotments

Receive an update regarding the Lease

The draft lease has not yet been received from the landowner, who sent her apologies. Clerk to invite the landowner to a meeting of the parish council. The Allotments Working Party set a meeting date to discuss the funding application.

143/01/10 Report from the Whiteshill School Governor

No update as the Governors' meeting is taking place next week.

144/01/10 Consider attendance at forthcoming external meetings for which the clerk has received details

Circulated to councillors.

145/01/10 Dates of next meetings

Thursday 11th February, 7.30pm Full Council meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.