

**WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk: Mrs Julie Shirley, 60 Hawk Close, Abbeydale, Gloucester, GL4 4WE Tel: 07941 171805

Email: [clerk@wrpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wrpc.org.uk)

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.30pm at Whiteshill Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Rogers (Chairman), Rebecca Charley (Vice-Chair), Peter Hood, John Mutton, Julie Shirley (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Tony Blackburn.

**Apologies:** Councillor Gerri Kimber (unwell)  
Councillor Steve Tomkins (working away)  
Councillor Louise Scott (family commitments)  
Councillor Greg Dance (unwell)

**Members of the Public Present:** Julia Currie (item 046/07/09)

**038/07/09 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

**039/07/09 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**040/07/09 Chair's announcements**

None.

**041/07/09 Parishioners' ten minutes**

No parishioners present.

**042/07/09 Report from County Councillor**

County Councillor Tony Blackburn updated the meeting about central Highways estimates that includes road markings planned for north Stroud, various road waiting restrictions, associated signing and lining at various locations. Councillor Blackburn also covered a number of items that he is hoping to improve.

Councillor Charley gave an update to Councillor Blackburn about the Ruscombe Valley Action Group.

**043/07/09 Report from District Councillor**

Councillor Philip Booth was unable to attend the meeting and emailed an update which was read out to the meeting.

**044/07/09 Receive and consider reports from the Officer of the Council**

The school were unable to attend tonight's meeting to give their presentation and would like to come to the October meeting instead.

The school responded regarding a memorial cup award and they declined the offer as they already give out a number of governors' cups.

Hailey Wood Sawmill Ltd has quoted £55 for a wooden bin for outside the village shop. It was agreed that the Clerk will order the bin and Councillor Charley will arrange to collect.

#### Report on important correspondence

1. Community Planning Grant Scheme: it was agreed to put this as an agenda item for the next meeting and councillors to consider the topic over the next few weeks.

#### **045/07/09 Finance and formal notices**

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

#### Cheques:

1.	Steve Marshall	Village Maint & Footpath Clearance	£392.50
2.	Hailey Wood Sawmill Ltd	Planters & Grit Bins	£920.00
3.	TW Hawkins	Mowing	£438.73
4.	Julie Shirley	Clerk Expenses	£257.58
5.	Itstick Labels Ltd	20 is Plenty Stickers	£408.19
6.	John Rogers	APM Expenses	£24.64

#### Direct Debit / Standing Order:

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

#### Report on current financial position

The Clerk circulated the balance sheet and bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The Clerk also circulated a Finance Report highlighting the committed spending on projects. It was agreed that the finances will need to be closely monitored to meet the commitments.

The Chairman proposed that we vary the order of the agenda and bring the Allotments item forward to discuss with Julia Currie present. All agreed.

#### **046/07/09 Allotments Working Party**

There was no working party members present so the Chairman gave an update from the latest meeting minutes. Julia Currie also updated the meeting on the progress that the allotments working group have made. The meeting discussed fencing for the allotments and Councillor Charley agreed to get a quote for wire strand fencing that fruit plants can be trained to grow up for a natural barrier.

The Clerk noted that a grant application was being completed but funding wouldn't be granted on a project in progress. It was agreed that no work would be carried out with the lease or clearing the land until the results of the grant application are known. The Allotments Working Party next meeting is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 7.30pm at the Star.

#### **047/07/09 Crime and Disorder Report**

No update.

#### **048/07/09 Playing Field Working Party**

##### Update from the Working Party

The working party were concerned that siting the basketball hoop near the boules area would create a safety risk. The existing seats would need to be moved, and a contiguous surface prepared. It was

decided to revert to the original plan of installing the hoop near the netball pig where the land is clear and level. Clerk to contact John Kirby and ask him to carry out the work as previously agreed.

Councillor Hood asked for the updated car park notice to be put in the notice board. Clerk to action.

#### Dog Fouling Signs

Stroud District Council has offered us 4 new dog fouling signs. There are currently signs up in the parish. It was agreed that we did not need any additional signage.

#### **049/07/09 Public Rights of Way Working Party - footpaths and highways**

The 20 is plenty road signs are going up and stickers are going out with the Warbler.

Councillor Charley reported a problem with cars rallying through Ruscombe – Clerk to report to the PCSO.

AONB has sent out a press release regarding verge management. Councillor Charley will get a copy of the full document that we could amend and distribute to residents via the Warbler.

Councillor Hood reported that there is room for a grit bin outside Shiraz on Lower Street and the owners have given permission for one to go there. Clerk will need to let Highways know the location once the grit bin has been moved into position.

There was a discussion about moving the new grit bins into location. Councillor Rogers and Hood will agree a date and let Councillor Charley know.

The planter on the village green needs top soil and plants. Clerk will contact Down to Earth for a quote.

#### **050/07/09 Planning and Environment Committee**

##### Planning Permission granted by SDC:

S.09/0666/VAR – 3 Hillside, Bell Pitch, Whiteshill

Variation of condition 2 of planning permission S.05/2525/FUL

S.09/0712/HHOLD – Bonnie Banks, The Close, Ruscombe

Alterations to create covered yard.

##### Re-painting of the bus shelters

To be deferred until Councillor Tomkins present. Councillor Rogers felt that the insides of the bus shelters were of a reasonable quality, but perhaps the exterior of the one at Victory Road needed re-painting.

##### CPRE Email on South West Regional Space Strategy

The meeting discussed the email received from CPRE and considered the model letter and agreed that the Clerk should send the letter as requested by the CPRE.

The meeting briefly discussed the reply received from SDC concerning planning application S.08/0810/FUL. It was agreed that there is a gap in the planning system in that the bigger picture is not considered regarding access to the property, impact on local residents and Planning not being concerned with the process of building.

#### **051/07/09 Report from the Whiteshill School Governor**

Councillor Mutton gave an update.

**052/07/09 Consider attendance at forthcoming external meetings for which the clerk has received details**

Meeting dates circulated on the Clerk report.

Councillor Hood agreed to attend the Neighbourhood Panel meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm at Victory Park Pavilion.

**053/07/09 Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 8pm at Whiteshill Village Hall – Planning Meeting

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 8.30pm at Whiteshill Village Hall – Finance Meeting

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm at Whiteshill Village Hall – Full Council Meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.