

Whitchurch Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Mr. Tony Skeggs

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitchurch Parish Council held at the St Johns Hall

On Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), P Alderman, S Ford, M Palin, M Perry, and C Thomas.

Public Attendance: 3 members of the public, plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs A Bond & D Blamires.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

24/39	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Grimes.
	Open Forum for Residents <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A resident raised the issue of speeding along the Oving Road. He volunteered to analyse the data from the device. The device needed to be realigned to pick up motorists further along the road. The PC would investigate the process of imposing weight restrictions along the road.• The Bucks Cllrs reported that the 3rd tranche of HS2 was to open shortly. It was likely the maximum grant would be reduced. The Community Board priorities from 2024/25 were: Supporting Young People, Strengthening Communities and Skills & Opportunities.• The drain covers on the High Street would be fixed on the 12th March.
24/40	Members' Interests: Members were invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Whitchurch Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011. No new declarations raised.
24/41	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 11 th March 2024, were approved, and signed by the Chair.
24/42	Restoration of the School Bell Project Cllr Alderman introduced the item which focused on the best location for the bell, of which there were four, all on the school grounds. Two were at the front and two were at the rear. After consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Perry, that a site visit should be organised at the school. This was unanimously AGREED . Cllr Alderman was to arrange with the school.
24/43	Recreation Ground Equipment Cllr Ford circulated several costed options, which were for metal stand-alone goals, an accessible basket swing, a table tennis table, and goal nets. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Ford, seconded by Cllr Lincoln, that the Parish Council should purchase a set of stand-alone goals and an accessible basket swing. This was unanimously AGREED .
24/44	Grant Request A grant request had been received from Whitchurch Cricket Club to assist them with their

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	insurance costs. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Thomas, that whilst the Parish Council would not fund the insurance costs it might be prepared to fund a specific item. This was AGREED . The Clerk was to contact the cricket club.
24/45	<p>Request to Use the Recreation Ground</p> <p>A request had been received to hold a fete on the recreation ground on the 6th May from a resident to fund raise to raise awareness of the condition GABBR and to help a child in the village who has been diagnosed with the condition. This was unanimously AGREED.</p>
24/46	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The list of payments for April were APPROVED, details at the end of the minutes.</p> <p>b) The combined bank account position at the 31st March was NOTED.</p> <p>c) The Clerk presented a provisional year-end position which showed a surplus of £7,936 for the year and a reserve position of £94,596. Unspent budgets could be utilised in the new year. The report was NOTED.</p>
24/47	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Chair of the working group reported that all the inspector's comments and recommendations had been reflected in the Plan. The updated Plan had been submitted to Buckinghamshire Council at the end of March. Buckinghamshire Council were required to give 28 days' notice of the referendum. It was hoped that by the next Parish Council meeting in May a date would have been set.</p>
24/48	<p>Planning – The following applications were considered by the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/00449/APP – The Palms, 56 Oving Road – Insertion of Side Door (Retrospective). No Objections were raised to this application.
24/49	<p>Points of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights of Way – No progress had been made on the three requests to update the definitive map despite being told in June 2022 that they would be considered next. FP47/1 – objectors had received a letter from the applicant via Buckinghamshire Council. There had been no breach of resident data. FP48/2 – the Parish Council had yet to receive a reply from the Rights of Way team. It was suggested by the BC Cllrs that Stephen Broadbent be copied into future correspondence. • Cllr Palin reported on a Biodiversity Seminar that she had attended which focused on looking after and improving the environment for wildlife. She added that the PC was doing well and doing the right things, which included increasing hedgerows, leaving dead vegetation, having unmown areas, and putting up boxes.
24/50	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting would be on Monday 13th May 2024 starting @ 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting would be held beforehand where groups would be invited to report on their activities over the last year. The Clerk was to request a</p>

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	7pm start time from the PCC.
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The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

Actions List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
23/20	Investigate Christmas lights in the High Street.	Clerk	In Progress
23/90	Order three benches with Kings Coronation emblem.	Clerk	On Hold
Forum	Investigate MVAS pole and socket on High Street.	ClIr PA/CT	In Progress
24/42	Arrange site at the School for bell location.	ClIr PA	Completed
24/44	Contact Whitchurch Cricket Club.	Clerk	Completed
24/50	Contact PCC administrator over 13 th May start time.	Clerk	Completed

BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 st March 2024	Current Account	£7,717.72	
31 st March 2024	Deposit Account	£56,877.90	
31 st March 2024	Investment Account	£30,000.00	£94,595.62

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Lloyds Bank – Interest in March.	£62.73
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank for February.	£16.28
Buckinghamshire Council – Devolved Services Payment for 2024/25.	£3,216.58
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN MARCH	£3,295.59

Expenditure	Payment	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
Buckland Landscapes (01) – March Verges Grass Cutting.	FPO	£526.82
Whitchurch PCC (02) – Hall Hire for April 2024 PC Meeting.	FPO	£25.00
Clerk (03) - Salary and Expenses for April 2024.	FPO	£526.35
R Moore (04) – Tree Stakes and Shrub Shelters.	FPO	£284.10
BMKALC (05) – Annual Subscription & NALC Affiliation.	FPO	£164.64
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£1,526.91
Direct Debits		
SSE Swalec (DD01) - Street Lighting for February.		£92.71
TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS FOR NOTING SINCE THE MARCH MEETING		£92.71

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For Information - Reclaimable Vat from 1 December for 2023/24	£1,293.66
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This is the website that Buckinghamshire Council recommends you use to report problems, which could be blocked road drains, potholes, broken pavements, signage problems, overgrown foliage etc.

Here is the link <https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

If you do need to report anything, then please put as much detail as possible and always upload some photographs. Reports with photographs will get resolved quicker than ones without.