

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 9 January 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), P Alderman, S Ford, V James-Friday, M Palin, and M Perry.

Public Attendance: Three members of the public, and Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs A Bond, D Blamires, and P Cooper.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

23/01	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Thomas.</p>
	<p>Open Forum for Residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sandpath, path to the Recreation Ground and the pavement down Whitchurch Hill from the Firs needed clearing.• A 7.5 tonne weight limit on the Oving Road needed to be looked at again.• Numerous complaints of dog mess left on footpaths. Dog owners are reminded to use the dog bins provided.• Residents wishing to remove trees or severely cut them back require permission from Buckinghamshire Council as Whitchurch is in a conservation area.• The Neighbourhood Plan is currently in the Regulation 14 consultation period. <p>Buckinghamshire Council Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Board – Proud of Bucks Award nomination period now open.• Buckinghamshire Council are proposing a 4.99% council tax raise for 2023/24.
23/02	<p>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.</p> <p>No declarations were made.</p>
23/03	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 12th December 2022, were approved, and signed as a true record, after a correction was made to the planning item 22/04100.</p>
23/04	<p>2023/24 Draft Budget and Precept</p> <p>a) The amended draft budget for 2023/24 was considered. Cllr Lincoln pointed out that the budget did not include any provision for new initiatives or projects. These would have to be funded by grants. The budget of £41,470 was AGREED.</p> <p>b) Buckinghamshire Council had released an updated tax base figure for 2023/24. The updated tax base figure of 484.92 would give a precept of £29,100. It was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Perry that the council tax band D remain at £60, and the precept be £29,100. This was unanimously AGREED.</p>

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23/05	<p>Village Eco Group (VEG) Cllr James-Priday updated the meeting on the group membership which included three councillors. Cllr Ford expressed a wish to join the group. Some residents had been invited to join but had yet to confirm. There would be an “Eco Pop Up Shop” in the recreation ground on Saturday 5th February. A grant application had been made to the Heart of Bucks to fund a workspace building.</p>
23/06	<p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>a) The play area resurfacing continued to be hampered by the weather. As soon as the weather improves the surface will be laid. Playsource had requested a further payment of 25%. It was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Ford, and unanimously AGREED that the payment be made.</p> <p>b) Cllr Perry updated the meeting with her attempts to get some drainage advice from HS2/EWR. Both had replied to say that Whitchurch was outside their area. Cllr Cooper said he would take this up with them and advised that Wingrave PC had just finished a similar exercise on their playing field.</p>
23/07	<p>Defibrillators A resident had agreed to provide a cabinet for a defibrillator at the junction of Ashgrove Gardens and North Marston Lane. Cllr James-Priday would contact Fullers Brewery asking for permission to site a defibrillator on the side of the White Swan.</p>
23/08	<p>Kings Coronation It was suggested by Cllr Lincoln that benches be provided in line with the vistas identified in the Neighbourhood Plan. She asked that if councillors could think of other ideas for the next meeting and, if possible, work with WACA.</p>
23/09	<p>Website In the absence of Cllr Thomas this item was deferred until the next meeting.</p>
23/10	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The list of payments for January were APPROVED, details at the end of the minutes. b) The combined bank account position at the 31st December was NOTED.</p>
23/11	<p>Planning The following planning applications were considered by the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/04102/APP – 20 Bushmead Road – Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Garage. Erection of Replacement Two Storey Dwelling and Garage. Installation of 15 Solar Panels. It was AGREED that the parish council would hold a site visit and ask that any design follow the Design Specification as specified in the Neighbourhood Plan. As the property was in Hardwick Parish, the clerk was to contact Hardwick PC for the comments. • 18/03136/APP - Land Adjoining Newmans Close, North Marston Lane – Erection of 22 Dwellings an Associated Works (Part Retrospective). It was AGREED that the parish

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	council would offer NO OBJECTIONS to the application.
23/12	Points of Interest There had been no meetings / seminars since the last meeting.
23/13	Date and Time of Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting would be on Monday 13 th February 2023 starting @ 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 st December 2022	Current Account	£6,760.23	
31 st December 2022	Playing Field Account	£4,067.42	
31 st December 2022	Deposit Account	£40,293.07	
31 st December 2022	Investment Account	£30,000.00	£81,120.72

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank for November.	£39.06
Property Matters – Contribution to Speed Indicator Sign Pole.	£300.00
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER	£339.06

Expenditure	Cheque	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
Buckland Landscapes (78) – December Verges Grass Cutting.	FPO	£526.82
Whitchurch PCC (79) – Hall Hire for January PC Meeting.	FPO	£20.00
Clerk (80) - Salary and Expenses for January 2023.	FPO	£463.67
Whitchurch PCC (81) – Hall Hire for January NPSG Meeting.	FPO	£40.00
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£1,050.49

Direct Debits	£
SSE Swalec (DD4) - Street Lighting for December.	£137.30
TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS FOR NOTING SINCE THE DECEMBER MEETING	£ 137.30

For Information - Reclaimable Vat to date for 2022/23	£1,091.22
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Actions List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
23/04b	Notify Buckinghamshire Council of precept.	Clerk	Completed
23/06	Contact Wingrave PC re: playing field drainage.	Cllr Perry	
23/07	Contact Fullers re: defibrillator on the Swan Pub.	Cllr V-Priday	
23/08	Consider ideas for Kings Coronation.	All Cllrs	
23/11	Contact Hardwick PC re: application 22/04102	Clerk	Completed

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