

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 14 February 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs C Lincoln (Chair), S Ford, V James-Priday, M Palin, M Perry, and C Thomas.

Public Attendance: Eight members of the public plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Bond.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

22/15	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Alderman.</p>
	<p>Open Forum for Residents The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandpath / 18 Oving Road – A resident reported that the Sandpath had not been repaired and that the gravel from 18 Oving Road was covering the pavement.• Barrettstown - It was requested that the hedgerow be re-instated along the Oving Road in front of the Barrettstown Estate, this was proposed as a Project for the Queen's Jubilee.• North Marston Lane - A resident reported problems with overhanging branches, blocked ditches, and grass verges.• Grass Verges - A resident highlighted that there were several areas in the village where the grass verges had been churned up by drivers parking their cars on the open spaces, particularly in Ashgrove Gardens. He asked whether the parish council could think about reinstating the areas and then a form of prevention.• Planning - A resident asked if the parish council was aware of any permitted building works in the grounds of a property in Little London, as it appeared there was a building under construction.• Buckinghamshire Council – Cllr Bond reported on Buckinghamshire Council. Children's Services were now graded "Good". The Community Board budget for 2021/22 had been spent.
22/16	<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 new declarations were made.</p>
22/17	<p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10th January 2022, were approved, and signed as a true record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school was happy for the parish council to patrol outside the school at drop off / pick up times.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to purchase a Bushnell speed gun. • It was suggested that Kompan be approached to carry out the annual play area inspection and expedite the inspection / repair of the zip wire.
22/18	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee June 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After consideration it was AGREED that the Parish Council should work with other community groups to set up a working group consisting of the parish council, WACCA, WI, school, and church to plan and organise an event. The parish council to fund the hire of the hall for the initial meeting. • It was suggested that the celebration could be spread over the long weekend and at different locations within the village to encourage maximum participation from the village community. • The idea of planting a tree or a jubilee hedge (as suggested by the resident in Open Forum) was considered, with Cllr Ford agreeing to investigate available options. • The chair proposed the idea of recognising village residents who had contributed to the well-being of the village. After consideration it was NOT AGREED to pursue the idea.
22/19	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>a) To NOTE the second reply from 3W Health regarding the repositioning of the defibrillator. The practice would not allow their defibrillator to be installed externally but would allow another defibrillator to be placed on the outside of the surgery.</p> <p>b) Cllr Bond informed the meeting that the Community Board would be looking at part funding defibrillators for parish councils during 2022/23.</p>
22/20	<p>Road Safety / MVAS / Speedwatch</p> <p>a) Cllr Lincoln informed the meeting that a pre-application had been made to the HS2 Road Safety fund for a "Zebra Crossing" on the High Street.</p> <p>b) Cllr Lincoln informed the meeting that the Community Board had agreed 50% funding towards two SID machines. The clerk was to chase the insurance company for an update on the recent claim for a damaged MVAS unit.</p>
22/21	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Keith Armour gave an update on progress to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, working on the green spaces / green corridors within the village. • The contents of the first draft were being scrutinized. • The design guide for the village was overdue but expected soon. • The existing settlement boundary was being defined. • The delays around the creation of external reports, such as the SEA would impact on the overall timetable.
22/22	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) The following applications were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/00104/APP - 1 Market Hill - Two Storey Rear Extension, Roof Lights and Dormer

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	<p>Window. The planning working group was happy to recommend No Objections to the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/00106/ALB - 13 Oving Road - Erection of Garden Room. A site visit was planned before an opinion would be circulated to the councillors. • 22/00265/APP - 12 Oving Road - Two Storey Rear Extension. The planning working group was happy to recommend No Objections to the application. <p>b) After consideration it was AGREED that the expected s.106 contribution of £66,000 from application 18/03136 be assigned to enhancing the playing field. The current expected s.106 funds and their allocation was NOTED.</p>
22/23	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The list of payments for February was APPROVED, details at end of the minutes.</p> <p>b) The combined bank account position at the 31st January was NOTED.</p> <p>c) Two quotes for the supply of streetlight electricity were considered. After reviewing the quotes, it was unanimously AGREED to accept the quote from SSE for a period of 48 months at an annual cost of £7,057.</p>
22/24	<p>Clerks Update</p> <p>It was NOTED that Right of Way WHI/17/1 was awaiting repair by Buckinghamshire Council and that two streetlights in Rickyard Close had been repaired.</p>
22/25	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th March 2022 @ 7.00pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm.

Chair's Signature Date.....

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This is the website that Buckinghamshire Council recommends you use to report problems, which could be blocked road drains, pot holes, broken pavements, signage problems, overgrown foliage etc.

Here is the link www.fixmystreet.com If you do have the 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.

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BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
31 st January 2021	Treasurers	£3,827.62	
31 st January 2021	Playing Field	£9,061.63	
31 st January 2021	Business	£57,272.55	
31 st January 2021	Investment	£30,000.00	£100,161.80

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank for November.	£9.80
TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN JANUARY	£9.80

Expenditure	Cheque	£
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.		
Electricity Network Contractors ⁽⁸⁶⁾ – Six Street Light Repairs (21/157)	853	£990.00
Electricity Network Contractors ⁽⁸⁷⁾ – Two Light Repairs Green Acres.	853	£372.00
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁸⁸⁾ – Fallen Tree Removal Buckingham Road.	854	£100.00
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁸⁹⁾ – January Grass Cutting.	854	£497.00
Buckland Landscapes ⁽⁹⁰⁾ – Removing Foliage from Signage on A413 as per quote. (21/103).	854	£900.00
ONeill Homer ⁽⁹¹⁾ – Neighbourhood Plan.	855	£1,320.00
Clerk ⁽⁹²⁾ - Salary and Expenses for February 2022.	856	£430.64
Whitchurch PCC ⁽⁹³⁾ – Hall Hire for February PC Meeting.	857	£20.00
NPower ⁽⁸⁵⁾ (December – Street Lighting) DD not taken in January.	858	£1,021.72
TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL		£5,651.36

For Information - Reclaimable Vat to date for 2021/22	£5,118.06
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