

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

Public Attendance: 4 members of the public, plus Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Blamires.

Clerk: A Skeggs

Absent: None

25/22	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> There were no apologies as everyone was present.
	<b>Open Forum for Residents</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Issues raised were – the drain outside 10 Oving Road needed resetting and the footpath at the top of North Marston Lane needed repairing.</li><li>A resident in Ashgrove Gardens had a new cockerel that was causing a noise issue around 3am every morning. Complaints had been made to the Environmental Health section at Buckinghamshire Council who were investigating.</li><li>Cllr Ford raised the issue of parents parking on the junction of Ashgrove Gardens and North Marston Lane. After consideration it was <b>AGREED</b> to investigate the process of requesting double yellow lines.</li><li>Bucks Council Cllr Blamires informed the meeting that £120m had been set aside for road repairs. She would find out if Pitchcott Hill was in the current repair programme. Purdah would start on the 18 March so there would be no new announcements.</li></ul>
25/23	<b>Members' Interests:</b> 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. There were no new declarations.
25/24	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025, were approved, and signed by the Chair.
25/25	<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>25/00410/APP – Archers Farm, Bushmead Road – <i>Conversion of Existing Agricultural Barn into Two Dwellings</i></b>. Whilst the application was within Hardwick Parish the impact would be felt by the residents of Whitchurch. After consideration it was proposed that <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b> be raised to this “in principle” application.</li></ul>
25/26	<b>EV Charging Points in the Playing Field Car Park</b> Cllr Thomas updated the meeting on the project. One company had declined the opportunity to provide charging points citing low footfall. He was still waiting for two others to respond but would look for other companies so that there were some comparisons.

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25/27	<p><b>Newman Close Phase 2 Boundary</b></p> <p>No meeting had taken place. Clerk to contact Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Bond.</p>
25/28	<p><b>Streetlight Green Acre Close</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that 9 out of the 10 residents had responded to his letter and all would like the streetlight column replaced. The Clerk was to contact Sparkx to obtain a quote.</p>
25/29	<p><b>Salvation Army Trading Company</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Salvation Army was introducing a minimum payment of £25 for the textiles collected from the bank in the playing field car park. Any amounts below that would be held until the minimum amount was reached. They did suggest that the Parish Council could forego the income and donate it to the Salvation Army.</p> <p>After consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Thomas, that the Salvation Army be asked to remove the textile bin from the car park. This was <b>AGREED</b>, with five in favour and two abstentions.</p>
25/30	<p><b>Best Kept Village Competition</b></p> <p>After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Perry, that the Parish Council enter in 2025. However, this proposal was defeated by three votes in favour and four against.</p>
25/31	<p><b>Policies</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Standing Orders were reviewed for 2024/25 and there being no amendments were <b>APPROVED</b> for the forthcoming year.</li> <li>The Financial Regulations were reviewed for 2024/25 and there being no amendments were <b>APPROVED</b> for the forthcoming year.</li> <li>The Clerk presented a Scheme of Delegation for consideration. After consideration it was proposed by Cllr Lincoln, seconded by Cllr Perry, that the Scheme of Delegation be adopted. This was <b>AGREED</b>.</li> </ol>
25/32	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The list of payments for March were <b>APPROVED</b>, details at the end of the minutes.</li> <li>The combined bank account position at the 28 February was <b>NOTED</b>.</li> </ol>
25/33	<p><b>Points of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair reported on the Kempson Development presentation by Gade to gather residents' views. It had been well attended with no major concerns raised. Some questions were raised on play equipment and affordable housing. There had been an online meeting with Gade and Highways on the installation of the zebra crossing. The focus had been on the position of the crossing. Now waiting for the Heritage section to submit their comments.</li> <li>Cllr Perry's grandson had attended the Bucks Youth Gathering at the Waterside Theatre organised by Buckinghamshire Council. There had been a selection of</li> </ul>

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	workshops covering a wide range of topics
25/34	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> The next meeting would be on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Chair's Signature ..... Date.....

## Actions List

Minute	Action Required	Action By	Progress
24/120a	Arrange inspection of High Street streetlights.	PC	Outstanding
25/14	Arrange Newman Close site visit.	Cllr Bond	In Progress
25/28	Contact Sparkx for a quote for a new streetlight.	Clerk	Outstanding
25/29	Request Salvation Army to remove textile bank.	Clerk	Completed
25/30	Inform BKVC organiser of decision not to enter.	Clerk	Completed

## BANK RECONCILIATION

Reconciled Bank Balance At	Account	Bank Balance	Total
28 February 2025	Current Account	£5,049.78	
28 February 2025	Deposit Account	£56,662.82	
28 February 2025	Investment Account	£30,403.89	£92,116.49

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LISTING

Income	£
Lloyds Bank – Interest for February.	£49.63
Salvation Army – Clothes Bank for January.	£2.24
<b>TOTAL INCOME SINCE THE LAST MEETING IN FEBRUARY</b>	<b>£51.87</b>

Expenditure		
Invoices to be approved at Parish Council meeting.	Payment	£
Intelogy Ltd <sup>(77)</sup> - Microsoft Business Basic for February 2025. Paid	FPO	£47.04
Clerk <sup>(81)</sup> – Stamps for Green Acres Close Streetlight Letters. Paid	FPO	£8.50
Buckland Landscapes <sup>(82)</sup> – February Verges/Recreation Ground.	FPO	£846.81
Whitchurch PCC <sup>(83)</sup> – Hall Hire for March 2025 PC Meeting.	FPO	£25.00
Whitchurch PCC <sup>(84)</sup> – Hall Hire for Energy Saving Workshop.	FPO	£37.50
Clerk <sup>(85)</sup> - Salary and Expenses for March 2025.	FPO	£554.22

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<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL</b>		<b>£1,519.07</b>
<b>Direct Debits</b>		
Lloyds Bank – January Account Maintenance Charge	DD12	£4.25
SSE Swalec - Street Lighting for November and December.	DD13	£195.42
<b>TOTAL OF DD PAYMENTS FOR NOTING SINCE THE FEBRUARY MEETING</b>		<b>£199.67</b>
<b>For Information - Reclaimable Vat from 1 November for 2024/25</b>		<b>£784.47</b>