

Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting took place in the Village Hall on 13th July 2010

1. **Present:** Cllrs Sean Hutton (Chairman), Susanne Horne, Lizzie Broadbent, Steve Shean, Peter Bryant, Liz Blakemore (Clerk), DCllr Jim Neil and 4 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllrs Jane Andrews and George Hampson
2. **Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 14th April 2010**
These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.
3. **Open Session:** No matters were brought to the attention of the Council.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** None
5. **Planning Matters:**
 - Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2010 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.
 - The Council considered the following application:
10/01503/Fulln: Rosemary Cottage, Church Street: Demolition of part of existing garage, rebuild end wall and construct extension on front garage. Erection of replacement boundary wall.
Following a useful discussion with the applicants who were in attendance the Council voted unanimously to support the application.
 - **Purver's Patch** – the Council expressed dismay at the latest correspondence from TVBC Planning Enforcement Officer who advised in an e-mail that the land was classified as B8 Storage and therefore not liable to the serving of a Section 215 notice. The Council protested at this latest prevarication but were advised that the land owner had produced evidence to demonstrate it had been used for storage over a long period of time. This evidence was exempt from public disclosure and therefore not available for the Council to challenge. *D Cllr Neil agreed to take the matter up again with TVBC on the basis that when a planning application to build a home on the land was made in 2005 it did not include an application for change of use. Cllr Hutton to approach Mr Richard Rowles to see if he is prepared to gain statements from local residents about their knowledge of what the land was used for in the past. These statements when gathered to be sent via D Cllr Neil to TVBC.*
6. **Correspondence:** None

7. Finance

- Bi monthly monitoring report tabled and attached to these minutes.
- Hilary Jennison thanked for undertaking the internal audit of the 2009/10 accounts. Her help in this way, as always, was greatly appreciated.
- HALC Subscription – the Council confirmed its decision not to subscribe to the County Association. ***Clerk to advise HALC accordingly.***
- Sale of Wherwell Playing Fields land adjacent to Wherwell School. The Council considered the following proposals.

*Wherwell Parish Council consents to the sale of an area of land approximately the size of one tennis court for the sum of £60,000 to Hampshire County Council Education Department. **The proposal was carried unanimously***

*In transferring the land to HCC Wherwell Parish Council agrees to execute a formal Deed to be signed by two authorised members. **The proposal was carried unanimously.***

*Wherwell Parish Council authorises two of the following three Councillors (Cllrs Andrews, Broadbent and Hutton) to sign the contract agreeing to the sale of land: **The proposal was carried unanimously.***

8. District Council Matter:

Cllr Neil informed the Council that he had now moved to Andover from Longparish but would continue to represent the Ward.

9. Village Repairs:

- **Grab Rails** outside 19 & 21 High Street – following discussions with Occupational Therapy permission had been granted to replace them with a wooden structure. ***Cllr Shean will arrange their replacement or removal in due course.***
- **Cockatrice** – this has now been commissioned in copper. ***Cllr Bryant will arrange with Village Hall committee for it to be erected on the roof as soon as possible.***
- **Trough on cobbled area at top of High Street** – Matthew Bryant to be asked to re-plant it and Cllrs Broadbent, Horne and Hutton agreed to ensure that it was regularly watered.

10. Traffic and Parking Issues:

- Residents to be asked in Parish Magazine article when parking to ensure backs of vehicles are facing oncoming traffic.
- No progress has been made with regard to the Chant Close footpath following the departure of HCC Officer Martin Wiltshire. ***HCC Cllr Gibson has been asked to identify who is now responsible for taking this project forward.***

11. Housing: No matters to report although the Clerk advised that Chilbolton had been approached by the Rural Housing Enabler Officer offering to assist in undertaking a site finding exercise to see if there was a prospect of landowners releasing land for affordable housing.

12. Parish Organisations

- **Village School** – this year’s Key Stage 2 results were excellent; refurbishment of the reception area and an outdoor shelter are planned to take place in the summer. 3 long serving members of staff are leaving at the end of term due to retirement and career changes and a new deputy head has been appointed.
- **Village Hall** – the Council noted that the ceiling tiles had been replaced and measures taken to overcome the problem of condensation.
- **Playing Fields** – the implement shed has been completed and will store all equipment used for maintaining the sports field, sports equipment and fete props.

It was confirmed that planning permission is not required to demolish the old pavilion, which is scheduled for removal in September. Once the sale of the tennis court to HCC is completed, the new tennis court and multi purpose court will be built. The Playing Fields Committee is arranging for the extended child’s play area to be fully enclosed with three gates in September. The Council asked if a protected walkway could be created between the new fence and car park. It was suggested the 105 granite kerb stones purchased but not used to kerb on the village green could be utilised for this purpose. *Cllr Hutton and the Playing Fields Committee to consider this when plans are being finalised.*

- **Parish Church** – repairs to the Chancel floor are expected to take place later in the year. It was asked if they were looking to explore the possibility of being able to exercise Chancel Repair Liability, and it was confirmed that this was not going to be explored.

13. Special Projects:

- **Footpaths project** – no further to progress to report.
- **Footpath above Old Winchester Hill** – Matthew Bryant to be asked to clear the undergrowth

14. Parish Matters:

- **The following proposal was unanimously endorsed by the Council**
To confirm that Wherwell Playing Fields Committee is a Sub Committee of Wherwell Parish Council and that at least one member of The Parish Council is a recognised member of that committee.
- **Website** – *Clerk to send all Minutes for 2010 to Cllr Hutton for inclusion on the website.*
- **Community Directory** – *Cllrs Horne and Broadbent to update existing directory before September meeting.*
- **Date of next meeting** – it was agreed this should be held on **21st September** to enable Councillors to attend the public meeting being held on the 14th September in Chilbolton about proposals to overcome problems associated with the Common.

There being no further business Cllr Hutton thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 8.05pm