

## Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting took place in the Village Hall on **13<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**1. Present:** Cllrs J Andrews (Chairman), P Bryant, L Broadbent, S Horne, S Shean, L Blakemore (Clerk), D Cllr Neil and 3 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs S Hutton and G Hampson.

**2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

**3. Open Session**

- Congratulations were offered to all those concerned in the provision of the upgraded play area.

**4. Declaration of Interests:** None

**5. Planning Matters**

The following applications were considered:-

- **10/00531/LBWN:** 6 Chant Close – repointing of brickwork in lime based mortar. **Agreed unanimously.**
- **10/00687/Treen:** Rosemary Cottage Church Street – tree works. **Cllr Bryant to inspect trees and report back to Clerk.**

The following applications have received permission from TVBC:-

- **10/00265/LBWN:** Windwhistle Cottage Winchester Street
- **10/00382/Treen:** The Mowle House High Street
- **10/00218/Fulln:** Riverside House Fullerton Road

The Council remains dissatisfied with TVBC with regard to **Purver's Patch**. The Council regards the request of residents by Planners, to provide historical evidence as to previous use of the land, as erroneous. Currently the land is being used as a 'tip' and the site adversely affects the amenity of the area (Section 215 Town & Country Planning Act 1990). **Cllr Neil will raise the matter again with Planners.**

*It was agreed that a Planning meeting be arranged for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 6.30pm to consider 3 more applications received this week.*

**6. Correspondence:** None

**7. Finance**

- The end of year accounts for 2009/10 were circulated and attached to these minutes. It was agreed unanimously that the accounts accurately reflect the year's income and expenditure. The annual Governance statement was completed and signed.
- **Hilary Jennison is to be asked by the Clerk to undertake the internal audit.**
- **HALC membership** – councillors remain unconvinced as to the value of continuing membership. **Clerk to circulate e-mail from Chief Executive Steven Lugg outlining benefits of membership. Matter to be discussed at June meeting.**

## 8. District Council Matters

- Cllr Neil expressed his concern that HGV vehicles were using the village and following his recent experience where one such vehicle had great difficulty in negotiating the High Street and hair pin bend he is going to take this up with TVBC Officer David Wilson. It was pointed out that the bridge at the Winchester Road junction B3048/B3420 had been damaged again and HCC Highways have been informed. The Council has long held the view that a weight restriction should be placed on this bridge and that HGVs' should not be accessing the village. In the past TVBC has maintained that insufficient numbers of HGVs cut through the village to warrant diversion signs.
- The recently refurbished premises at Andover War Memorial Hospital have resulted in the loss of the invaluable WRVS Tea Room. *Clerk to write to the Primary Care Trust to complain.*

## 9. Village Repairs and Maintenance

- Matthew Bryant to be thanked through the Parish Magazine for his work in undertaking a litter pick through the village.
- **Cockatrice** – two quotes have been received and it was unanimously agreed that Darren Howard Welding & Ornamental Fabrication be asked to undertake the work for £440.63. *Clerk to confirm with Village Hall Committee that they agree the Cockatrice be placed on the roof before Cllr Bryant places the order.*
- **Grab Rails** – these galvanised steel rails have been installed outside 19 and 21 High Street and are not felt to be in keeping with the Conservation Area. *Clerk to ascertain who installed them and whether or not they could be replaced by wooden structures which the Parish Council would be prepared to fund.*

## 10. Traffic and Parking Issues

- Cllr Broadbent suggested that a sign be placed near to the chevrons on the descent into the village along Winchester Street to indicate oncoming traffic is likely to be in the middle of the road due to parked cars in the High Street. *Idea to be discussed with Martin Wiltshire at the site meeting for the Chant Close footpath which is to be arranged shortly.*
- **Chant Close Footpath** – solicitors acting for Punch Taverns have been in touch and indicated their fee will be in the region of £750 to transfer the land from the White Lion to the Parish Council. *Cllr Bryant to check with Land Registry to make sure this land is owned by the brewery.*  
Martin Wiltshire has been contacted and will advise of a date for the site meeting which will involve White Lion tenants, Punch Taverns solicitors, Council representatives and HCC Cllr Gibson.
- The problem of deer crossing the Fullerton Road has resulted in a number being badly injured by vehicles. *Clerk to ask HCC Highways again if a road sign could be erected.*

## 11. Housing

- It was reported that a number of flats at Mill Court were inspected by Testway Housing but tenants have yet to receive a report on the findings.

## 12. Parish Organisations

- **Playing Fields Play Area** is now complete and a cheque for £2036.57 towards the costs from Section 106 funds had been received. An official opening is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The Council records it's thanks to Cllr Hutton who has steered this project through and ensured the provision of an excellent facility for children in the locality.
- **Parish Church** – organisation of the Auction of Promises fund raising event to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> May is well underway.

## 13. Special Projects

- The Council has successfully secured a grant for £950 from Countryside Services to assist with publication of walks' leaflets, map boards and finger posts. The Council noted that the stretch of footpath it hoped to improve actually resides in the Parish of Chilbolton. ***Cllr Andrews to contact Cllr Gossling (Chilbolton PC) to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed scheme and seek his views.*** Cllr Andrews also reported that she had received an unfavourable response from the owner of Testcombe Cottage with rights to the River Test. In essence he is not happy for the bridge to be cleaned up and a viewing seat to be placed there. ***Cllr Andrews to draft a response in conjunction with the Clerk.***

## 14. Parish Administration

- **Care Group** – a flyer was prepared and circulated in the Parish Magazine requesting volunteers to drive patients to Doctors surgeries and local hospital. Bulpitt printers who undertook the work did so free of charge.
- **Website** – this needs to be checked to see if Richard Rowles has been able to improve the Parish Council page. The Community Directory now needs updating. ***Cllrs Andrews, Broadbent and Horne agreed to do this.***
- **Parish Council AGM and Parish Assembly to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.**

**There being no further business Cllr Andrews thank everyone for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.**