

Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs Jane Andrews (Chairman), Sean Hutton, Lizzie Broadbent, Susanne Horne, George Hampson, Liz Blakemore (Clerk), D Cllr J Neal, HCC Cllr A Gibson, and 3 members of the public.
Apologies: Cllrs Steve Shean and Peter Bryant

2. **Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 21st September 2010**

The following omission was inserted under **Open Session**

- The Council was asked to enquire of HCC Highways if a mirror could be installed at the High Street/ Fullerton Road/ Winchester Road junction.

The minutes were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- The tree thought to be undermining the flint wall in Church Street continues to be investigated. *Clerk to contact TVBC Arboriculturalist for an opinion.*

3. **Open Session**

Phil Jennison addressed the Council on the following:-

- **Plans for the restoration and refurbishment of the Church roof, tower and spire.** A project team has been formed to raise some £400,000 and oversee the work of architects and building contractors.
- **Country walks around Wherwell leaflets and map boards** – three walks have been prepared and associated maps identified. Photographs to depict appropriate scenes on the walk will be compiled. The aim is to get all the information to Countryside Services by December. *Cllr Andrews in conjunction with Phil Jennison will progress the task.*

Phil was thanked for all his efforts in helping to bring this project to fruition.

4. **Declaration of Interests** – None

5. **Planning Matters:**

The Council considered and approved the following applications

- **10/01319/Fulln: Erection of Conservatory at 1 Manor Cottages, Fullerton Road**
- **10/0223/Fulln: Ground floor and first floor extension at Wayside, Hillside Cottages, Winchester Road.**

Two training sessions on Planning Matters have been arranged for 30th November 2010 and 22nd February 2011 to be held at Longparish. *Cllr Broadbent will attend the November session.*

Parcel of land at Beech Grove – further avenues are being pursued.

6. Correspondence

- HCC have advised that **Cycle Route 246** (along the Test Way) is part of the National Network and signs have recently been installed.
- **Mobile Library Survey** – HCC have asked Parish Council's to comment on the Service as due to cut backs existing provision in its current form is unlikely to survive. ***Cllr Broadbent and Clerk will respond.***
- **Care Group Drivers** – volunteers for this vital service have been advised that they must get a CRB check at the cost of £60 if they are to continue to transport patients to hospitals and surgeries. ***The Council consider this to be an outrage and have asked Cllr Gibson to make enquiries on its behalf.***
- **Test Valley School Presentation Evening** – Parish prize will go to Rachael Fundrey on 25th November.

7. Finance

Monitoring report tabled and attached to these minutes.

8. District Council Matters

- Cllr Neal advised that work was now in progress with regard to the Planning Infill Policy document and the Parish will be consulted in the New Year.

HCC Matters – Cllr Gibson

- Winter arrangements for the Highways are in hand. This year there is plenty of salt in stock to grit both primary and secondary routes should the need arise. Grit boxes are on order and will be sited at black spots in the near future. Several have been set aside for Wherwell.
- Chant Close footpath is on the schedule of works and it is intended this should happen shortly.
- Due to cut backs it is in the offing that Stockbridge Police Station could be threatened with closure. HCC will resist this.
- HCC has been planning for 8% cut backs but does not anticipate any reduction in front line services.
- ***Cllr Gibson agreed to consider making a donation from his ???? fund towards the church repairs***

Following the collapse of the purchase of Playing Fields' land by HCC Education Dept legal fees of £3,000 have been incurred. Cllr Gibson to Investigate and see if compensation can be made.

9. Village Repairs and Maintenance

- Road sign to Wherwell on the A303 Longparish Road turn off needs to be re-erected. ***Clerk to report the matter to TVBC***
- Conifers on bank at Fullerton adjacent to A3057 need to be removed before they become an obstruction to the Highways. ***Cllr Gibson to report to Highways.***
- HCC Estates sold a track of land by the former railway station without consultation. ***Cllr Gibson to make some enquiries and report back.***

- *A sign warning of possible vehicles in the centre of the High Street is to be requested to be installed on the bend below the Home Guard Club*

10. Traffic and Parking

- The problems of dangerous parking along Fullerton Road/High Street junction persist despite requests to residents to change this practice. Having alerted the relevant Authorities the Council is powerless to do more.

11. Housing – None

12. Parish Organisations

- **Village School** – there are now 123 pupils and the school is fully funded. Internal refurbishment is underway undertaken by staff and governors.
- **Playing Fields** – Christmas Grotto will once again be held at the Garden Centre in December.
- **Village Hall** – Council to ensure good liaison over mutual matters in the future.
- **Village Church** – in addition to information provided in **Open Session** the Council received confirmation that this year's quota is £15,000 to be paid to the Diocese and this is raised by parishioners. The *Parish Council's* grant will be used for refurbishment.

13. Special Projects

- **Chant Close footpath** – as reported under item 8 HCC are now progressing this work.
- **Walks Leaflets and Map Boards** – see **Open Session**.
- **Cockatrice** – the fixing will be re-designed so that it does not dominate the weather vane. *Cllr Bryant will be responsible for the alterations.* The proposed plaque to accompany the Cockatrice is being sourced. *Cllr Andrews will follow this up.*

14. Parish Administration

- **Village Directory** – following updating by Cllrs Horne and Broadbent Councillors have been circulated and *councillors are requested to make amendments or additions and return Cllr Horne.*
- **Chilbolton PC Cllr J Rowles** has requested a meeting to discuss and explore possible areas for sharing respective amenities. *Cllrs Andrews and Hutton to represent Wherwell and report back.*
- **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7pm.

There being no further business Cllr Andrews thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.10pm.