

Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st September 2010.

1. **Present:** Cllrs Jane Andrews (Chairman), Sean Hutton, Susanne Horne, Lizzie Broadbent, Liz Blakemore (Clerk), DCllr J Neal, and 2 members of the Public.
Apologies: Cllrs Steve Shean, Peter Bryant and George Hampson.
2. **Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 13th July 2010**
These were agreed and signed as an accurate record.
3. **Open Session:**
 - Concern that the Ash tree adjacent to the flint wall in Church Street was undermining the wall. *Clerk to contact the owner Mr Riley.*
 - Following the Northern Area Planning Committee which considered the Watermeadow application it was noted that because the PC had supported the application this carried weight in the view of the Planning Officers. However, it was observed that interpretation of the Borough Plan was rarely consistent and depended on individual Officers opinion when determining an application.
 - Parking at the rear of Mill Court for residents of the flats has been reduced following the sale of the private house.
 - The Public Meeting about the Common held in Chilbolton on 14th September was well attended by residents from both villages. Major concern was the degradation of habitat due to the increased number of visitors during the summer. A proposal put forward by the Chilbolton PC particularly with regard to reducing the area for vehicles to park was well received.
4. **Declarations of Interest – None**
5. **Planning Matters**
 - It was noted that the planning application for Lime Tree House had been withdrawn.
 - The Council had approved the application for internal alterations to The Old Rectory, Church Street.
 - Work on the Barn in Fullerton is complete and should generate £2,578 of Section 106 funding for the Parish.
6. **Correspondence**
 - Letter from Test Valley School asking for prize sponsorship. *It was agreed that a cheque for £25 should be sent*
 - E-mail from HALC noting WPC's withdrawal from the association.
 - E-mail from PC Richard Jewell asking if the Council would be prepared to contribute up to £100 towards radar/hand held speed guns to be operated in the village by officers on occasions in identified locations. *Clerk to confirm Council's interest and ask PC Jewell to attend the next meeting to answer questions.*

7. Finance

- Monitoring report for August was tabled and attached to these Minutes.
- The Clerk advised that the Insurance premium for the Playing Fields would now be incorporated into the PC premium. This had resulted in a saving of £500 for the Playing Fields.
- The 2009/10 Annual Return had been completed and found to be satisfactory by the Audit Commission.

8. District Council Matters

D Cllr Jim Neal advised that to make any further progress with removing the eyesores on Purver's Patch the Village needed to gather evidence to demonstrate that the land had not always been used to store old vehicles etc. *It was agreed that the PC would try to get residents to write down any evidence they have and forward to Planners.*

9. Village Repairs and Maintenance

- Finger Post on Green has still to be removed and relocated. *Clerk to ask Cllr Hampson to do this as soon as possible.*
- Cllr Andrews has purchased a sack of daffodils for Matthew Bryant to plant.
- Bollard on Cobbled triangle has been knocked down again. *Clerk to report the matter to Highways.*
- Cockatrice is now in place but it was felt to be too small. *Clerk to ask if a larger one could be commissioned.*

10. Traffic and Parking Issues

It was agreed that a note should be placed in the Community Magazine requesting that drivers parking on the road at night ensure rear of vehicle is facing oncoming traffic.

11. Housing Matters – None to report

12. Parish Organisations

- **Village School** – Improvements to the reception area and school hall as well as the installation of an outdoor shelter took place in the summer recess.
- **Playing Fields** – HCC withdrew their offer to purchase the tennis courts at the eleventh hour leaving the Committee with sizeable legal fees to meet. HCC will be asked for compensation and the support of HCC Cllr Gibson to be enlisted if necessary. The new play area has been fenced and removal of the old pavilion is almost complete. The August Bank Holiday fete was very successful thanks to all the hard work of volunteers.
- **Parish Church** – concern was raised as to whether the PC grant was used to meet the Diocesan quota levied on all churches. When paying the grant Clerk to insist it is used towards maintaining the building.

13. Special Projects

- **Footpaths** – Descriptions of three walks have been prepared and currently trailed for accuracy.
- **Chant Close** - a meeting had taken place *with Paul Goddard* (HCC Highways) who is drawing up further details and costs. Garrod

14. Parish Administration

- **Last Night of the Proms event** – this proved to be extremely successful and raised in excess of £2,000 and is likely to be an annual event.

At the conclusion of business Cllr Andrews closed the meeting at 9.10pm.