

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
8th OCTOBER 2007
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship

Councillors: Mrs J Chase, Mrs T Meads, Mr J Seabrook, Mr R Page, Mr G Tull.

IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor: Mr P Mason

District Councillor: Mr L Ruffell, Mr R Humby

Sgt Andy Heward

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

178/07 APOLOGIES

Councillor: Mrs J Ruffell

PC Charlie Farley and PCSO Sarah McCulloch

179/07 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Cllr Tull declared prejudicial interests with regards to the landowner of Whites Hill Farm. Cllr Tull confirmed that he had worked for odd days over the last few months, for payment, and reserved the right to continue to do so, for Mr Jonathan Humphey's on his Twyford site. The Chairman thanked him for declaring his interests and confirmed their conversation of before the meeting that Cllr Tull would contribute his thoughts during the "Public" section and would leave the room prior to discussion regarding Whites Hill farm during the closed section of the meeting.

180/07 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September and 1st October had been circulated. The Chairman signed the minutes.

181/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Litter Collection

Cllr L Ruffell thanked everyone for their support in collecting litter around Owslebury. 16 black sacks of rubbish were collected in total. He thanked with a bottle of wine Cllr Manship's team for collecting 8 of those bags on Saturday. He believed they also went out on Sunday. Cllr Manship thanked Cllrs Ruffell for their co-ordination and all those who participated. He confirmed a bottle of wine from the Parish Council would be delivered to Chris and Trishe Le Voi for their help in collecting rubbish in Whaddon Lane.

Cllr Manship confirmed he had contacted Serco and they would empty the bins in Portsmouth Road.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To write to Marwell Zoo and Marwell Activity Centre regarding the rubbish that gathers outside their entrances.	12/11/07	Clerk
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To contact Hampshire Insulation regarding the rubbish that is generated from their site and blows down the lane.	12/11/07	RH

b) Playground

The Clerk confirmed that work was now complete at the playground. Slabs had been installed under the new swing shut gate to prevent dogs entering. As much moss as possible had had been cleared from under the swings and climbing frame and weed killer added to destroy the remaining moss. The hole in the wetpour near the roundabout had been repaired. The area at the top of the slide had been blocked and filled with a wetpour to prevent tripping and a handrail installed for added safety. The Clerk confirmed Playground UK had not charged for the slabs as a good will gesture for the length of time the job had taken. The Chairman thanked Cllr Page and the Clerk for their work.

c) New Seat – Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed Neptune had installed a "Southampton Seat" at the Recreation Ground, which matched the others already on the ground.

d) Dundee Down Farm

The Clerk read an e-mail from Rob Riding, Senior Planning Officer (Enforcement). In summary, Mr Riding confirms:

- The access that has been created onto Whaddon Lane requires planning permission as it is onto a classified road.
- The track ordinarily would be considered as being agricultural permitted development, which allows for the formation of a private way, subject to the APN procedure. However, this procedure was not followed, as the track was not included on the recent APN application. Therefore, this also requires planning permission, as the APN procedure can not be followed retrospectively.
- Mr Riding will be writing to the owner of the site inviting him to submit a retrospective planning application in an attempt to regularise the situation. If this is not forthcoming, the Council will need to consider the expediency of enforcement action.
- With regard to the report of bonfires on the site, this is not a planning matter, but comes under Environmental Health. If the Council wishes to send Mr Riding further details on this matter he will forward them on accordingly.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To forward details of bonfires on the site to Mr Riding and/or Environmental Health if they continue and are of a nuisance to the neighbours. 	Ongoing	Clerk

e) Broken Fingerpost – Junction of Whites Hill / Mares Lane

Cllr Manship confirmed he had contacted John Abbott, HCC who will arrange repair of the fingerpost with Mr Beaumont.

f) Winchester District Association of Parish and Town Councils – AGM – Wednesday 26th September

Cllr Tull confirmed he was not able to attend.

g) Revised Code of Conduct Training – Thursday 27th September

Cllrs Meads and Manship confirmed their attendance. Cllr Meads confirmed it had been a useful presentation from the City Solicitors with many questions answered.

h) Safer Neighbourhood Panel – Wednesday 26th September

Cllr Manship confirmed his attendance, though he felt, overall it had not been a good use of time. He reported that the majority of the Cllrs present had complaints about their Police support. On behalf of Owslebury Parish Council, he thanked Sgt Andy Heward, Chair, for the support so far received from PC Charlie Farley and PCSO Sarah McCulloch, which had been excellent. Reports from residents had indicated a fast and helpful response to questions and issues. He also raised concern that the Traffic Police was always situated in Waltham Chase, rather than at different spots in the neighbouring villages.

a) Winchester Passenger Transport Forum – Tuesday 2nd October

Cllr Seabrook confirmed he was not able to attend

j) Recreation Ground – Horses

The Clerk confirmed that additional “no horse riding” signs had been installed at the recreation ground to support the by-laws in the hope that horse riders would keep to the road.

182/07 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a) Chestnut Trees on Recreation Ground

Mr Ames spoke on behalf of Owslebury Football Club, who were offering to trim the trees around the Cricket Pavilion at no cost to the Parish Council. One tree possibly needed to be removed completely. A colleague of a Tree Surgeon in Upham had volunteered to work with the Football Club to do this work. Cllr Manship, as Tree Warden, thanked Mr Ames for this kind offer. He confirmed that they would need to check that the Tree Surgeon was on the approved list by HCC, but he would welcome further discussion

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Manship to meet with Mr Ames to discuss further. 	12/11/07	AM

b) Planning Application 07/02207/REM - Pitcot House

Mr and Mrs Chase talked through their plans for a new house in Pitcot Lane. They confirmed that they were in the process of buying the plot and were looking to make Owslebury their home.

c) Enforcement Issues

Mr Tull spoke of an enforcement issue that had been raised against him with regard to his land opposite The Ship. He confirmed he had spoken with Mr Neil March, Enforcement Manager, who had confirmed he had no case to answer and the complaint was malicious – the recorded complainant being himself.

With regard to the entrance at the top of Whaddon Lane, Mr Tull confirmed he had recently widened this to enable Ray Taylor to graze his cattle there. Mr Tull reported that he had spoken with Neil March at the same visit and they had agreed there was no case to answer. Mr Tull informed the Council that the entrance had been there for 40 years and he had photographic evidence to prove it. The Clerk informed the Council that Mr March had informed her that afternoon that the entrance did require planning permission as planning law states that any new gate or any widening of an existing gate by more than ½ - 1 metre onto a classified road required planning permission.

d) Whites Hill – The Way Forward

Cllr Manship summarised the meeting with Mr Humphrey for the benefit of those that were not present. He confirmed that Mr Humphrey had been granted B8 storage for 2 of his sheds and that he had come to the meeting not with a shopping list for more, but as a response to the public who had indicated their concern over the original application. Mr Humphrey had confirmed that he was aware of the public's deep concern over the additional lorries using the site. He was against letting the site to tenants that would generate too much traffic; he had already turned some prospective tenants down for this reason and would continue to do so.

Cllr Manship asked members of the public whether they had any questions or comments.

Cllr L Ruffell said that B1 had been discussed at the meeting but he believed the village should not suggest to Mr Humphrey that he applied for anything further than B8 at the present time as anything further would lead to additional noise and potential traffic.

Mrs Manship referred to the discussion regarding Mr Humphrey's suggestion that permitted hours for HGV's could be extended, from 7am to later in the evening to avoid the rush hour. She stated this would cut the village in two, by creating even more of a "main road" for longer periods and the noise, dirt and vibration of the lorries would not be welcome.

183/07 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE CONSTABLE REPORTS

a) Closure of Whaddon Lane – 22nd October

Cllr Mason reported that he had received a letter from Hampshire Highways confirming a road closure in Whaddon lane, from and including the 22nd October 2007 to allow for patching works as follows:

“Main Road and Whaddon Lane from its junction with Pitcot Lane to its junction with Lower Farm”

It is expected that the closure will be required for no longer than 3 weeks.

b) Country Kerbing

Cllr Mason confirmed he was attending the HAT's meeting on Wednesday 10th October, at which kerbing in Owslebury was to be put forward as one of four potential bids. He would feed back the outcome to the Council.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To copy letters received from Cllr Kendall and Colin Taylor regarding the current situation, for Cllr Mason	11/09/07	Clerk

c) Farming Trends

Cllrs Humby and Ruffell reported on training attended regarding Farming Trends.

d) Youth Democracy Event

Cllr Humby confirmed he had attended a Youth Democracy Event at St Mary's Stadium, where District and City Cllrs were grilled by young people – a successful event.

e) Police Report

Cllr Manship welcomed Sgt Andy Heward to the meeting.

Sgt Andy Heward confirmed that there had been 6 recorded crimes in the Parish this year, the majority in the vicinity of Marwell Hotel, Marwell Zoo and The Activity Centre.

He was aware that concern had been raised over increased drinking in the village by groups of young people and he hoped PCSO's would visit the village more in the evenings. He invited anyone with concerns to report them, either through the website or by phoning 101. He appreciates 101 is not always linked to Control but it is a useful tool for collating statistics.

Sgt Andy Heward talked through the Safer Neighbourhood meetings, which gave Cllrs the opportunity to raise concerns about issues in their local area. In response to this, he hoped to direct resource to where it was needed, or grant overtime towards particular projects.

184/07 HIGHWAYS

a) Country Kerbing

The Cllrs indicated their dissatisfaction with regard to the letters from Cllr Kendall and Colin Taylor. Their main concern regarding the lack of communication had not been addressed. And there was no acknowledgement or take-up of monies offered by the PC for additional stretches of kerbing.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To report back to the Council re: the HAT's meetingTo arrange a meeting with Colin Taylor to move the project forward	12/11/07 12/11/07	PM Clerk

b) General Matters

i) Baybridge Directional Sign

It was noted that although the Clerk and others had notified Hampshire Highways a number of times, the Baybridge Directional Sign at the corner of Whaddon Lane and Lower Baybridge Lane had still not been repaired, regularly pointing towards Owslebury as opposed to Baybridge

ii) Dumped M/Bike

Cllr Tull reported that an old m/bike had been dumped at the bottom of Pitcot Lane and he would clear it.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To clear the motorbike from Pitcot Lane	12/11/07	GT

185/07 RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Footpath 46

Cllr Tull confirmed that he had phoned Emma Noyce with regard to Footpath 46. He said she had confirmed that she could not tell people whether they could, or could not, ride on the footpath. He was therefore informing horse riders what he had been told.

The Clerk briefed the Council of an e-mail received from Mr Bowes. Mr Bowes wished the Parish Council to be aware of an occurrence, where one of his neighbours, walking their dogs on the footpath near their home, had been told by horse riders that the Parish Council had given its permission for horse riders to use the Footpath as a Bridleway.

The Clerk confirmed that at present, the Order has not yet been fully determined and, as such the current status of the route is a Footpath. The Parish Council does not have the powers to give anyone permission to use a Footpath as a Bridleway.

186/07 WHITES HILL – THE WAY FORWARD

At the beginning of the meeting, Cllr Tull declared a “prejudicial interest” in relation to Whites Hill, as Mr Humphrey’s pays him for work at his Twyford site.

Under the “Revised Code of Conduct” which all Councillors are required to adhere to, a Councillor is not able to take part in any discussion in which he/she has a prejudicial interest and is required to leave the room.

The Chairman asked Cllr Tull politely, a number of times, to leave the room, but he refused to do so, stating that he should be part of the discussion. With Cllr Tull present, the Councillors were not able to discuss Whites Hill without bringing the Council into disrepute so the Chairman closed this section of the meeting and asked for it to be placed on next month’s agenda.

187/07 WINCHESTER CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU – HOME VISITING SERVICE – DONATION REQUEST

The Parish Council agreed to give Winchester Citizens Advice Bureau £150 towards their Home Visiting Service

Action	By When	By Whom
• A cheque to be written for the next meeting	12/11/07	Clerk

188/07 HEDGES BLITZ

Councillors agreed to take individual responsibility for liaising with Land Owners in different areas of the village, requesting hedges are trimmed, as requested:

- North of “Main Road” and “Whaddon Lane” – Cllr Tull
- “Marwell” and “Thompsons Lane” – Cllr Page
- “Baybridge” – Cllr Meads
- “Pitcot Lane” – Cllr Seabrook
- “Longwood Road” to the C9 – Cllr Chase

Action	By When	By Whom
• To produce name badges for all Cllrs	12/11/07	Clerk
• To place a request to trim hedges in the Owslebury Newsletter	12/11/07	Clerk

189/07 DONATION TO PLANNING AID

The Parish Council agreed to give a donation of £80 “Planning Aid” as an acknowledgement of the work one of their agents had given voluntarily to the Parish Council with regard to Whites Hill.

Action	By When	By Whom
• A cheque to be written for the next meeting	12/11/07	Clerk

190/07 PLANNING

a) To discuss planning applications

07/02207/REM:	Pitcot House, Pitcot Lane, Owslebury. SO21 1LR
Proposal:	Detached four bed dwelling (details in compliance with 06/01846/OUT)
Comment By:	11th October 2007

Parish Council Comment: That provision is put into place to ensure the access to Pitcot Lane for residents and businesses in the lane is not disrupted by delivery / builders lorries to the site.

	Green Hill Farm, Baybridge Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Redevelopment
	Pre-application Request for P.C. Consideration

Parish Council Comment: The proposal of an extremely large private house, in exchange for the previous business that had caused villagers a lot of anxiety, was, from information received to date, to be considered preferable. Questions raised by the Cllrs were as follows: 77/07

- The height of the proposed property needs to be carefully considered so that, standing on the top of a hill; it is not visible from all around the village.
- It needs to be sympathetic to the landscape
- Question was raised about the additional residences for staff. That the property, if agreed, should be for private residential purpose only.

b) To hear planning decisions:

07/01761/FUL:	Land To The North of Marwell Zoo (Lot 7) Whaddon Lane
Proposal:	Change of use of land to personal equestrian use and erection of stables/tack room and horse exercise area (RESUBMISSION)
Decision:	Application Refused

07/01717/FUL:	Marwell Manor Farm, Portsmouth Road, Fishers Pond. SO50 7HF
Proposal:	Siting of mobile home for agricultural worker (RESUBMISSION)
Decision:	Application Permitted with conditions

07/01947/FUL:	Crosslanes Farm, Warley Lane, Morestead. SO21 1FE
Proposal:	Single storey rear extension
Decision:	Application Permitted

191/07 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Winchester Area Community Action – AGM – Tuesday 16th October 2007

Action	By When	By Whom
• Cllr Manship to attend	16/10/07	AM

b) Winchester District Central Hampshire OCU – Parish Partnership Council Forum – Wednesday 10th October 2007

No one available to attend

192/07 FINANCE

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget.

193/07 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th November 2007 at 7.45pm**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Chairman..... Date.....78/07