

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
10th NOVEMBER 2008
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship

Councillors: Mr J Chapman, Mrs J Chase, Mrs T Meads, Mr R Page, Mrs P Sharpe, Mr G Tull

IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor: Mr P Mason

District Councillors: Mr R Humby

PC Charlie Farley

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

203/08 APOLOGIES

District Councillor: Mr L Ruffell

204/08 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Cllr Meads, as landowner, declared prejudicial interests regarding agenda item 14a – Planning Application 08/02472/FUL
- b) Cllr Manship declared personal interests regarding agenda item 14a – Planning Application 08/02472/FUL as he plays golf with the landowner and with regard to agenda item 13b b – Grants and Donations – Wainscote Appeal as he is on the “Friends of St Andrews” committee.

205/08 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2008 had been circulated. The Chairman signed the minutes.

206/08 POLICE CONSTABLE REPORT

Poaching has taken place on a couple of local farms. This is a general problem in surrounding parishes. Poachers are being charged with criminal damage, owing to damage caused in the process e.g. broken padlocks trampled crops etc. There has been a possible burglary in Hilly Close but owing to the circumstances this is yet to be determined.

A pressure washer and wine has been stolen from an open garage and food taken out of a freezer located in an outbuilding. Residents are reminded to keep garages and outbuildings locked.

PC Farley requests that crimes are reported, enabling the Police to log and follow up. Either by using the e-mail available on the website or by using the 0845 telephone number.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To raise awareness and place contact details in the Owslebury Newsletter	08/12/08	MS – Editor

Cllr Manship asked whether the telephone number of the Bishops Waltham Station (0845 number + extension) could be made available for the public. PC Farley wasn't comfortable about this, as there isn't always anyone in the station, whereas an e-mail or message left on the main 0845 number would always reach him.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To investigate whether the 0845 number and extension for the Bishops Waltham station can be made available for residents	08/12/08	P.C. CF

207/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) BT Telephone Box

The Clerk reported that she had asked BT whether, considering the guidelines they had published, they were in a position to confirm that the telephone box would remain in use. BT had replied that until the results of the consultation were known they could not respond to individual enquiries. However, they wished to assure the Council that as the closing date for registering an interest to purchase the telephone box was before the date when the consultation would be known, the Council could express an interest in purchasing the telephone box without affecting the decision. With the deadline for the Adopt a Box and Sponsor a Kiosk schemes being 1st November 08, the Clerk therefore registered an interest to purchase the box for £1 and rent the equipment and telephone line at a rate to be agreed.

208/08 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a) Planning Application 08/02472/FUL

The landowner of Whaddon House talked through the application. The main purpose is for a home study away from, but at the same time relatively close to, the house. It has been designed to resemble a traditional storage granary that would not look unusual in a country or agricultural setting. To be seen as part of a cluster of buildings forming a yard following the pattern of structures along the valley such as at Whaddon Farm.

b) Telephone Box

Mrs Sprot asked whether we could move the telephone box to a more obvious and accessible location. The Clerk replied that it wasn't really practicable to consider moving the telephone box in the current climate though she hoped, providing we were able to keep the telephone box long term, to apply for a directional sign to the telephone box from Main Road.

c) Dog Waste

Mrs Sharpe informed the Council that a dog owner was picking up dog mess in a bag, but instead of either taking it home or placing it in a dog bin, they were hanging it on branches. This was disappointing considering the recent investment in Dog Bins. The question was raised as to whether the location of the dog bins was widely known.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To advertise the location of the 3 dog bins in the Owslebury Newsletter	08/12/08	MS - Editor

d) Christmas Lights

Mr Chapman informed the Council that the Christmas Lights are to be switched on during the weekend of 14th December 08.

e) The Ship

Mrs Sprot informed the Council that she understood from Mr Tull that a private party had been held at "The Ship" and asked whether the Council had any further information as it still wasn't open. The Chairman confirmed that at the last meeting it was agreed that Cllr Ruffell would write again to the Brewery regarding "The Ship". Nothing further was known.

209/08 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

a) Lawn Mower

Councillor Mason reported that whilst he had promised the Council £500 towards a new lawnmower, at this stage, owing to the demands from other parishes he needed to reduce this offer to £400.

b) Potholes

Councillor Mason reported that he had discussed the various means of repairing potholes, as described in the last minutes, with Colin Taylor, who confirmed that with immediate effect potholes would be properly cut out and sealed.

c) Highways – Minor Works

Councillor Mason reported that he had agreed to produce a list of minor works for Highways consideration.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To e-mail detail to Cllr Manship for consideration by the Parish Council's Highways Committee.	08/12/08	CM

d) Rural Delivery Strategy

Councillor Humby reported that he had attended the Rural Delivery Strategy at Sparsholt College on 14th October. Councillor Ray Ellis, Hampshire County Council executive member for Rural Policy, gave an overview of the key issues facing Hampshire's rural communities.

e) Rural Planning Seminar

On 24th October Cllr Humby attended a Rural Planning Seminar he had organised, along with the Economic Development Officer from Winchester City Council, at Hursley. The feedback from the meeting, which was attended by over 40 members and officers, was that it had been very successful with the key note speakers providing information on the problems encountered by farming and the rural economy, particularly concerning equine establishments.

f) Hampshire Economic Partnership

Cllr Humby attended the Hampshire Economic Partnership meeting on 4th November where stakeholders from across the district gathered to discuss the local economy.

g) E-Planning

Cllr Humby confirmed that Philippa Penfold is aware of Parish Councils' concerns, nothing will happen yet and there will be a consultation. There may be the possibility of Digica purchasing the equipment required at a reduced rate on behalf of the Parishes.

210/08 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Mrs Sprot reported that nothing further had happened as everyone had been so busy, but she would call a meeting and invite Mr Tipping, a new resident to the village with experience in writing a VDS in his previous village.

211/08 HIGHWAYS

a) Virtual Footpaths

The Clerk has made contact with Colin Taylor and is awaiting contact from Mandy Ware, Transport Team, Hampshire Highways East.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To follow up	08/12/08	Clerk

b) Annual Hedge Cutting Blitz

Cllr Tull confirmed it was in progress.

c) Whaddon Lane Bank Preservation Project

The Chairman reported that the Survey had been completed. This was at an agreed cost of £500. Colin Taylor has set aside £30,000 to fund the kerbing project on the proviso that the Parish Council pays for the drawing up of the Plans and Specification and moves forward quickly to enable the work to be completed in this financial year. This has been costed at £1,400 and includes slight modifications if required. The Council agreed to the costs outlined.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To confirm with Mr Burns that the Parish Council would like the Plans and Specification to be drawn up, in line with discussions with the Highways Committee and Landowners.	08/12/08	AM
To invite to the December Parish Council meeting to present the plans	08/12/08	AM

d) Country Kerbing Project – East End of Main Road and Longwood Road

The Clerk reported that Colin Taylor would be meeting with Ken Matthews this week and would ask him to order the kerbing in Whaddon Lane out of his C2 Maintenance Budget.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To follow up.	08/12/08	Clerk

e) Grips

On the basis that the grips have not been cleared out for a number of years and continue to cause flooding, Councillor Manship suggested to the Council that the Council contracted to have them cleared itself. Cllr Manship asked Cllr Tull whether he would be willing to identify the grips that required clearing and obtain three quotes from contractors to bring to the Council in December. Then, to oversee the work completed. Councillor Tull estimated this would be two days work. Cllr Manship confirmed he had raised this with Colin Taylor who agreed we could go ahead but the contractor must have all the health and safety and public liability certificates required and he would like to meet with the contractor to discuss Highway Safety before the work went ahead. Councillor Tull agreed to take this forward.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To identify grips to be cleared and obtain 3 quotes.	08/12/08	GT

212/08 PARISH COUNCIL LAWNMOWER

Cllr Chapman confirmed that following his research he agreed with Cllr Manship that considering budget and specification requirements the Massport Lawnmower was the best buy. The Council agreed to purchase the lawnmower.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To purchase the lawnmower.	08/12/08	AM

213/08 2009/10 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

a) Draft Budget and Precept

The draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Meads thanked the Clerk for her work and proposed the Council agreed to the budgeted hours and increase in working at home allowances. A slight increase to the Chairman's allowance was also agreed. All Agreed. Further to general discussion the draft budget and precept of £16,000 was agreed without change.

b) Grants and Donations

The following donations were agreed within the financial year 2009/10: -

- i) St Andrew's Church, Owslebury – General Maintenance - £100
- ii) St Andrew's Church, Owslebury – Wainscote Project - £600
- iii) Morestead Church - £50
- iv) Owslebury Newsletter - £100
- v) Playground Equipment (requested by Toddler's Group) - £1000 set aside in the budget
- vi) Winchester CAB - £150

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To inform organisations concerned.	08/12/08	Clerk

214/08 PLANNING

a) To discuss planning applications

08/02325/FUL:	Greenhill Farm, Baybridge Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Amendments to design and siting of part of development already approved by permission WO573/19
Comments to WCC by:	13th November 2008

OPC – No Comment

08/02472/FUL:	Whaddon House, Whaddon Lane, Owslebury. SO21 1JJ
Proposal:	Erection of timber studio/study to rear
Comments to WCC by:	27th November 2008

OPC – The Parish Council objects on the following grounds: -

The proposed application for a studio for the main house is on Agricultural Land rather than within the domestic curtilage of the house.

The application sited in front of the existing property is obtrusive, too high and affects views from footpath 45.

By virtue of it's height, mass of built form and siting, as with a previous application close to this site, it would result in an unacceptable visual intrusion into the countryside which would be out of keeping with the surroundings and detrimental to the character of the area.

b) Applications being considered by Committee

08/02008/FUL:	Greenhill Farm, Baybridge Lane, Owslebury. SO21 1JN
Proposal:	Erection of stable block (RESUBMISSION)
Comments to WCC by:	2nd October 2008

A local resident will be speaking at Committee on Thursday 13th November 2008

c) To hear planning decisions

None

215/08 ENFORCEMENT – ANY GENERAL MATTERS

a) Caravan on land behind Owslebury Garage

Cllr Tull has spoken with the landowner and confirmed that no one is living in the caravan.

b) Blue Tanks on land at the junction of Longwood Road and Baybridge Lane

The Chairman asked Cllr Tull when he was going to move the tanks as complaints from residents continued. Cllr Tull confirmed that he would move the tanks when he was good and ready. He had not personally received any complaints and under the General Development Order 1958 S552a he had the necessary licence for the tanks on his land. Cllr Tull suggested the Council confirm this information if they were not satisfied. When asked the long-term location Cllr Tull confirmed they were to be moved to his barn in Owslebury Bottom.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
To confirm the above	08/12/08	Clerk

216/08 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Play Area – New Equipment
- b) Strip of Land next to garages in Beech Grove
- c) SLR's
- d) Revised Model Publication Scheme
- e) Requests from Councillors

217/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) Winchester Annual Housing Forum – Friday 21st November 08 – 9.30 – 1pm (lunch from 1pm – 2pm) – The Guildhall, Winchester – No Cllr available.
- b) Hampshire Countryside Access Forum – AGM – Wednesday 12th November 08 – 10.00 – 15.30 – OS Offices, Southampton – Repeat of Countryside day recently attended.
- c) Hampshire Playing Fields Association - AGM – Tuesday 18th November 08 at 1.45pm (Buffet Lunch 12.30 – 1.30pm) – Cllr Sharpe to attend.

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218/08 FINANCE

October payments were approved in accordance to the budget: -

219/08 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 8th December 2008 at 7.45pm**

The meeting closed to the general public at 10.00pm

Chairman..... Date.....