

**DRAFT OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
11th AUGUST 2008
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship
Councillors: Mr J Chapman, Mrs T Meads, Mr R Page, and Mr G Tull.

IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor: Mr P Mason
District Councillors: Mr L Ruffell
PC Charlie Farley
Clerk: Mrs E Manship

146/08 APOLOGIES

City Councillor: Mr R Humby

147/08 RESIGNATION

It was with regret that Cllr Manship announced the resignation of Cllr O'Neill from the Parish Council for personal reasons.

148/08 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Cllr Chapman declared a prejudicial interest with regard to the planning application for Plot 1, Hurst Farm, Hurst Lane, as a neighbour.

149/08 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2008 had been circulated. One amendment was made. The Chairman signed the minutes.

150/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Morestead Bus Shelter Update:

Two quotes to replace the bus shelter have been obtained. The Council agreed the lowest quote, from Queensbury Shelters. These have been forwarded to the Police and the Insurance Company. The Police have confirmed that the car did not drive into the bus shelter, rather, the occupant of the car vandalised the bus shelter, seeking the wood to help remove the vehicle from the ditch. The Police are taking this further and the insurance company will liaise with the Police direct.

Hampshire Highways have agreed to trim the trees and scrub that obscures the site line from Hazeley Road onto the C9 and from the bus shelter. When this work has been completed the Clerk will meet with Andy Robinson from HCC and Queensbury to agree the location of the new shelter, in consideration of site line and parishioner safety. Andy has agreed a grant from HCC to put with the money from the insurance company to purchase the new shelter / concrete base.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To follow through	15/09/08	Clerk

b) Whaddon Lane – Kerbing Project

Cllr Manship has arranged a site visit for the Highways Committee and Mr Burns, Independent Highways Engineer on Thursday 28th August 2008

Action	By When	By Whom
• Highways Committee to meet with Independent Highways Engineer	15/09/08	AM/LR

c) Overgrown Bridleways

The Clerk confirmed that the Area Manager from Rights of Way had given permission for Cllr Tull to cut the bridleways. Cllr Tull offered details of Bridleways cut to date:

- BW 20 – To waterworks – Downstead (Monarch’s Way)
- BW 3 – Fawley Lane / Morestead Rod (Old Down Lane)
- BW 4 – Fawley Lane / Longwood Warren (Ox Drove)
- BW 16 – Hazeley Road to Golf Course and Stink Hill

Action	By When	By Whom
• To continue cutting the bridleways as access allows	Ongoing	GT

d) The Ship – Village Amenity

Cllrs Manship reported that he had spoken with Rob at Quindell who explained they had had heavy expenditure with the sewage system, hence the digger. They were not sure of the exact opening date owing to staffing problems. Cllr Ruffell reported that he had spoken with Green King who had confirmed they would be fining Quindell if they didn’t open the pub.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To follow up if the pub doesn’t open	11/08/08	AM/LR

e) Telephone Box Consultation

The Clerk reported that the resident (past councillor) who had confirmed that she had registered the telephone box as a listed building had not been able to provide evidence. Therefore, this could not be used as a reason not to remove the telephone box. The Clerk to write to BT strongly objecting in line with reasons agreed previously.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To write to BT on behalf of the Council objecting to the suggested removal of the telephone box.	29/08/08	Clerk

f) Winchester District Association of Local Councils – AGM

Cllr Manship reported from the AGM: -

There were 25 Councils represented out of a possible 43.

Speaking were Mr Colin Taylor – Director of Hampshire Highways East, based in Petersfield, whose role is to liaise with the contractors that undertake repairs to the highways. And Mr Kumlie Kolaru represented Amey construction.

Mr Taylor talked through the new contract and how he wishes to develop the service. He thanked the parishes for their highways survey returns. Many are still to come in! This work will be completed within the next 3 months. Any new work will not be carried out until after Christmas. Any work that is classed as emergency will be carried on in the same way as before.

Mr Kolaru explained how many contracts Amey currently serviced and had won since 2003. He outlined the criteria for action on a road using the traffic light symbols. They have a quality mark of ISO 9000, against which they measure every job. These reports are forwarded to the Directors of the Highways Department and in turn are reported to the County Councillors, including Cllr Peter Mason.

Questions followed directed by the Chairman Mrs Monica Coats: -

Q. Parish Councils would like direct feedback

R. A manager from Amey Construction will attend Parish Council meetings from time to time.

Q. Reporting Highways problems online is not a quick process.

R. Use your District Engineer as a port of call and call him out to the site.

Q. How long is Amey’s contract?

R. Amey’s contract is for 5 yrs. After 3yrs they can apply for a sixth year. Everyone will judge this process not just Mr Taylor and Mr Kolaru.

The Next Meeting is scheduled for October 2008, just before Councillor Beckett’s 2nd meeting with the parishes. The meeting ended a 9pm.

151/08 POLICE CONSTABLE REPORT

PC Farley reported on the month's crime figures – 2 cars had been broken into, 1 suffered criminal damage and 1 stolen – all from Marwell.

152/08 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a) Plot 1, Hurst Farm, Hurst Lane

Cllr Chapman stated that neither he nor the other residents had any objection to the planning application.

153/08 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE CONSTABLE REPORTS

a) Virtual Footpath

Cllr Ruffell reported that Durley were considering a 'virtual footpath'. Similar to a cycle lane, a line painted towards the edge of the road indicating a footpath. To raise the awareness of motorists that people may be walking.

b) 20mph

Cllr Ruffell reported that PC Andy Heward is looking into how 20mph restrictions can be enforced

c) Council Houses

Cllr Ruffell reported that the Social Issues Scrutiny Panel would like WCC to build more council houses.

154/08 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Chapman reported that Steve Opacek had met with the group and suggested that the village write a Parish Plan rather than a Village Design Statement. Cllr Chapman was of the impression that Steve Opacek felt a Village Design Statement would not carry any weight. Further information is required from Mrs Sprot.

155/08 HIGHWAYS

a) Fly Tipping

Cllr Manship confirmed that all reported fly tipping had been reported to SERCO

b) Broken Sign

Cllr Meads confirmed she would report a broken sign direct to Hampshire Highways via the website.

156/08 RIGHTS OF WAY

No matters arising

157/08 SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cllr Manship voiced his disappointment that at meetings attended a number of Parish Councils had sought to complain about policing issues, when as a Parish, Owslebury Parish Council felt the support received from PC Farley was excellent.

158/08 PLANNING

a) To discuss planning applications

08/01041/FUL:	Hangar Nurseries, Thompsons Lane, Owslebury. SO21 1JH
Proposal:	Alterations and extension to plant centre, parking and new access
Comments to WCC by:	21st August 2008

OPC Comment: Comment only – coffee shop should match normal nursery opening hours and an alcohol licence should not be agreed

08/01861/LDC:	Plot 1, Hurst Farm, Hurst Lane, Owslebury.
Proposal:	Retention of land as garden curtilage
Comments to WCC by:	1st September 2008

OPC Comment: No comment

b) To hear planning decisions

08/01205/FUL:	The Old Tin Barn, Longwood Road, Owslebury. SO21 1LL
Proposal:	Replacement of existing building with a 2 bed detached dwelling
Decision:	Application Refused

08/01270/FUL:	Greenhill Farm, Baybridge Lane, Owslebury. SO21 1JN
Proposal:	Erection of stable block (RESUBMISSION)
Decision:	Application Refused

08/01324/FUL:	19 Beech Grove, Owslebury, Winchester. SO21 1LS
Proposal:	Erection of conservatory to rear and porch to front
Decision:	Application Permitted

159/08 ENFORCEMENT – ANY GENERAL MATTERS

With the resignation of Cllr O'Neill the Clerk confirmed she would take a lead liaising with Enforcement.

160/08 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Parish Partnership Forum – feedback from meeting 2nd September (JC & GT)
- Play Area Sub Committee report

161/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

162/08 FINANCE

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget.

163/08 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 15th September 2008 at 7.45pm** (moved from 8th September to enable those that wish to attend the inauguration of Revd. Andy Millar as incumbent for the "New Benefice of Twyford and Owslebury and Morestead and Colden Common".

The meeting closed to the general public at 9.45pm

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