

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008  
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship

Councillors: Mr J Chapman, Mrs J Chase, Mr R O'Neill, Mr R Page, and Mr G Tull.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District Councillors: Mr L Ruffell & Mr R Humby

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

**105/08 APOLOGIES**

County Councillor: Mr P Mason

Councillor: Mrs T Meads

**106/08 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Cllr Tull as an adjacent landowner declared a Personal Interest with regard to Whaddon Lane

**107/08 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 had been circulated. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**108/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of the APM**

**a) Mappedown – To enquire regarding the roofing material**

Cllr O'Neill confirmed there is no problem with the roof. Whilst the batons are red the tiles are fine.

**b) Motocross – to enquire into the use of Tanoys on Sundays**

Cllr Manship reported the landowner has confirmed that he will ensure the Tanoys are turned down and face away from the village in future.

**109/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of the PCM**

**a) To approach the Lime Centre and with permission, to trim the trees obscuring the view of the bus**

Cllr Tull reported that he needed to speak with Bob who has been away. He will be phoning again tomorrow

Action	By When	By Whom
• To approach the Lime Centre and with permission, to trim the trees obscuring the view of the bus	10/06/08	GT

**b) Letter to Marwell regarding the Grainstore**

It was agreed not to take this forward

**c) To inspect the kerbing and discuss with Chris Wilson as appropriate**

Cllr Manship reported that Chris Wilson had noted the chipped kerbstones at the bottom of Beech Grove.

**d) To co-ordinate a meeting of the Highways Committee to complete the Highways Survey and co-ordinate a Pothole Survey**

a) Highways Survey – Cllr Manship that this had been completed

b) Pothole Survey – Cllr Manship reported that the Highways Committee had agreed to extend this survey to all Highways Furniture – signs, bollards, potholes, grips etc. This coming week Cllrs Manship and O'Neill will survey roads south of Main Road and Cllrs Tull and Page the north side.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To forward the results of the survey to the Clerk within the week to enable the Clerk to co-ordinate and forward to Hampshire Highways</li> </ul>	16/06/08	GT/RP AM/RO

**e) Feedback from the Parish Partnership Forum – 13<sup>th</sup> May 08**

Cllr Tull reported that he did not attend

**f) Feedback from the Annual County Service – 18<sup>th</sup> May 08**

Cllr Page reported that Mrs Page had attended, representing the Council. It was an enjoyable occasion. Cllr Manship asked Cllr Page to take the Council's thanks back to Mrs Page. Her work for the Council providing refreshments has been very much appreciated and he was pleased she was able to represent the Council in this way.

**g) Feedback from the Winchester Passenger Transport Forum – 19<sup>th</sup> May 08**

Cllr Chase reported on the meeting. The agenda included "Stagecoach" in Hampshire, the Concessionary Fare Scheme in the Winchester District, Winchester Area Community Action (WACA) and an update since the last forum from HCC including discussion on sources of passenger travel information.

The Manager for Stagecoach spoke on the company's history and gave an update on the current position and the potential future developments of Stagecoach services including that all new vehicles will be 'low floor'. Most importantly for Owslebury is that the current bus timetable will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Concessionary Fare Scheme has provided free local bus travel for Senior Citizens since April 2008. Also free 'Nationwide' bus travel. As 37% of adult fares in Hampshire fall into this scheme there are obviously concerns over the financial impact of the scheme.

WACA Transport Services provide 'dial-a-ride' vehicles, Community Transport, training drivers on a MIDAS training scheme and a bike hiring service.

Cllr Chase was particularly impressed by the presentation given on Dial-a-Ride Services. Again finance is a big problem. There are paid, as well as voluntary drivers who operate 6 days a week. Booking in advance can be made; up to 8 days before and services are door to door. All vehicles are "accessible" and there is a 50% discount for bus pass holders.

**110/08 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

**a) Play Area**

Two local mothers made a presentation on behalf of the Toddler Group regarding the Play Area. They confirmed their wish to support the Parish Council in obtaining funding to update it.

**Owslebury Playground Proposal**  
**Presentation to Owslebury Parish Council**

**Issue** – Our village playground is:

- tired
- unappealing to young children
- only suitable for a narrow age range
- compares badly to alternative playgrounds in the County

**For Example:**

- There is Dog Mess in the Climbing Frame
- The Roundabout is the only piece of equipment that as a draw
- The Swings are OK but tired
- There is nothing for the Under-2 year old to do
- The Slide does not 'slide'

**Proposal** – A modernisation of the playground which:

- expands appeal from 1 to 12 years old, providing a focal point in the village for that age group
- structured to develop the children's' physical, mental and social skills
- offers more variety
- designed with input from children attending Owslebury Primary School giving them more ownership

**Benefits**

- Play area becomes a vibrant area where people want to spend their time
- Encouragement of outdoor activity at early age as part of a balanced approach to healthy living
- An exciting resource for Owslebury's young children within walking distance

**Estimated Cost**

- The first phase, a toddler play area, would require £10,000 funding
- For further development to expand the are to appeal up to 12 year olds would require an additional £20,000

**Funding Options**

- Local fund-raising events
- Parish Council
- Hampshire County Council Grants
- Awards for All Lottery Grants (up to £10,000 funding for projects up to £25,000)

Note: Award for All have a stated objective in the South East region to support more use of outdoor community spaces.

**Next Steps**

- Gain support of Owslebury Parish Council
- Get detailed costed playground design options with three quotes
- Seek grant application agreement in principle
- Get Primary School on board
- Census village children in the applicable age range

Discussion and Agreed Actions:

- Cllr Manship thanked the Toddler Group for their presentation and their offer of support to improve the facilities. He explained that as a first priority the Parish Council must ensure the Play Area meets Health and Safety legislation. The Council had recently undertaken a number of tasks to improve safety (see below) and is waiting for the outcome of an inspection requested from Rospa. The Council had planned to seek funding to either update or refurbish the swings and further to Nina contacting the Clerk, Cllr Page, Playgrounds Representative was pleased to meet with Nina to discuss improvement possibilities. Cllr Meads, Primary School Representative had also obtained thoughts from the children at the School.

Cllr Manship asked whether the Toddler Group, in visiting other play areas could take photos of equipment they particularly liked and note the manufacturer details (agreed). And yes, please do start to seek funding and at a later date their support to the Clerk would be appreciated when applying for funds.

- Cllr Page raised his concern hearing there was Dog Mess in the Climbing Frame. The Parish Council had recently spent a lot of money purchasing a new swing shut gate and raising the height of the ground beneath the gate to prevent dogs wandering into the play area. All dogs are banned from the play area to ensure health and safety for the children.

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone spotting a dog / owner in the play area to note the date and time and report to the Clerk who will notify the Dog Warden</li> </ul>	Ongoing	All

Playground Improvements in 2007 to meet Health and Safety Recommendations

- Installing the railings at the top of the slide
- Installing safety surfacing and reducing trip hazard at the top of the slide
- Clearing the ground of moss beneath the Swings and Climbing Frame
- Repairing the Safety Matting beneath the Roundabout
- Installing a new sign to meet recent health and safety standards

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet with Nina once the play area inspection had been received</li> <li>• To place on the agenda for the next meeting</li> </ul>	ASAP 14/07/08	RP Clerk

## 111/08 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS AND POLICE CONSTABLE REPORTS

### a) Ship Inn

Cllr Ruffell reported that he had spoken with the City Council regarding John Mayle. He had confirmed that Green King is the licence holder, that Quindell are the leaseholder and that Sandy Juggins is the designated supervisor. He understood it was to re-open in July.

Cllr Manship confirmed he had spoken with Green King who are keen for it to open again as soon as possible. He had spoken with Quindell who had authorised the refurbishment. Quindell had confirmed it would re-open at the end of June. They were looking to develop the Ship e.g. add a large conservatory to replace the tent. Cllr Manship discussed providing additional facilities for the community e.g. selling bread and milk, grants could be applied for.

### b) Sure Start Children's Centres

Cllr Ruffell reported that HCC are looking for sights to open 3 new Children's Centres

### c) Enforcement List

Cllr Humby reported that he should not have been placed on the Enforcement List. The Enforcement was against Hampshire Insulation. Enforcement had apologised.

## 112/08 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Mrs Sprot sent her apologies for the meeting. The Clerk reported that Mrs Sprot had e-mailed dates to Steve Opacik's secretary to arrange a meeting. A draft outline of the VDS had been completed to run past Steve before taking further.

## 113/08 HIGHWAYS

### a) Whaddon Lane

Cllr Manship reported on the costing received from Chris Wilson, Hampshire Highways, who had based this on a number of assumptions – as follows:

- 1) I have assumed that the land for passing places would be provided free of charge (and dedicated as highway) by the adjacent landowner on the East side. The length I have taken from the South side of the junction of Whaddon lane and Main Road at the Ship Inn down to the first junction, by Lower Cottage.
- 2) In order to provide kerbing down the East side, the existing bank would have to be regraded back and this would probably mean removal of the hedge/trees. I have assumed that this would not be acceptable to the landowner, so I have not included for any kerbing down the East side.
- 3) I have included for three No. passing places, at approx. 70m apart, to ensure inter-visibility
- 4) On the West side I have assumed a double kerb filled in behind with soil to grad into the landowner's bank. The double kerb is to try to reduce over-running.

My preliminary estimate (and I emphasise preliminary) for this work is £35,000 at 2008/09 rates.

Chris Wilson – Area Manager – Highways and Transport – Hampshire Highways.

Cllr Manship confirmed Chris Wilson had informed him that passing places in the West bank would cost significantly more than in the East side, hence his suggestion above of 3 passing places on the East side and none on the West.

Cllr Manship confirmed that he had briefed the Highways Committee (Cllrs Tull, O'Neill and Page) and all agreed that removing the hedge/trees on the East side was not what the Council wanted, though kerbing both sides was required. This would need to be looked at again. Otherwise, the proposals offered a good starting point. Cllr Manship confirmed he would brief Mr Ward of the proposals and report back at the next meeting.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To speak with Mr Ward	14/07/08	AM
• To place on the agenda of the next meeting	14/07/08	Clerk

**114/08 RIGHTS OF WAY**

**a) Bridleways (1 - 4?)**

Councillor Tull reported that a couple of bridleways on Morestead Range had restricted gaps meaning that horse riders had to dismount and walk the horse through as there was not room for horse and rider together. He offered photographs to explain the problem. Cllr Tull agreed to identify / use the HCC RoW Website to identify the bridleway number and OS reference.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To e-mail the number of the bridleway and OS reference to the Clerk	14/07/08	Clerk

**115/08 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

**a) Representative to Winchester District Association of Parish Councils**

Councillors Mr A Manship and Mr J Chapman agreed to stand as joint representatives (instead of Mrs J Chase)

**b) Representatives to Owslebury Parish Hall Management Committee**

Councillor Chapman requested that Cllr Meads continue with this role as he felt he is too closely involved and there was benefit of having Cllr Meads working alongside him on behalf of the Council.

**c) Representative to Winchester Area Community Action**

Councillor Chase agreed to stand

**116/08 BANK TREE**

Cllr Manship reported that he had met with Kevin Cloud, Tree Officer – WCC who had confirmed that the Bank Tree had reached its peak, is suffering from ‘Die Back’ and would now decline. He requested that we use Martin Shawyer to cut out the Die Back as he knew his work. He suggested the village plant another tree that will eventually replace the original. Further to discussion the Council felt that there are a significant number of trees in the vicinity of the bank and therefore would not plant a new tree at this moment. Better to wait until required and then replace.

Action	By When	By Whom
• To arrange for Martin Shawyer to trim the Bank Tree	14/07/08	Clerk

**117/08 PLANNING**

**a) To discuss planning applications**

None

**b) To hear planning decisions:**

<b>08/00250/FUL:</b>	<b>Marwell Activity Centre, Hurst Lane, Owslebury</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Conservatory to existing barn (amendment to planning permission W07718/11) Retrospective
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

<b>08/00311/FUL:</b>	<b>Bottom Pond Farm, Morestead Hill, Morestead</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Conversion of existing farm buildings to 4 no. two bed dwellings and 3 no. three bed dwellings with associated garages and car parking; creation of new access to serve new development and 1 an d2 Bottom Pond Cottages and Bottom Pond Farm and the stopping up of all existing vehicular accesses
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Application Refused</b>

**118/08 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**a) The Ship**

**119/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) **BAA Southampton – Southampton Airport’s Community and Stakeholder Conference – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9am – 12.30pm, followed by lunch. Matthew Le Tissier Suite, St Mary’s Football Stadium**

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To ask Cllr Meads whether she is available to attend (Cllrs Ruffell and Humby also confirmed their attendance)</li></ul>	ASAP	Clerk

- b) **Parish Partnership Forum – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Bianchi Room, Otterbourne Village Hall.**

Action	By When	By Whom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cllrs Tull and Chase to attend</li></ul>	02/09/08	GT/Jill Chase

**120/07 FINANCE**

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget.

**121/08 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING and ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

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