

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship

Councillors: Mr J Chapman, Mr M Cryer, Mr R Page, Mr M Pallant, Mrs P Sharpe & Mr G Tull

**IN ATTENDANCE**

County Councillor: Mr P Mason

District Councillors: Mr R Humby and Mr L Ruffell

PCSO Helen Carthew

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

**167/10 APOLOGIES**

PC Clive Barham

**168/10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**169/10 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010 had been circulated. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**170/10 POLICE CONSTABLE REPORT**

**a) Occurrence Summary for Owslebury Parish – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

This summary gives a simple snapshot of those incidents occurring within the parish, which are most liable to affect local residents. It is not intended to be a complete list of all occurrences recorded; identities are omitted.

For detailed statistics by post code, please see the Hampshire Constabulary website:

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk> scroll down to the bottom left of the page, and in the CADDIE space enter the post code of the area of interest.

- **Criminal Damage**

Beech Grove, Owslebury – Between Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

One tyre punctured on a vehicle parked in Beech Grove. Likely linked to previous occurrences in the area which police are investigating as a 'spate' of tyre interferences. (44100406496)

- **Suspicious phone call**

Morestead, Nr. Owslebury – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Elderly female received a call from a male claiming to be selling prize draw tickets for Help the Aged. Very likely this was a scam phone call. Luckily the lady declined to give her bank details and terminated the call. (44100425849)

- **Criminal Damage**

Marwell Activity Centre, Nr. Owslebury – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Vehicle scratched whilst parked at Marwell Activity Centre by unknown persons. (44100430374)

Anyone with information that might assist police enquiries into these or other crime incidents is requested to make contact by phoning 0845 045 45 45. Alternatively, information can be given to Crime Stoppers (anonymous & free) on 0800 555 111.

PC178 Clive Barham (Beat Officer), PCSO14039 Helen Carthew & PS Dorian Chapman.

Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhoods Team, Meon Valley Police Station, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham. S032 1DS.

Tel: 0845-045-45-45. Ext. 643-234. Fax: 023-8074-5307

Email: [clive.barham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:clive.barham@hampshire.pnn.police.uk) Mobile: 079-0110-2498

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PC24208 Jon Radcliffe, Countryside & Wildlife Crime Officer

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Tel: 0845-045-45-45. Ext. 643-126.

**b) Halloween**

Helen confirmed posters regarding Trick or Treat are available to improve communication between callers and residents when Trick or Treat is not welcomed which can be downloaded from the Owslebury website.

**c) Police Changes**

PS Dorian Chapman explained that they do not know the changes yet brought about by Government cuts. He confirmed Clive's post is not going and it will be filled when he retires. He confirmed Helen has asked for a transfer to Winchester to enable her to develop her career and she will be transferring in November / December 2010. PCSO Sarah McCulloch, currently working in the Swanmore area will replace Helen. The Chairman acknowledged the quality of Helen's work within the Parish and wished her every success in her future.

**171/10 LONGWOOD CROSSROADS PROGRESS REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed from Hampshire County Council – Environment Department – Mr Adrian Gray, Head of Traffic and Safety; Mr Steve Woodward, Assistant Service Manager Capital Safety; Mr David Devenish, Group Engineer and from the Road Safety Policing Unit – PS Darren Ord.

Steve Woodward summarised the number and cause of accidents over the past 20 years, to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010. A copy of his paper, including measures taken to reduce accidents was circulated.

David Devenish talked through a number of options, supported by detailed plans: -

**1) Improve Site Lines**

- a) Land purchase, remove hedgerows to improve visibility, replace hedgerows further back from the carriageway, raise the profile of the C9 so easier to see from the side roads, breaking the impression that Longwood Road and Longwood Road East is a continuous road.
- b) Overlay Longwood Road East with 100mm of black top. Raise the levels of the give way signs which are currently in the dip. Associated drainage issues would need to be considered.
- c) Traffic island on the approach to Owslebury, to break the continuity of the road to the eye line. Would need to widen the carriageway to accommodate this but no land purchase would be required. Would need to consider the turning movement required for farm vehicles

**2) Traffic Signals**

- a) Benefit – Would control traffic movements – though would still need to improve the site lines in case the signals stopped working.
- b) Against – Driver behaviour – tendency to speed to get through a green light. Would need to consider how to reduce traffic speeds
- c) Against – If a driver slows down to turn right, the driver behind also has to slow down, which can cause accidents

**3) Staggered Junction**

- a) Two options – Left Right and Right Left. Land can be taken from one or both sides. The plans shown illustrated the various options. These junctions can resolve crossroad jumping.
- b) Question was raised regarding the significant distance between the junctions. These are prescriptive in the Highway Design Standards.
- c) Islands on the C9 can address approach speeds and act as a refuge for right turns. Widening the carriageway can help to prevent back jam, but elderly drivers can find it difficult to judge speed and distance when crossing the equivalent of two carriageways

**4) Traffic Signals within the Carriageway**

- a) Would need to introduce a waiting area for traffic waiting to turn. Need to consider articulated lorries, prevalent at the crossroads during harvest

**5) Roundabout**

- a) Benefits – retaining traffic movements, traffic only needs to look to the right, traffic has to slow down on its approach, easier access from side roads
- b) Would have to have streetlights to illuminate the junction to conform to regulations. There can potentially be a problem of drivers going straight through, either because they haven't driven the junction for some time and don't know it is there, or because they believe nothing will emerge from the side road
- c) Potentially cost prohibitive

**6) Road Closure**

- a) Pros and cons would need to be considered if this was considered to be an option

**Identifying the Appropriate Option**

Setting aside the emotional trauma associated with accidents, every accident has a factual cost to society ranging from around 25k resulting from a minor accident to around £2 million resulting from a fatality. This is factored into any scheme considered as well as the capital costs. The probability of each of the previous accidents occurring had each of the above schemes been implemented is considered. Assessing each option against its potential effectiveness and cost gives it a priority rating for consideration. Traffic scheme measures must be appropriate and effective within the context, considering the accident record and area.

60k is currently set aside out of the capital budget to make short term, minor measures at the Longwood Crossroads, though this is subject to Government cuts. If further funding is required it will need to be applied for. As an example, a staggered junction costs in the region of 750k. Councillor Mason confirmed that if the team made a good case to Councillor Kendall, further funds might be available from the contingency fund.

**Councillor and Public Comments**

Mr Emmans commented that a roundabout could be a good option but that it is probably too expensive. He raised his concern regarding splitting fields. He felt the most appropriate and realistic option is to fill the dip from Longwood and build up the surrounding land to support it.

Councillor Tull commented that the most obvious way to improve visibility is to take the hedges out completely and not replace them. Steve Woodward explained that this had been done in the New Forest and accidents had continued. It was felt that sometimes too much visibility can be just as dangerous as too little. It is a matter of getting the balance right.

Councillor Manship confirmed that at the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 with Pete Critchell and Martin Wiltshire, they assured him that they would apply for planning permission to remove the hedges at the Crossroads (minutes 98/10e). Councillor Ruffell informed the meeting that planning permission has not been applied for. Steve Woodward confirmed that they had not applied for planning permission as it would cost WCC £110 and they had not decided yet whether they would use it. Owslebury Parish Council supported by WCC District Councillors and HCC County Councillor again asked Steve Woodward to apply for this permission.

Councillor Manship asked Steve Woodward and David Devenish their preferred scheme. They confirmed that they had not as yet made this decision. Further to hearing Councillor and Public comments, they would come back to the Council by the November meeting.

Councillor Manship thanked all for attending.

<b>Action:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To inform Owslebury Parish Council next steps to be taken by HCC (Traffic and Safety), with time scales, to improve safety at the Longwood Crossroads</li> </ul>	08/11/01	Steve Woodward, David Devenish, Adrian Gray

## 172/10 TO HEAR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

### a) Planning Applications – Statement of Intent from Owner or Agent and Public Comments

#### i) Planning Application 10/02264/FUL – Christmas Cottage, Belmore Lane, Owslebury

The property owner confirmed that they had not built the glass section of the property, rather they had requested to extend the garage by 5 metres to provide accommodation for his daughter. He confirmed the Planning Officer was comfortable with the proposed alterations.

### b) Any General Matters

i) None.

## 173/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### a) To request Mr Dunford cut back the overgrown hedges surrounding bridleway 12 - GT

Cllr Tull confirmed that he hadn't spoken with Mr Dunford. He felt it imperative that every Councillor visit the site to see for themselves the dangers caused by the overgrowing hedges, then a formal letter to Mr Dunford from the Clerk as something must be done. The Council confirmed that Cllr Tull had the agreement of the Council to approach Mr Dunford. Further to discussion it was agreed that Councillor Manship would speak with Mark Dunford.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To speak with Mark Dunford regarding the overgrown hedges on bridleway 12	08/11/10	AM

### b) Hampshire Police Focus Group – Feedback

Cllr Tull reported that he had been refused entry to the meeting. Cllrs Page and Pallant reported back to the meeting, key facts and figures were covered e.g.: The overall crime rate dropped in 2009/10. 84% of the finance is spent on staffing costs. 71% of the audience had been a victim of crime within the last 12 months. No breakdown was available between rural and urban crime.

## 174/10 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

### a) Blueprint

Cllr Humby confirmed that a meeting for Curdrige, Upham, Owslebury and Durley Parish Councils had been arranged for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Durley Village Hall. Steve Opacic from WCC would present Blueprint. This will affect Planning Policy. He encouraged all Councillors and Clerks to attend.

### b) Glass Recycling Bins

Cllr Ruffell reported that he regularly checks the bins and the glass is being collected from the Beech Grove site. He appreciates that WCC did not do what they agreed to and went against his request not to move the bins back to Beech Grove until the entrance had been widened, but there is little further he can do regarding improving the access unless difficulties occur. He will continue to monitor the site so that he has a full understanding of how collections have proceeded should there be a problem or issue in the future.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To visit the site fortnightly to monitor collections	Over next 6 months	LF

## 175/10 HIGHWAYS

### a) Whaddon Lane

The Clerk reported that she had received two complaints within the past week regarding back jams occurring in Whaddon Lane. Mrs Emery had complained regarding the bolder, placed on the verge as this prevented the tractors mounting the kerb to pass oncoming vehicles. Cllr Tull confirmed he had placed the bolder on his land for this very purpose. Cllr Humby also confirmed he had received complaints. The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded an e-mail received from Mr O'Neil regarding difficulties encountered to Andrew Tiffen, HCC, as an example of issues caused and asked when the 3<sup>rd</sup> lay-by, agreed in principle by HCC in July 10 further to a road safety audit, would be installed.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To follow up	08/11/10	Clerk

**b) Hedges Blitz**

The Chairman asked the Council to consider the areas of hedgerow they would overview, with the view of seeking support from residents to keep them trimmed. The following was agreed: -

- Marwell / Thompsons Lane area – Cllr Chapman
- Baybridge – Cllr Cryer
- Whites Hill / Jackmans Hill / Main Road area – Cllr Tull

**176/10 RIGHTS OF WAY**

**a) No new matters**

**177/10 MARWELL WOOD – PRESENTATION**

Following a presentation regarding future planning for Marwell Wood by Marwell Wildlife the Council asked the Clerk to write to James Cretney with its thanks. A very positive presentation and the Council would welcome the opportunity to meet again next year.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To write to Marwell Wildlife	08/11/10	Clerk

**178/10 BLUEPRINT**

Cllrs Cryer, Manship, Page, Pallant, Sharpe and Tull confirmed their attendance at the meeting organised by Cllr Humby on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Cllr Chapman gave his apologies owing to a prior commitment. The Clerk suggested Cllrs travelled together, sharing cars.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To attend the Council presentation regarding Blueprint	20/10/10	MC, AM, RP, MP, PS, GT, Clerk
• To write a paragraph with the web address regarding Blueprint for the Owslebury Newsletter	08/11/10	Clerk

**179/10 BROADBAND SURVEYS**

A couple of surveys are underway which require input from the public in order to increase the likelihood of improved broadband reception within the Parish.

- a) BT have launched a new campaign called the "Race to Infinity" where rural communities can register their demand for fibre broadband. The nation-wide competition allows people to register their interest in wanting fibre broadband in their community and the top 5 voted places with the highest interest will receive fibre broadband by early 2012 but Exchanges need to get a minimum of 1,000 votes in order to enter the race. This is not therefore very likely to happen where we are, exchange currently at about 0.48%. However BT have made a commitment to actively engage with local communities to see what they can do to bring better broadband to us. Their commitment is that they will do this when an exchange reaches 75% registered interest. To register your vote, log onto: <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>.

Information has been placed in the Owslebury Newsletter.

- b) Winchester City Council and the eHampshire Partnership are seeking views on broadband internet access across the District. A short survey has been made available for Winchester District residents and businesses. It will help to measure the level of demand for better broadband. The survey asks for details of current internet speeds, and seeks views on what you would pay for faster access to the World Wide Web. The results will be mapped, and overlaid onto an existing map of not-spots - a term to describe areas with very poor broadband access. This will identify the areas which require higher speed broadband access. The evidence that is gathered will be used to lobby internet service providers, and those providing internet infrastructure, to provide a better service to Winchester. You can access the survey at <http://www.ehampshire.org/winchester/c-339> which also has a tool to measure your current broadband speed. In addition, you can email more general comments to Kate Cloud, Economic Development Manager, at [ecdev@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:ecdev@winchester.gov.uk) or telephone 01962 848 563.

The Clerk has placed posters from WCC on the noticeboards. All present at the meeting were given posters to distribute.

**180/10 PLANNING**

**a) To discuss planning applications**

<b>10/02264/FUL:</b>	<b>Christmas Cottage, Belmore Lane, Owslebury, SO21 1JW</b> (previously Whiteflood Farm)
<b>Proposal:</b>	Two storey extension to rear of existing detached garage and raise roof of garage to provide detached two storey annex
<b>Closing Date WCC:</b>	<b>18/10/10</b>
<b>Closing Date OPC:</b>	11/10/10 @ OPC meeting
<b>Previous Applications:</b>	10/01352/NMA – Minor Amendment Rejected – Full Planning Application Required 09/01620/FUL – Rear Conservatory – Permitted 09/00419/FUL – 1 <sup>st</sup> floor veranda to side, external staircase, detached garage with accommodation above & veranda to rear with external staircase – Permitted 09/00418/LDP – Erection of conservatory to rear and front porch – Certificate of Lawfulness - Permitted

**OPC comment:** If this application is agreed OPC feel that the footprint / size of dwelling should not exceed the footprint / size of dwelling currently agreed, in order to avoid over intensification of the site. Also, a condition should be placed upon the annex so that it cannot be used commercially as a separate dwelling or sold as a separate dwelling to the main house.

**b) To hear planning decisions**

<b>10/01168/FUL:</b>	<b>Church Cottage, Pitcot Lane, Owslebury</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Single storey and two storey extension to northern elevation and single storey extension to the southern elevation and proposed pool house in garden (Affects the setting of a listed building)
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

<b>10/01522/LIS:</b>	<b>Church Cottage, Pitcot Lane, Owslebury</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Single storey and two storey extension to northern elevation and single storey extension to the southern elevation and proposed pool house in garden
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

<b>10/02245/APN:</b>	<b>Park Hills Wood, Portsmouth Road, Fishers Pond</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of tool storage building
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>That no objection be raised</b>

<b>10/01378/FUL:</b>	<b>Marwell Manor Farm, Portsmouth Road, Fishers Pond</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of a livestock building
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

<b>CS App 185/044:</b>	<b>Alpaca Meadow, Hensting Lane, Owslebury</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Certificated Site Application
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>The Camping and Cavanning Club have completed their investigations and have concluded not to proceed with this application.</b>

**181/10 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

No New Cases

**182/10 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- a) **Victim Support** – Acknowledgement and Thanks for donation
- b) **Southampton Airport Community & Stakeholder Conference** – Southampton University Sports Grounds, Wide Lane, Southampton – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – 1.45pm – 4.30pm

<b>Action:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>
• Cllr Pallant to attend	67/10	19/11/10 MP

- c) **Winchester Area Community Action** – AGM – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 11.30am – 13.30pm (replacement for Cllr Sharpe required)

No Cllr available

- d) **CPRE Seminar** – Enhance Your Parish – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 (GT & PS) (replacement for full or half day for Cllr Sharpe required)

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• Cllr Chapman to attend with Cllr Tull	10/11/10	JC / GT

#### 183/10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Hampshire Association of Local Councils – AGM – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 – 9am – 1pm – Performing Arts Centre, St Swithun's School, Winchester (MP) Feedback at November meeting)

#### 184/10 FINANCE

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget: -

#### 185/10 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Planning meeting will be held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.45pm**

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

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