

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2010

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
12 APRIL 2010
AT 7.45 PM IN OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL**

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mr A Manship

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

IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillor: Mr L Ruffell

PC Clive Barham, PCSO Helen Carthew, Sgt Darren Ord and PC Kevin Joyner from Roads Policing Unit, Cosham

Clerk: (standing in) Mrs J Ayre

55/10 APOLOGIES

Councillors: Mr P Mason,

District Councillors: Mr R Humby

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

56/10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

There were no disclosures of interest.

57/10 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2010 had been circulated. The Chairman signed the minutes.

58/10 POLICE CONSTABLE REPORT

a) Occurrence Summary for Owslebury Parish – Tuesday 9th March to Monday 12th April 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.

- **Environmental Damage, Longwood Road**
On 27th March 2010 at 15.45, 10 x bags of rubble and general rubbish dumped in field entrance by occupant of white saloon car. (44100127498)
- **Theft of tools from motor vehicle, Main Road**
Between 18th and 25th March 2010, power tools stolen from unattended builder's van while parked on Main Road over seven day period. (44100121790)
- **Theft of tax disc from motor vehicle, Main Road**
Between 1st January and 24th March 2010, tax disc stolen from unattended BMW car while parked on private driveway off Main Road. (44100119011)
- **Road traffic collection, Belmore Lane**
On 23rd March 2010 at 17.20, car travelling along Belmore Lane towards Morestead. Unknown vehicle travelling in opposite direction veered across centre line colliding with and damaging driver's door mirror. Offending vehicle failed to stop. (44100118090)

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.

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59/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

b) Pothole Survey of the Village

Cllr Manship advised this had been completed and reported to HCC except for Hensting Lane where a total resurface had been requested.

c) Red Lane Barrier

Cllr Manship advised this had been completed. A cheque for £500 had been received from the Gypsy Liaison Officer, landowners had contributed £300 and the cost to the Parish Council was just under £400. A further request for a £500 grant had been made to Countryside Action and the outcome was awaited.

d) Recreation Ground

Cllr Manship advised a 5/2 decision had been made to put the barrier in as quoted by Mr Sutherland due to its preferred design. Cllr Tull had collected the barrier and it would be installed soon.

e) Birds Nest Swing in the Play Area

Cllr Manship advised this had been installed. It is a nice piece of equipment. The second piece of equipment, a see-saw, would be installed soon.

60/10 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

a) Planning Applications

There were no planning comments.

b) Children's Playground

It was reported the delivery van for the new swing had backed into and damaged the bars by the garages. However, there is no substantive evidence that the damage was caused by the play area company as opposed to other lorries using the culdesac e.g. The recycling collection lorry for the bottle bank. No action can therefore be taken.

c) Whaddon Lane

A resident reported the initial diversion signs for the new works had caused up to 1500 cars/day to divert via Baybridge with verges cut up. Cllr Manship had requested temporary signs to be erected and also 'road closure and access only signs', but Highways had not done this. Cllr Tull advised Highways could divert traffic as they decided. The present sign now said 'road closed no access' but the resident was concerned that drivers were already aware of the alternative route through. Cllr Tull said Mr Peach had been shocked at the amount of through traffic and had agreed when works finished the damage would be put right.

There was concern the works were not progressing as per plan. Cllr Tull reported the third lay-by at the top of Whaddon Lane had been omitted and the carriageway width was not sufficient. Cllr Manship advised the works would take up to three months from date of commencement 17 March.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To contact Mr Peach for reinstatement of lay-by and check road width	ASAP	GT/AM

61/10 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Bottle Bank

Cllr Ruffell reported on a meeting with Cllr Manship and Martin Taylor on 25th March regarding the bottle bank glass collection point. It was decided one of the islands with bollards will need to be removed to enable access for the collection lorry and the reinstatement of the bottle bank in the garage area in Beech Grove. Cllr Ruffell had written to the Area Surveyor requesting this.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To follow up with Area Surveyor and request whole island removed	10/05/10	Cllr Ruffell

b) Housing Development

Cllr Ruffell advised WCC were supposed to supply 12,240 houses between 2006 – 2026. Owslebury was classed as a Level 4 Parish which was limited to small scale, ie no more than 20%, development. There were no questions arising.

62/10 HIGHWAYS

a) Virtual Footpaths

Cllr Meads reported no more had been heard since last meeting.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To send follow-up email on outcome of feasibility study. 	10/05/10	TM

b) Whaddon Lane

Cllr Tull advised the Highways plan to create three soakaways would not provide sufficient drainage. It was a requirement for Highways to provide drainage, but Mr Tull had approached Mr Ward who had agreed his pond could be used also.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To liaise with Mr Ward to create further drainage into his pond 	10/05/10	GT

PC Clive Barham advised the 10K Running Race would take place while works were in progress. It was agreed he would contact the organisers and advise them.

c) Grit Bins

The P1 gritting routes do not qualify for grit bins. Namely: C9, Longwood Rd east and west, Main Road, Hurst Lane, Portsmouth Road, Hazeley Road. P2 routes qualifying for grit bins, but not wanted include: Thompsons Lane, Whites Hill, Hensting Lane, Mares Lane, Warley Lane and Jackman’s Hill. The remaining areas were discussed. Cllr Manship requested Cllr Ruffell to consult with residents regarding requirement and siting for Owslebury Bottom. Cllr Chapman was asked to consult with Marwell residents. Cllr Sharpe would be asked to confirm requirements and siting for Pitcot Lane. Mr David Emmans was asked to consult with residents in Baybridge. Cllr Manship would consult with residents and WCC regarding the two green areas at Beech Grove and Hilly Close.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consult with residents and report to Cllr Manship by 30 April 	ASAP	Cllr Ruffell JC, PS, AM Mr Emmans

d) Finger Post

The proposal for a finger post at west end of Lower Baybridge Lane was discussed. It would be similar type as the one in Main Road. A quotation from Michael Cryer had been received for £802 plus vat. There is no funding set aside in the budget. Michael Cryer will ask the residents of Baybridge whether they would wish to contribute. Cllr Manship will also seek grants from HCC. It was acknowledged that the current sign is out of keeping and there had been a better sign in the past. There were two main concerns: the siting and liability for repairs. The position in the centre of the grass triangle was considered very vulnerable and previous signs had been frequently damaged. Damaged signs were usually repaired without charge to the Parish but enquiries would be made with regard the fingerpost.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine feasible position for the fingerpost To consult with HCC regarding liability for repairs if damaged To investigate funding and report back 	10/05/10	AM

e) Longwood Road Crossroads

A meeting had been held on 30th March between Cllr Manship, Cllr Ruffell, Cllr Mason, HCC Highways officers and Police Officers. A report had been compiled by Peter Critchell which was presented to the Councillors detailing the 5 Year Injury Accident Record, Measures previously implemented by HCC, Alternative measures considered as requested by the Parish Council, and Short/Medium/Long term measures proposed by HCC. The Police Officers stated that a lot of investment had been made and measures already implemented would normally have been expected to resolve the problem. However, more work was needed. The ‘Give Way’ signs were not being observed by drivers and in the long term the solution might be a staggered cross roads. Cllr Tull was critical of the amount of expenditure which had not solved the problem and in particular that the hedges had not

been taken out many years ago. These made sight lines for crossing very difficult. Cllr Manship reported a full land survey of the area would be completed by Peter Critchell by the end of April. The two farmers who owned the land around the crossroads had been approached to remove the hedges and HCC had a No 1 priority to compulsory purchase the land if the owners' consent could not be obtained. Cllr Tull offered a day's free digger hire to remove the hedges himself if consent was obtained. Cllr Ruffell and the Police Officers were asked to contact Chris Wilson as a matter of urgency to obtain this. PC Barham reported one option put forward at the meeting was to close Longwood Road east in the short term. This was not considered an acceptable option for residents.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approach Chris Wilson for land owners approval for hedge removal and advise Cllr Manship 	ASAP	Cllr Ruffell

f) General Matters

Cllr Tull reported that the potholes at the bottom of Beech Grove were very bad and needed interim repair before the general pothole repairs resulting from Cllr Manship's report to HCC.

63/10 RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Priority Cutting

Cllr Manship reported the Council had been asked to identify rights of way in need of priority cutting. Cllr Tull responded that he would undertake the grass on the rights of way where he could access with a tractor. The hedges were required to be cut by Rights of Way and also a bridleway at Marwell.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To complete priority cutting form and return to Rights of Way. 	ASAP	AM

64/10 ELECTIONS

Cllr Manship gave thanks to Cllr Chase who has decided not to stand for re-election. Cllr Chase was thanked for her work on WACA, OMCA, as Travellers Representative, Public Transport Representative, on Neighbourhood Watch and as Vice Chair.

Cllr Manship also gave thanks to Cllr Meads who has decided not to stand for re-election. Cllr Meads was thanked for her work as representative to OPHMC, LA Representative to Owslebury Primary School, representative for Sports Club using the Recreation Ground, Village Design Statement Working Party and as Litter Collection Organiser.

Cllr Manship asked all Councillors to consider likely candidates for co-option.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Agenda Item for May meeting: Proposals for Candidates for Co-option 	01/05/10	Clerk

65/10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Cllr Manship asked all Councillors to make a Report for the meeting. Proposals for a speaker were discussed. Chris Wilson on Longwood crossroads was suggested. A speaker from another Parish on the subject of traffic through villages was suggested by Cllr Meads. West Meon Parish was put forward as a village which had used virtual footpaths along their highways. There was concern that Neighbourhood Watch would be using the hall and PC Barham agreed to inform them.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To issue HALC Round Robin request for speaker on traffic through villages and to contact West Meon Parish in particular 	ASAP	Clerk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To email Reports to Clerk on areas of responsibility 	ASAP	All Cllrs

Cllr Manship confirmed agreement for expenditure on refreshments of tea/coffee and biscuits and requested help in preparation of them.

66/10 EASTLEIGH RUNNING CLUB REQUEST

Cllr Manship had received a request for use of the Recreation Ground at the corner of Baybridge Lane for the Club to stage their band while the 10K Race took place on 23rd May. Councillors had no objections.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To confirm agreement with Running Club	ASAP	AM

67/10 PLANNING

a) To discuss planning applications

	Pitcot House, Pitcot Lane, Owslebury SO21 1LR
Proposal:	(Householder) single storey side extension
Closing Date WCC:	15/04/10
Closing Date OPC:	12/04/10 at Parish Council Meeting

OPC Comment: All building to be done on site.
Further landscaping required to hide the development
Concern regarding close proximity to boundary and fire regulations

b) To hear planning decisions

09/02588/06	Marwell Grainstore, Thompsons Lane, Owslebury
Proposal:	Alterations to roof line to enclose the existing drier and handling machinery
Decision:	Application Permitted

09/02601/FUL	Hazeldene, Longwood Road, Owslebury
Proposal:	Roof alterations to create first floor and single storey rear extension
Decision:	Application Permitted

68/10 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllr Manship reported it was unfortunate the Oak trees had been removed on Thompsons Lane to improve sight lines, but planning permission had been granted.

Cllr Manship had contacted WCC regarding the trailers in the field at Morris Farm. Cllr Tull suggested that Mr Morris be approached to put in a proper planning application.

69/10 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Meads had received a certificate for 'The Big Tidy Up' which would be placed on the Parish notice board. An agreement to conduct the next litter campaign was indicated.

70/10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

a) Gorse Down and Beech Grove

Cllr Tull had noted that some parking spaces were required. The possibility of removing some of the grass verge to create parking bays would be examined.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To consult residents and arrange site meeting with Chris Wilson	As possible	AM

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71/10 FINANCE

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget: -

72/10 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish Council Planning meeting will be held on **Monday 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 9.15pm**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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