

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
13th DECEMBER 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 Councillor: Mr L Ruffell

Clerk: Mrs E Manship

209/10 APOLOGIES

District Councillor: Mr R Humby

210/10 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Agenda item 12a – Planning Application 10/02733/FUL – Moris Farm – Cllr Chapman declared a Prejudicial Interest
- Agenda item 12a – Planning Application 10/02753/FUL – Merryways – Cllr Manship declared a Personal Interest

211/10 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

212/10 TO HEAR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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

i) Planning Application 10/02733/FUL – Moris Farm, Hurst Lane, Owslebury

Mr Chapman, neighbour, stated his objection: -

- The application is for an agricultural barn, yet the landowner owns a construction business. Belief that the landowner is running and will continue to run his construction business from the site.
- No animals have been seen on the site. Hay has been cut from the site, but only once over the last few years
- Equipment is dumped behind the hedge
- At 7m high it will be clearly visible to the local residents and will not be screened as stated within the application.
- A cabin is situated at the far side of the land in which Mr Chapman believes the landowner is living as a light on is on every night. This is subject to an Enforcement investigation.
- Within the South Downs National Park, this barn is huge and if agreed it will be legalising an eye-saw.

Mr Gargan, neighbour, stated his objection: -

- Agricultural land on the Hurst Lane, Portsmouth Road, Thompsons Lane triangle is slowly being turned into an industrial estate e.g. Marwell Yard. He objects to this happening by stealth
- This land / any barn on the site, must only and solely be used for agriculture.
- The applicant has built a road on the site to connect the 2 entrances onto Hurst Lane without planning permission (subject to an enforcement investigation). This road does not run parallel to the road; rather it is situated at an arc 30m into the field. The entrance has been widened and hedges removed. Ideal to enable articulated lorries to access the site used within the landowners business.
- There are trailers already stood on the site.
- If an agricultural barn is required, there are other places on the site, which are more appropriate. Namely the western edge of the site, next to Marwell Barn, where the trees will landscape it.

Mrs Chapman, neighbour, stated her objection: -

- The intended location is at the entrance to the South Downs National Park and the entrance to the village.

- This barn is not attached to a farm and it will never blend into the landscape
- It is far too big and modern for the area.

ii) Planning Application 10/02753/FUL – Merryways, Main Road, Owslebury

The property owner explained that their main purpose is to cheer up the house and in so doing, to enable them to live downstairs when they are older, if required.

Mr Manship stated the owners wished to update and modernise the property. His recommendation was that a condition was placed that building materials should be kept on site.

b) Any General Matters – regarding items on the agenda

i) Play Area

Cllr Sharpe confirmed that parents are really pleased with the new equipment at the play area.

213/10 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Speeding – To ascertain what can be done to reduce speeding (195/10e)

As PC Barham isn't present this item was postponed until the next meeting

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• PC Barham to see what he can do	17/01/10	PC Barham

b) Christmas Lights – To ascertain from the auditor whether the Parish Council can purchase and reclaim VAT on the Christmas lights

The Clerk reported that the Auditor had confirmed that VAT can be reclaimed on public money used to purchase the Christmas lights. Specifically, the donations from Cllr Mason and the Parish Council. The Parish Council can ring-fence this money within the Parish Council accounts for this purpose.

c) Blueprint

i) To distribute fliers, attend Blueprint planning meeting and lead workshops

Cllrs Chapman, Cryer, Manship, Pallant, Sharpe and the Clerk attended the Planning Meeting. Cllr Page sent his apologies. A Parish Workshop was held on Friday 26th November. (The planned workshop on Saturday 27th November was cancelled due to lack of bookings.) Jenny Nell from the Strategic Planning Department in WCC gave the keynote speech and groups covering housing, employment and infrastructure were led by Cllrs Chapman, Cryer, Manship and Pallant. 350 fliers were distributed to parishioners across the parish. 20 parishioners attended. The event was considered to be extremely worthwhile, many feeling that the next step for the Parish should be a Parish Plan. The Chairman thanked all Councillors for their contributions.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To obtain names of parishioners who would wish to contribute to a Parish Plan	14/02/11	Cllrs / Clerk

ii) To co-ordinate a Parish Report and forward to WCC - Clerk

The following report, including views of parishioners collated at the meeting and forwarded individually to the Clerk, was read at the meeting and agreed by those present as an accurate representation of views.

BLUEPRINT FEEDBACK

Name of Group: OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
CONSULTATION WITH PARISHIONERS

Address of Group: LIZ MANSHIP
CLERK TO OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
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Who does your group represent: OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
CONSULTATION WITH PARISHIONERS

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Name of Parish: OWSLEBURY
Community: RURAL
ELECTORAL ROLE – 663
DWELLINGS – Approximately 320

CONSULTATION – 26TH NOVEMBER 2010

Participants - 20 Parishioners 4 Councillors (Cllrs Chapman, Cryer, Manship & Pallant) co-ordinated workshops

Following a Presentation, Parishioners met in 3 groups to consider the needs of parishioners over the next 20 years. Entitled: -

- Housing
- Local Economy
- Infrastructure

3 reports were subsequently submitted separately to the Clerk.

The following report is a snapshot of parishioners' views. Full consultation is essential before the revised Local Development Plan is compiled to ensure this document is written in line with the ethos of the Governments Localism Policy.

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Parameters / Vision

- 1) The majority of parishioners present were keen to see new blood in the village and felt the village would benefit from increased diversity.
- 2) Open to a mixture of starter homes / affordable housing, social housing and accommodation suitable for the retired and elderly. As long as development meets identified and evidenced local need and utilities / services are upgraded to support it.
- 3) No suggestion that we need any more large family homes.
- 4) Must ensure the character of the village is preserved. Development should be spread across the parish and be in keeping with the area. Must ensure area is not over developed e.g. no more than 25 homes.
- 5) The above is perceived need. Further research by the City Council / Parish Council is required to ascertain evidenced need within the community, prior to the development of the Local Development Framework.

Where

- 1) Any new housing should be spread across the Parish in discreet locations to ensure the character of the area is preserved.
- 2) Former agricultural and available 'brownfield' sites (light industrial / commercial) should be looked at as options for development before greenbelt land is considered.
- 3) There should be a carefully considered process to ensure that the release of brownfield sites for housing does not result in greenbelt land being required for brownfield sites at a later date. Sites should be discussed on an individual basis, taking into consideration the views of the local community.
- 4) Barn conversions are a possibility but not to the detriment of the environment. Any conversion must ensure the local habitat e.g. barn owls etc. is protected.

Starter Homes / Affordable Housing

- 1) Purpose - to help young adults / families start on the property ladder. Mixture of 1 and 2 bedroom properties. Local parishioners should have occupancy preference.
- 2) House partially owned by occupiers – suggest occupiers buy up to 50% of current value, with landowners carrying the rest
- 3) To help young families start on the property ladder, the occupiers must leave at the end of a defined period e.g. 5 years, with the landowners contracted to buy back share originally sold, BUT at the current market value or better.

Accommodation for the Elderly

- 1) Retirement and warden accommodation and a care home would enable the elderly and infirm to remain in the village. This in turn would release larger family properties onto the market.

What Should Planning Law enable?

- 1) Additional homes in the countryside to support agricultural local families maintain and develop a sustainable business and support their families
- 2) Home improvements, including listed buildings should have a common sense approach
- 3) The development of proactive working relationships between the City Council's Planning / Enforcement Departments and the Parish Council, representing local parishioners, to positively contribute to planning decisions in line with the Localism policy.

What Should Planning Law protect against?

- 1) Loopholes in Planning Law used to enable additional homes in the countryside against the wishes of the community.
- 2) Ignorance is not acceptable as an excuse for not abiding by Planning Law. The current enforcement procedures should be far more stringent. Regulations should be in place to prevent retrospective applications being seen as an alternative way to achieve a development that is against planning law and /or the wishes of the community.
- 3) Continuous applications and tactics to pursue a planning development, against the wishes of the community, should be prevented. The current process is too weighted in favour of the applicant, rather than in consideration of the views of the local community.

LOCAL ECONOMY

What Are Parishioner Needs in 20 years?

Vision / Parameters

- 1) Open to support the development of the local economy. Assumption is these will continue to be: -
 - a) Agriculture / Horticulture / Equine Businesses
 - b) Small businesses/Home Working
 - c) Commuters
 - d) Retirees/Pensioners
- 2) But in so doing there must be constraints. They must be discreet and landscaped. Traffic Management Measures must be put in place to: -
 - a) Remove the benefit to commuters using the village as a 'rat run'
 - b) Prevent heavy vehicles driving through the village
 - c) Reduce the volume and speed of traffic using the rural roads
 - d) Preserve the banks, trees and verges on the rural roads

Small Businesses / Home Working

- 1) To encourage small business growth in thinner populated areas and home working, away from normal business premises, we require: -
 - a) Better Communication Systems e.g. better broadband
 - b) Shared small office/ light industrial small business units for purchase and rent
 - c) More reliable electricity service

What Should Planning Law enable?

- 1) The building of agricultural barns (APN) to be brought within the public consultation process with evidence of its requirement
- 2) When agricultural buildings cease to be used for agriculture they should be removed from the site
- 3) Small business growth BUT not within 400 metres of residential areas, without full local agreement
- 4) Immediate action to manage noise

What Should Planning Law protect against?

- 1) Traffic volumes, speeds, large vehicles on rural roads
- 2) Agricultural powers being used for 'brownfield' growth
- 3) An agricultural barn built under APN and then sold / an application being agreed for a 'brownfield' site without any or limited agricultural use

Community as a Whole

To significantly increase a sense of community / volunteering spirit, we require: -

- 1) Larger 'Parish Units' to influence WCC/HCC/SDNP
- 2) Child / young person management (join up Toddlers group, school, youth club etc)
- 3) An effective PARISH PLAN

INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS

Infrastructure is required to: -

- a) To guard against an ageing population that cannot manage its own key requirements
- b) Support the local economy
- c) Prevent Social Isolation (all ages – in particular the elderly and young mums without transport)
- d) Build a sense of community

What Are Parishioner Needs in 20 years?

Facilities: -

- 1) Village Shop. Possible sites – Within one of the following: -
 - a) Ship Inn Public House
 - b) Parish Hall
 - c) Church
 - d) Cricket Club Hut
 - e) Mobile Van

Supported by a local supermarket or local store. Perhaps run in partnership with volunteers.

- 2) A Pub that works with its community. It is essential that the Ship Inn remain as a public house with a community slant. There would be strong opposition for this land being used for housing.
- 3) Coffee Shop with Internet Café (located within the Ship Inn Public House and/or Parish Hall)
- 4) Post Office facilities expanded to support small businesses / home workers
- 5) Effective Community Centre, based on the Village Hall to encompass: -
 - a) Sports / Leisure Facilities / Clubs e.g. Badminton Club
 - b) Facilities / Clubs / Events for young people, particularly 12 – 16
 - c) Medical / Health Centre
 - d) Post Office and Shop
 - e) Access to finance to support Owslebury Clubs and new Youth Activities
 - f) Storage Space within the Parish Hall for Community Clubs and Organizations
- 6) A new Cemetery and an Area set aside for ashes
- 7) Allotments

Utilities: -

- 1) Electricity Supply improved – to support home working and general quality of life (far too many electricity cuts)
- 2) Re-charging facilities for electric vehicles
- 3) Installation of a Wind Turbine with the mechanism to sell unneeded electricity within the parish (Owslebury is situated at the top of a hill. The highest point is at Lane End – area of agricultural fields)
- 4) Water Mains upgraded to support the needs of new housing

Communication: -

- 1) A telephone mast to be erected at the Lane End Crossroads to enable better mobile phone reception
- 2) Fibre-link to improve broadband internet access and speed

Transport: -

- 1) Smaller buses with a more frequent timetable into Winchester, going late into the evening to support the young people
- 2) A mini-bus scheme to support the bus service

Highways: -

- 1) The character of the rural roads must be protected.
- 2) Traffic Management Measures must be put in place to: -
 - a) Preserve the banks, trees and verges on the rural roads
 - b) Ensure the safety of pedestrians, runners, horses and cyclists
 - c) Prevent the sub-structure of some houses adjacent to the road being undermined
- 3) More emphasis should be placed on prevention rather than enforcement, though both may be required: -
 - a) the Enforcement route e.g.
 - i) A 'No right turn' from the Portsmouth Road into Hurst Lane.
 - ii) An enforceable 'access only' into the village.
 - iii) Enforceable speed limits

- b) the Preventative route (as mentioned within 'local economy') e.g.
 - i) Remove the benefit to commuters using the village as a 'rat run'
 - ii) Prevent heavy vehicles driving through the village

What would Parishioners wish to see?

- 1) Green areas maintained, with character, to improve quality of life
- 2) The Library Service van to be continued.
- 3) The Post Office maintained.
- 4) The medical service to be continuously reviewed to meet parishioner need
- 5) The Parish Hall extended to enable the above

What Should Planning Law Enable?

- 1) A common sense and reasonable approach to traffic management to support the needs of the community and traffic / pedestrian safety, currently hampered by 'red tape'.

What Should Planning Law protect against?

- 1) Excessive aircraft noise from the engine and from the flight path
- 2) Excessive hours for the motorbike events. The number of days should be restricted. Good Friday and all day on a Sunday are antisocial as the noise travels across the valley.
- 3) Damage to the environment – (part of the South Downs National Park)

Report co-ordinated by:

Liz Manship, Clerk to Owslebury Parish Council
12th December 2010

d) Glass Recycling Bins – Meeting with WCC Feedback – LR / AM

Cllr Manship reported that he had attended a site meeting on Thursday 9th December, together with David Boardman and Martin Taylor from WCC and Cllrs Laurence Ruffell and Gerry Tull.

It was agreed that David Boardman would speak with Fiona Churcher in the Housing department regarding joint funding the removal of the wooden posts and the widening of the access to enable Martin Taylor's crew easy access to the bottle bins. Cllr Tull offered to undertake the work free of charge if someone paid for the hoggin and arranged final finishing with tarmacadem.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To come back to the Chairman of the Parish Council on the following Monday or Tuesday - 12th / 13th December 2010 	13/12/10	Martin Boardman

e) City Council Budget Meeting – Thursday 9th December 2010 – Feedback – MC / JC

Cllr Cryer reported that there were no microphones so they struggled to hear and not all the writing on the screen could be seen, however they were able to record the key points as follows: -

- 8% cuts required across the board, 15% cut in Council posts, equating to approximately 70 jobs lost.
- The Council will prioritise its spend and concentrate on essential services.
- A greater role for volunteers will be encouraged
- Parish Councils should expect more charity requests
- The Council expects to have to re-examine their accounts after they are Central Government confirmation on the amount they will receive. Meanwhile, the financial plans are as follows: -

The following savings will be made: -

- Behaviour Co-ordinator - £30k
- Neighbourhood Wardens – £20k - £50k
- Community Revenue Grants - £70k – £115k

- Forward Planning – Working on Social Housing – £120k - £180k
- Salaries - ?
- Museums - £45k - £80k
- Tourism - £22k
- Town Twinning - £10k
- Historic Environment - £8k
- Corporate Support - £105k - £140k
- Pre-Planning Application Service - £85k - £120k
- Access and Infrastructure - £9
- Sustainability - £25k
- Land Charges - £20k
- LDF - £50k - £90k
- Consultancy - £30k
- Overtime and Agency Staff - £30k
- Recruitment - £15k
- Salary Savings (again) - £40k

The following income will be protected: -

- Park and Ride - £30k - £70k
- Green Waste - £75k - £115k
- Planning Management - £30k

f) CPRE Seminar – Wednesday 10th November 2010 – Feedback – GT & JC

Cllr Chapman reported excellent advice received, localism had been discussed and the CPRE 8-Step guide – How to Respond to Planning Applications distributed (given to the Clerk)

g) Southampton Airport Community and Stakeholder Conference – Fri. 19th November 2010 – Feedback – MP

- The Airport is 100 years old. 48 delegates attended.
- In 2010 passenger numbers were down 2.3%. Problems included snow in January and the Icelandic Volcano in April.
- Additional routes have been added. There are currently 12 airlines operating from the airport, travelling to 45 UK and European destinations.
- 285,000 passengers a year travel from Southampton. Most favour the airport for its ease of communication. Unlikely to hit 3m passengers by 2013.
- Passenger Breakdown – 21.7% foreign residents; 40% business; 15% arrive by train; 6% cruise market. The Cruise market is the largest growing area
- £7 mill. has recently been spent to upgrade the airport. It contributes £100 mill. to the local economy and provides 1200 jobs.
- £30k per year is donated to local charities

Flybe

- £570m revenue in profit
- 3,000 employees; 7m passengers; 500 flights a day; 68 aircraft averaging 3 years old
- Based at Southampton – 8 aircraft; 25 staff; operating 38 routes – 10 domestic and 28 international, of which 14 are to France
- Agreed to purchase 141 new aircraft, 3 of which will be coming to Southampton

Blue Islands

- From Southampton operate 4 turbo propelled jet stream aircraft to Jersey & Guernsey

Olympics

- One of the gateways for the Olympics. 10,000 passengers expected to use the airport during the 5-week period, 27th July to 10th September 2012. Three employees recruited to plan the logistics.
- Extra railway links to Weymouth and London
- No long haul flights. Largest plane is the 757 with seating capacity for 250.

Other Major Events that will affect the roads in 2012

- Farnborough Air Show, Southampton Boat Show, Bournemouth Show

Environmental Update

- Complaints regarding noise have steadily decreased: -
 - 2004 – 2455
 - 2005 – 1475
 - 2006 – 1548
 - 2007 – 754
 - 2008 – 506
 - 2009 – 311
- New Noise Monitors are coming on line in 2011. Cllr Pallant has volunteered.

h) Basic Planning Training – Thursday 25th November 2010 – Feedback – AM

Cllr Manship reported that Planning Aid led a presentation on Blueprint. Nothing new was learnt. This was not what was expected and was disappointing. 30 delegates attended. The training was poor value.

214/10 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) Mobile Library Service

Cllr Mason reported that the mobile library service is under review. The vans are extremely old and their leases are coming to an end. We can expect to see a contraction of the service.

b) HCC Cuts

Cllr Mason reported that HCC cuts continue. High profile directors in Environment, Culture & Communities have been made redundant. It is anticipated that Culture & Communities will merge with Regulatory & Estates.

c) Highways

Cllr Mason reported that he has attended a meeting with Stewart Jarvis regarding the poor service experienced from the Highways department in the Winchester area and it will be addressed.

d) Grit Bins

Cllr Mason reported that he believes 4,000 have been ordered, 1,200 have been delivered with the remainder in the depot and a further 600 on order. No progress has been made with regard to increasing the number of bins in Owslebury.

e) Cost of 3rd Lay-by in Whaddon Lane

Cllr Tull queried why it took 3 men and a digger a week to lay 30 kerbs and the resulting cost. Cllr Mason offered to investigate.

Cllr Manship has requested reinstatement of the verges in Baybridge Lane and Lower Baybridge Lane. This has been agreed by Richard Peach to take place in the spring

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To investigate the cost of the 3 rd lay-by in Whaddon Lane	17/01/10	Cllr Mason

f) Planning Application – 10/02147/OUT – Brookfield Hackney Stud – Planning Committee – 9th Dec. 2010

Cllr Ruffell and Cllr Pallant attended and spoke against the application to the Planning Committee. Owslebury Parish Council had raised concern in advance of the meeting regarding the information that, according to the Planning Officer could not be shared with the Planning Committee. The case was taken to the legal department and agreement reached that sensitive information could be shared in closed session. Even so, the Planning Officers report relied significantly on the report from Bruton Knowles which was not made available to either the Parish Council or the Planning Committee. Cllr Ruffell reported that further to discussion there was 1 abstention, 1 against and 3 or 4 votes in favour. Cllr Ruffell remains concerned, along with the Parish Council, about the planning process and the lack of information it is deemed the Planning Committee may have sight of, held by its Officers.

g) Bridleway 46

Cllr Ruffell reported that he had been informed the new owners have restricted access to Bridleway 46 and riders have to use a different route

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To investigate access at the northern end of bridleway 46	17/01/10	GT

h) Local Government Finance Bill and Localism Bill

Cllr Ruffell reported that these are being published today.

215/10 HIGHWAYS

a) Longwood Crossroads

The Clerk read the key points from e-mails received: -

E-mail received 23rd November 2010 from Steve Woodward

"As detailed below the feasibility report prepared by David Devenish and Mark Taylor has now been completed and the recommendations finalised based on the comparison studies contained within. Therefore subject to a few minor revisions it will be available for public consumption shortly and I will email it to the parish once complete.

Broadly we are likely to adopt the options to: -

- 1) bring the sightlines at the junction up to today's standard.
- 2) improve carriageway levels to make the give way lines more conspicuous.
- 3) install a traffic Island on the Longwood Road approach to break visibility.

Option number one along with design work for options 2 and 3 can be funded from this year's Casualty Reduction budgets but at this current stage (until budget settlements are finalised in December). I cannot guarantee that the works included in options 2 and 3 can be funded. All being well it is hoped that the hedgerow will be removed prior to the end of February (bird nesting season begins after that) and replaced with a new hedgerow along the new highway boundary, the works in the other two options will follow in March / April 2011.

With regard to planning permission, as mentioned in my email, until the County Council has agreement in principle from Mr Dunford that he accepts our proposal to dedicate his land into the public highway the County Council cannot act as his agent and therefore cannot apply for planning permission until this time. We are therefore in the hands of third parties but as stated below a letter has been sent and we are currently awaiting contact from Mr Dunford." *(The Clerk understands that a meeting between Nick Bishop, Estates Surveyor and Mr Dunford's agent took place on 3rd December to discuss this).* "If the February deadline is to be met, the dedication must be agreed before the end of December to allow for the six weeks required by Winchester City Council to consider the planning permission, so this does give us some breathing space."

E-mail received 1st December 2010 from Mark Taylor (Environment) to Nick Bishop, forwarded by Steve Woodward

"Pleased to hear that you have had a reply from Mr Dunford. I will answer your questions in order: -

- The proposed construction start date is all dependent on getting the hedgerow removal approved by WCC and the availability of the Contractors. To avoid the bird-nesting season it is proposed to remove the hedge by the end of February 2011. I am hoping that the fencing and hedging can be undertaken directly afterwards. I would hope that all work on the replacement fencing and hedging would be completed within a couple of weeks after the hedge is removed.
- There will not need to be any diversions or restrictions for the hedging / fencing works. It is very likely that a road closure would be required should we have funding to undertake the proposed carriageway resurfacing and junction widening / island construction. We hope to know where we stand either just before Christmas or early in the New Year.
- The verges are to be levelled, topsoiled and seeded. This work will not be undertaken initially, but as part of a further contract to be designed and implemented when we know the funding situation. Even if there is insufficient funding for the for the resurfacing and junction works, the verges will be remediated.
- WCC have advised that they do not have an application form. I am to apply via e-mail, including details of the extent of hedge to be removed and details of the replacement proposals. One thing I will need to know from you is whether or not we are to provide a single or double staggered hedge. Attached is an e-mail from WCC, which outlines the process. As we are not currently the landowner, we will need to act as Agent for Mr Dunford to be able to make a removal application. To be able to do this I will need written approval from Mr Dunford to act in this capacity. Once I have prepared the information to send in I can send him a copy before I make the submission. If he has an e-mail address that will speed up the process.
- I am anticipating that HCC's term contractor's (Amey) landscaping sub-contractor will be used to remove and replace the hedge. I will be inviting three fencing contractors from our list of approved contractors to price the work. When I know who is to be appointed I let you know."

"It looks hopeful that Mr Dunford is amenable and things should now progress fairly quickly. With reference to the final report this should be available shortly but I can confirm we have agreed to move forward with the lower cost measures as detailed in my previous email. The report also suggests that if the accidents / concerns continue after these measures are implemented then the option of a full road closure should be explored. We are also

likely to explore the possibility of central hatching to further discourage overtaking on the C9 as part of the surfacing works. As previously stated the final report should be with you for the December parish meeting on the 13th."

The Clerk confirmed the above report had not been received.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To follow up the above report with Steve Woodward	17/01/11	Clerk

b) Request for 30mph for Longwood Road and Hurst Lane

The Clerk reported that on the request of residents, on 3rd December 2010 she had e-mailed Mandy Ware outlining concerns regarding speeding traffic past the houses. Requesting either consideration of a 30mph restriction for both Longwood Road and Hurst Lane or the name of the Officer who could authorise / process a request for this consideration.

Both of these stretches of highway have residential properties alongside, there is no footpath and residents including young children and the elderly, have to walk in the road to get to the post box, school, village hall etc. Drivers are increasingly using both stretches of highway as a rat run. Hurst Lane incorporates a particularly nasty blind bend with a blind junction to Thompsons Lane. Longwood Road incorporates the Village Recreation Ground with all the usual sports and family / children orientated activities.

No response has been received.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To follow up the above with Mandy Ware	17/01/11	Clerk

c) Grit Bins

The Clerk confirmed 3 bins had been placed within the parish – in Hilly Close, Beech Grove and Baybridge Lane. The question was again asked as to whether the Parish could purchase additional bins. Cllr Mason confirmed that HCC would not look kindly on the Parish Council purchasing bins.

d) Articulated Lorries in Hurst Lane

Cllr Chapman reported that articulated lorries are wrecking the bank on the corner of Whaddon Lane and Hurst Lane. Highways have promised to get back to him.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To keep the Council informed	ongoing	JC

e) Litter

Cllr Cryer reported that a considerable number of cans and drink bottles continue to be randomly thrown into the road / hedges along Lower Baybridge Lane. A photograph was shown to the Council as evidence. He raised his concern regarding potential drink driving.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To liaise with PC Barham	17/01/11	MC

216/10 RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Footpath Next to Glebe

Cllr Sharpe reported that a considerable amount of water had been running down the footpath. Cllr Tull reported that he believed it may be from a swimming pool being emptied.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To monitor the situation	Ongoing	PS/GT

The Clerk presented the quotation received from Cannon for 2011 for the Council's consideration. The Clerk confirmed the requested increase for mowing the land around the Parish Hall was 2%. The increase for all other areas managed by the Parish Council ranged from 2.4 – 2.5%. The Council agreed to continue to contract with Cannon.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To confirm acceptance of the contract with Cannon	17/01/11	Clerk
• To invite the Parish Hall Committee's consideration of the revised quotation	17/01/11	Clerk

218/10 WHITES HILL FARM

Cllr Tull reported that he had discussed his concerns with Mr Humphrey and they had been resolved. Having prejudicial interests Cllr Tull left the room.

The Council discussed the papers forwarded by Pro-Vision for their consideration. The Council felt that there was very little to go on, as Whites Hill Farm had made no detailed proposals. The Council also raised its concerns that no mention has been made of the future of the existing residents / residential properties on the Whites Hill Farm site. With regard to the question asked of the Parish Council as to how the Council would wish to see the site develop, the Council feels we are in a state of change with a new LDF being written in respect to the Localism Bill. Parishioners have started to become involved in the process through the Blueprint consultation. As Localism develops it is anticipated that local parishioners and the Parish Council will have increased involvement in the direct planning strategy for the parish. It is obviously too early in the process to state the views of the parish in specific regard to the Whites Hill site. The initial Blueprint document co-ordinated by the Parish Council is a public document to which Pro-Vision can refer but it should be treated as an initial consultation as it results from the views of only 20 residents participating in one evening workshop. However, it is anticipated that over the coming months, as localism develops, the Parish will, through research and consultation be in a position to write a Parish Plan. This will reflect the views of the Parish as to the future needs and wishes of parishioners, to which landowners such as Humphrey Holdings may wish to respond.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• To inform Pro-Vision of the above discussion	17/01/11	Clerk

219/10 PLANNING

a) To discuss planning applications

10/02733/FUL:	Moris Farm, Hurst Lane, Owslebury, Winchester. SO21 1JQ
Proposal:	Construction of a general purpose agricultural building and retention of existing access track
Closing Date WCC:	6th December 2010 (extension to 15th December 2010)
Closing Date OPC:	13 th December 2010 @ OPC meeting

OPC Comment: Owslebury Parish Council strongly object to this application, for the following reasons material to planning: -

- 1) **Siting of Building** - The building is situated at the entrance to the village and the entrance to the National Park. It is totally incongruous to this area of open landscape.
- 2) **Mass of Built Form** - This building is far too big for the position within the site indicated within the plans, adjacent to the road, in open landscape.
- 3) **Landscaping** - The applicant indicates that the hedge will screen the building. This building is far too big to be screened by the hedge. It will be an overpowering blot in the landscape, totally spoiling this approach into the National Park.
- 4) **Impact on amenity of neighbouring landscape** - This area within the National Park contains a small cluster of houses surrounded by open fields. This will be a hideous eyesaw. This barn is not attached to a farm and owing to the materials to be used will never blend into the landscape.

Additional Comments to support the above: -

Siting of Building

If it is felt appropriate to agree a barn for agricultural purposes for the landowner, the Parish Council believes that it should be situated at the western edge of the field, adjacent to the barns in the neighbouring property. There is easy access to the western edge of the field from a well-used existing track and the area is landscaped with trees so it would not be so obvious to those entering the village or National Park.

Agricultural Purpose

The Parish Council notes that the landowner has stated that this barn is for general agricultural storage. The landowner has lived in the area some considerable time and is known to run M D Fabrication Ltd. In fact, in his first application, the landowner gave M D Fabrication as the name of the Company he was running from Moris Farm.

The Parish Council notes that there is a trailer on the site and that an articulated lorry is in use from the site. That hedgerow has been removed at one of the entrances in Hurst Lane, sufficient to allow access to an articulated lorry. That the track for which retrospective planning permission has been applied for is 30 metres from the hedge, in an ark which would allow access to the site in an articulated lorry and that the barn itself is of sufficient size to house trailers.

The Parish Council appreciates these are all coincidences, but respectfully requests that before granting an additional barn in this field for agricultural storage, that detailed information is requested from the landowner regarding the history of the agricultural business that according to the landowner necessitates it. This is not a brownfield site. This is agricultural land that must be preserved as part of the South Downs National Park.

Enforcement Issues

The Parish Council is aware that the landowner is subject to a number of Enforcement issues within this field, aside from the track for which retrospective planning is being sought. The Parish Council asks that the Planning Officer discuss these issues with WCC Enforcement team to build up a picture as to how the site is currently being used that lead to the Parish Council's concerns.

The Parish Council requests that this application is rejected. If for any reason it is not rejected by the Planning Department, that it should go to Planning Committee. All conditions placed on this site must be very tightly restricted to agricultural use.

10/02753/FUL:	Merryways, Main Road, Owslebury. Winchester. SO21 1LP
Proposal:	Proposed two storey rear extension, part single storey extension, first floor extension over existing garage, replacement of flat roofs with pitched roofs and alterations to fenestration and alteration to front dormer window
Closing Date WCC:	13th December 2010 (extension to 15th December 2010)
Closing Date OPC:	13 th December 2010 @ OPC meeting

OPC Comment:

Owslebury Parish Council have no objection to this application and 'comment only' that building materials and vehicles are kept off the road whilst the alterations take place. The Council considers the plans submitted by Mr & Mrs Bowes to be preferable / more attractive, than those already agreed, but not actioned for the property, under previous ownership.

b) To hear planning decisions

10/02147/OUT:	Brookfield Hackney Stud (planning committee 9th December)
Proposal:	Erection of 1 no 4 bedroom equestrian workers dwelling (resubmission)
Decision:	Planning Committee – 9th December 2010 - Approved

Cllr Pallant who attended the Planning Committee meeting on behalf of Owslebury Parish Council reported that the following points had influenced the decision to approve the application: -

- New plans were presented in which the house has been moved from the middle of the field to next door to the stables (OPC not notified)
- To ascertain whether an additional house in the countryside is required to support horses, it apparently doesn't matter where the horses are held, just where they are registered. The owner acknowledged that the horses might be held at their other sites outside the Parish.

- The owner acknowledged that they had previously owned and sold properties that could have potentially been used for the purpose of housing but this was successfully argued not to be relevant.

- In 2004 WCC stated that if the landowner wished to build an additional house in the countryside to support the business then this site was not suitable. However, as in 2006 permission had been granted for a mobile home to support the business, WCC stated they were not in a position to say no at this stage.
- An agricultural tie has been placed upon the property.

220/10 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Eastleigh Running Club – Marwell 10k Road Race – Proposed Date – 22nd May 2011

Notification from Deb Taylor, Race Director received. Eastleigh Running Club will try to locate a brass band on the cricket field to play for the runners as they pass. Deb Taylor will discuss this with the Cricket Club direct and apply for a Temporary Event Licence to permit live entertainment at the location. The Club will also be notifying the Church Warden to inform them of the proposed date.

Action:	By When:	By Whom:
• Acknowledge the above	17/01/11	Clerk

b) Acknowledgement and thanks for donation from Owslebury Newsletter

The Clerk reported that an e-mail of thanks for the £100 donation had been received from the Editor

c) Commendation regarding the Community and Parish Website

The Clerk reported that a number of e-mails had been received from local residents commenting on the quality of presentation and information held on the website.

221/10 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- a) Longwood Crossroads follow up

222/10 FINANCE

Payments were approved in accordance to the budget.

224/10 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Planning meeting will be held on **Monday 17th January 2010 at 7.45pm**

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm

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