

WHITCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Full Council Meeting held in the Town Hall
on Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.30p.m.

Present:

Cllr. B. Jackman	Cllr. V. Bradbury	Cllr. P. McGarvey
Cllr. Mrs. L. Thomas	Cllr. D. Titcomb	Cllr. Dr. J. Wall
Cllr. P. Williams		
Mrs. C. Burt, Clerk	Mrs. P. Cooper, Asst. Clerk	
Cllr. K. Watts	2 Members of Public	2 Members of Press

In the absence of Cllr. J. Clark the Meeting was chaired by Cllr. B. Jackman, who opened the meeting with a short prayer. Cllr. Jackman welcomed new Councillor Mrs. Linda Thomas to the meeting.

1. Apologies:

Cllr. J. Clark	Cllr. Mrs. J. Day	Cllr. M. Fitzgerald
Cllr. H. James	Cllr. S. Robbins	

2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 10th May 2010 and Resource and Policy Meeting of 24th May 2010 were confirmed and signed, following correction of the date of the Annual Meeting to read 10th May 2010. Proposed Cllr. B. Jackman. Seconded: Cllr. P. McGarvey. All agreed.

3. Chairman's Report: - No report.

4. Borough and County Councillors' Reports, where appropriate:

Cllr. K. Watts gave his report, and confirmed that the plan for landscaping the surrounds of the Gill Nethercott Community Centre is available on the Borough Council website. See Attachment A.

5. Police Report:

No report. The Clerk informed Councillors that P. C. Deery will be off longer than anticipated, and a temporary replacement will be found.

6. Resources & Policy:

(i) Payment of Accounts:

Apr		£
6	Precision Publishing Papers	88.83
6	H.A.L.C. Annual Affiliation Fees	645.00
10	Mr. A. V. Catt – Work at allotment Site (2 Invoices)	188.00

10	Glass Foolery Ltd – Refreshment for Mayor’s Reception	250.00
26	W. A. – bal. Health Check Grant (Country Town’s Initiative BDBC)	2,211.15
29	Salaries 7 Wages April 2010	2,815.68
29	H.C.C. L.G.P.S. April	614.79
29	Queensbury Shelters Ltd – Repair to Winchester Rd. Bus Shelter	266.84

May

5	Mr. A. V. Catt – Allotments, Recreation Grounds	73.00
10	A. A. Wolfenden – Grass cutting	741.72
5	E. J. Services (UK) Ltd. – Playground repairs	3,754.13
24	Broker Network Ltd – (Came & Co.) Annual Insurance	3,017.19
24	Viking Direct – Stationary Items	87.02
27	Salaries & Wages May 2010	2,674.99
27	H.C.C. L.G.P.S. May	614.79

June

6	British Telecom	178.28
6	Mr. A. V. Catt	83.00
6	A. A. Wolfenden	1,107.44

Cllr. V. Bradbury proposed acceptance of the Payment of Accounts. Seconded: Cllr. B. Jackman. All agreed.

(ii) Website:

Town Council details have been removed from the privately owned Whitchurch Website at Town Council’s request, and Cllr. Bradbury proposed that the new Town Council Website go live by Friday 11th June 2010 or sooner. Seconded: Cllr. P. Williams. All agreed. Mr. A. Reeves-Hall informed Councillors that the e-mail facilities for all Councillors are in place and he will e-mail details to their private e-mail addresses. Special training sessions can be set up for Councillors and the Clerks.

Mr. Reeves-Hall also informed Councillors that “Open Sessions” are being run from 1 Winchester Street to introduce the Whitchurch Association new official Community Site Whitchurch.org.uk.

(iii) Agree the End of Year Income and Expenditure accounts 2009 – 2010:

Councillors considered the End of Year Income and Expenditure accounts 2009 – 2010, the date on page 1 of 12 was changed to read 2010. Cllr. P. McGarvey proposed the accounts be accepted. Seconded: Cllr. D. Titcomb. All agreed.

(iv) Complete the Audit Statement:

Cllr. V. Bradbury read out all nine of the audit statements which were all agreed by Councillors. Cllr. B. Jackman and the Clerk Mrs. C. Burt then signed the Audit Statement.

(v) Approve the New Standing Orders:

Councillors considered the New Standing Orders. Cllr. V. Bradbury proposed approval of the New Standing Orders(which will be attached to the Minutes). Seconded: Cllr. J. Wall. All agreed.

(vi) Correspondence:

(i) Letter from Whitchurch Association regarding monies held by Whitchurch Town Council and Grant Application 2010- 2011. Council approved the Grant of £500 towards the shortfall of the balance of the cost of Audio Visual Equipment installed at the Gill Nethercott Community Centre. Cllr. B. Jackman and Cllr. J. Wall declared an interest. Proposed: Cllr. V. Bradbury. Seconded: Cllr. P. McGarvey. All others in agreement.

(ii)

Millennium Green request for grant towards Ground maintenance – agreed in the annual budget.

(iii) Letter from Mr. G. Burgess regarding the Launch of Whitchurch Trade, and also asking for a letter of support from Town Council. After discussion Councillors approved in principle, but agreed that Town Council need to ensure that Whitchurch Trade is a town wide organization and community owned. A representative from Town Council will be invited to the inauguration. Cllr. P. McGarvey will represent Tow Council. Cllr. B. Jackman will reply to Mr. Burgess, cc Cllr. McGarvey and Clerk. **CB**

7. Development Committee:

Cllr. J. Clark had received a call out and was expected to attend the meeting later on. Councillors agreed to defer Agenda item 7 to the end of meeting.

8. Leisure & Environment Committee:

(i) Dog Prohibition from Recreation Grounds:

This remains an issue. Town Council have tried and failed to get a group together to tackle the problem of dog fouling especially in the Recreation grounds. Councillors are aware that there are concerns as to where families can go for recreation with dogs and children, and problems that could be experienced by the elderly or disabled exercising their dogs. It was pointed out that dogs can be exercised on the Circular Walks, Ceasers Way area, Daniel Road Area and the Millennium Meadow. Cllr. B. Jackman read sections of the Dog Control orders to Council, and explained that part of the process is wide consultation. There are several options for Dog Control Orders – Total Ban, Dogs on Lead and Number of Dogs allowed at any one time.

One of the items raised by the local School Children during their Special Council Meetings was that dog mess be stopped on the Recreation Grounds. Councillors agreed that their aim is to provide two safe clean areas where children can play. Cllr. P. Williams proposed that Council start the process for a dog Ban on the Winchester Road and Kingsley Park Play areas/Recreation Grounds. Seconded: Cllr. V. Bradbury. All agreed.

(ii) Correspondence:

(a) Letter from resident informing Council that the seat by the Lawn Wall on the River Walk is broken.

(b) Mr. J. Buckley presented a design for two test bollards to Council. Cllr. P. McGarvey proposed that the design be approved. Seconded: Cllr. B. Jackman. All agreed. Mr. Buckley also informed Councillors that the bollard designs for Five Gold Rings have been registered with the Borough Council as part of their Five Gold Rings Olympic Project.

7. Development Committee:

(i) SHLAA

All Councillors have been sent information on the SHLAA, the deadline for Town Councils' response/comments is 21st June 2010. This item was deferred to a Extraordinary Full Council Meeting to be held on 14th June at 7.30 p.m. prior to the Development Committee meeting.

(ii) Correspondence:

None

9. General Correspondence:

Letter from Mr. B. Judge inclosing letter from H.C. C. confirming that the Bollards destined for the Town Centre are to be decorated on one side only, and asking Town Council to confirm this. Town Council understands that Mr. Eade (H.C.C.) had been misinformed in some way, but that after consultation with Ward Councilor E. Dunlop, the issue has been resolved, and the Bollards will be completely painted.

Meeting closed

Meeting closed 8.56 p.m.