Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 7th April 2008

Present:

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Councillors	E Jones (Chair) R Aylen D Eadon	S Baker S Hare
	Lord Lansdowne	B Miller
	A Warner	
District	C Crisp	
County	N Bryant	
Clerk	G Turner	
Apologies:		
Councillors	C Bell	
District	S Bodman	

N Cole R Hislop B Satchell J Cook A Johnstone B Vines

2. **Public Speaking Time**

There were no requests for public speaking.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the minutes. Minutes of meeting 3rd March were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Church Road

Discussion with Roger Witt and Peter Jeremiah from WCC and Councillors on Church Road traffic calming plans.

Councillor Jones advised Council on questions raised at last Council meeting and responses received. Mr Witt advised work was planned to commence in about a months time. Lord Lansdowne thought that to stop the rat run and to ensure we do not loose the traffic calming; Council should accept the design and get on with the work. Complaints would be received whatever decision was made by Council. Councillor Hislop suggested that we accept plans now and if necessary fund and implement aesthetic changes at a later date, if village community considers it worthwhile.

Proposed by Councillor Aylen that works are delayed, money put to an escrow and plan our own scheme and implement. Peter Jeremiah explained development monies from 106 could only go into an escrow if the developer agreed. There was no second for Councillor Aylen proposal, therefore no vote was taken.

Proposed by Lord Lansdowne that Council support the current planned scheme. Seconded by Councillor Warner.

Council voted to accept. Councillor Aylen against, Councillor Miller abstained.

5. Middle Ward Vacancy

Andrew Johnstone and Kate Howard advised Council on their background and expertise they could bring to the position if elected.

Kate Howard, nominated by Councillor Baker, seconded Councillor Warner. Andrew Johnstone, nominated by Councillor Eadon, seconded by Lord Lansdowne.

Paper vote resulted in Andrew Johnstone with the highest votes and was co-opted to the position. Councillor Jones thanked Kate Howard for her interest in the position. Acceptance forms to be completed by Councillor Johnstone and sent to NWDC or Clerk.

Johnstone

6. Noise Brown Yard

Councillor Baker advised complaints had been received about noise from Brown's yard in Stockley. Mr Brown attended meeting, advised history and problems with compressors had resulted in the noise. It was agreed that the issue should be discussed locally as it was not a Parish Council issue. Councillor Baker to pass Mr Brown's comments to community and resolve locally.

7. Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Jones reminded Council on forthcoming WCC One Council meeting, for which we had booked two places. It was decided Councillors Jones, Miller and Aylen would attend. Confirm extra place to WCC.

8. Planning

Councillors received copy of current planning applications. Councillor Cook updated Council on substantial planning requests 08.00348 & 08.00353 for Lysley Arms in the Pewsham ward, which were considered inappropriate, destroying existing building, resulting in significant increase in traffic movements and lacked community need. Council unanimously agreed that Pewsham Councillors should take forward. Meeting to be arranged with NWDC, which District Councillor Crisp would organise and also ensure applications went to Committee. Councillor Cook to forward objection detail to Clerk, in order that NWDC can be advised earliest.

Councillor Satchell raised 08.00492 objections to the height of proposed double garage. Advise NWDC.

9. Finance and Accounts

Councillors received copy of the monthly reconciliation report.

Current Parish Council Balance	8630.04	
Cemetery Account Balance	383.31	
Total available in Treasurers Account	11284.58	
Total available to Parish Council	7236.94	
Accounts were agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk.		

10. Committee Reports

Parish Plan

Councillor Miller advised Council that the Plan was moving forward rapidly, with a meeting next week to finalise queries raised by Council.

Pathway Project

Councillor Aylen advised Council that contractors had commenced work today as planned.

11. Steward & Other Requests

Councillor Hare advised potholes in Church Road outside Woodbine Cottage needed attention. Councillor Warner asked when Church Road would be resurfaced. County Councillor Bryant updated Council that repairs to surfacing required contractor works time to have expired before Council works could take place. Councillor Eaden advised Calstone Lane also needed resurfacing. Council agreed to request resurfacing works to Church Road and Calstone Lane.

Clerk

12. Correspondence

Councillors received copy of relevant correspondence. There were no requests to view detail of other correspondence. Councillor Jones advised Council of Annual Highway meeting 30th April 14.00, should Councillors wish to attend. Baker

Clerk

Clerk

Cook

Clerk

13. Any Other Business

.1 Councillor Hare raised issue of Fry's contractors continuing to use Church Road, ignoring weight limit signs. Write to Fry's.

.2 Councillor Jones updated Council on recent Focus on Five meeting when Mr Munroe had spoken on Unitary Council. Councillor Jones thought Focus on Five was a good example of group that could work well under Unitary Council acting as a pilot for new area boards.

.3 County Councillor Bryant raised Unitary Council electoral board changes, explaining to Council two choices available. Agreed unanimously to support Town Council East, which District Councillor Bryant would take forward. .4 County Councillor Bryant asked if Councillor Jones could sort out dates of future meetings with his fellow Chairman as there were already a number of meeting clashes making it difficult for District Councillors to attend, which would become more difficult when Unitary Council implemented.

Bryant

Clerk

Jones

Meeting closed at21.23Next meeting12th May 2008Lansdowne Hall Meeting Room.