

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday,  
7<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at Church House, Newport.**

**Present:**

Cllr A. Yarwood	(AY)	(Chairman)
Cllr P. Arscott	(PA)	
Cllr L. Baillie	(LB)	Cllr M.
Bowker	(MB)	
Cllr T. Denyer	(TD)	
Cllr A. Johnson	(AJ)	(Vice-Chairman)
Cllr C. Mitchell	(CM)	
Cllr M. Sell	(MS)	
Cllr J. Smith	(JS)	

**In attendance:**

C. Griffin	Clerk
J. Peachey	Treasurer
Dist Cllr P. Wilcock	(PW) (from C275)
One resident of Gilbey Green	

**09/C270 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr C. Gilbank.

**09/C271 To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the Agenda**

The following personal interests were declared: AY in C283 and 285, personal and prejudicial in C280; TD in C280, 285 and C286; LB in C290; AJ in C290; PA in 289; MB in C277 and C286; JS in C284, 288 and 289.

**09/C272 Public participation session (15 minutes available if required)**

The resident of Gilbey Green raised the following issues:

**Village Firework Display on 5<sup>th</sup> November**

The resident commented that, whilst we do not want to stop people enjoying themselves, the audio system and the fireworks were extremely noisy this year. Several members agreed.

The Chairman advised that the PC now have a representative who attends the Firework Committee meetings and all comments received on the event will be passed to this Committee.

#### Parking

The resident asked if cars are allowed to park on the pavement outside Dorringtons in the High Street. Members advised that cars have always parked in front of these

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premises, but they should not be parking on the pavement. Clerk will make enquiries regarding ownership.

Following a question concerning parking in Chalk Farm Lane, the PC confirmed that the waiting restriction has been implemented, apart from a small area by Briar Cottage, and as soon as the verge on the Eastern side is suitable for parking the PC will make a specific request to UDC for the restriction to be enforced.

The resident asked if it would be possible to extend the car park at the Railway Station. Members confirmed that the Area Station Manager from National Express attended the last full Council meeting and this has been raised with him. Clerk will report back as soon as a reply is received.

The resident pointed out that barriers have been placed on the pavement in Wicken Road today, but there are no signs. It is extremely dangerous at night as cars park on the pavement opposite which means residents have to walk in the road. Clerk will contact ECC and report back.

#### **09/C273 To approve and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2009.**

09/C263 to be amended to read "JS reported that the VJTMC has requested further support from the PC, up to £2,500, in order to submit an application to CIF for work on the walls and roof of the Bar"

Resolved that with this amendment the Chairman should sign the Minutes as approved.

Proposed: TD

Seconded: JS

All

agreed

#### **09/C274 Chairman's comments**

The Chairman reported that:



Proposed: JS  
agreed.

Seconded: LB

All

**09/C278 To finalise and approve Budgets and Reserves for 2010/11**

The total Budget of £72,340.00, details circulated by Treasurer prior to the meeting, was approved. It was acknowledged that there may need to be some re-allocation between Budgets during the year.

Proposed: AY  
agreed.

Seconded: JS

All

**09/C279 To approve the Precept for 2010/11**

It was agreed that the Precept should be set at £56,650.00 for 2010/11, an increase of 3%.

Proposed: AY  
agreed.

Seconded: JS

All

**09/C280 To receive an update on the proposed development at Jikes Hall (AJ took the Chair for this item)**

AY reported that the first meeting of the Steering Group, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November was quite positive. Representatives from the Youth Club, Scouts, Sports Committee, plus Cllr Ted Denyer and Cty Cllr Ray Gooding attended.

The proposed plans for the new development are acceptable to all parties. There will be one new building but the accommodation will comprise of two separate halls - one for the Scouts, and one for the Community which will be used by the Youth Club and any other groups. There will be three Budgets (Youth Club, Scouts and Joint).

The Scouts advised that in order to obtain funding they have to apply to their local Scouting Group, then to Essex and then the Headquarters of the Scouting Association. To date, no funds have been raised by the Scouts.

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AY advised that he would be proposing that the PC retains governance over the Youth Club operation.

**09/C281 To discuss business parking in the High Street**

JR had circulated a report on behalf of Newport Business Association prior to the meeting giving feedback on a recent survey of local business owners. It was agreed that the information obtained should be fed into the overall plan that is being handled by the Traffic Management Group.

It was suggested that hourly parking should be available at the Station car park. It was felt that local businesses require suitable parking facilities in close proximity to the High Street.

It was agreed by all members that there are no easy solutions to the parking problems but any ideas should be forwarded to TD, Chairman of the Traffic Management Group.

**09/C282 To receive a report on the current situation regarding the fund raising for the Defibrillator and consider a donation to cover the installation cost.**

JR circulated a report on behalf of the Newport Business Association prior to the meeting.

It was proposed that the PC should donate £270.00 to cover the cost of installing the Defibrillator.

Proposed: LB                      Seconded: CM                      (5 members  
in favour,

2 against, 1

abstention)

It was agreed that people who work in the village, as well as residents, should be made aware of this equipment.

**09/C282 To discuss Section 106 Payments**

PW advised that Section 106 payments can be requested for any items but the final agreement must specify what the funds are to be used for.

LB reported on information she has obtained from Bournemouth Borough Council which included funding for playground equipment.

Clerk raised this at the last Quality Council meeting and it is understood that one local council is currently drawing up a "wish list" in respect of 106 funding. Clerk will obtain further information.

It was agreed that a request for a Section 106 payment must be made when there are any new developments in the village.

**09/C284 To discuss several issues relating to Chalk Farm Lane (Fly tipping, parking and implementation of the waiting restriction)**

JS advised that the surface of the Byway in Chalk Farm Lane is extremely bad. It is believed this is the responsibility of the householders. Clerk will make further enquires with ECC.

JS reported that there is a considerable amount of rubbish near the old pits, on the left hand side of Chalk Farm Lane. JS will inspect and advise Clerk.

Clerk will give a further update on the waiting restriction/parking issues at the next meeting.

**09/C285 To receive an update on the triangle at Bridge End; consider quotation from NS Landscapes and responsibility for planting and maintenance in the future**

The triangle has now been kerbed and following consultation with Anne Hooper, ECC, the Rhustyphina present (alien species) needs to be removed and the soil levelled ready for planting. After this has been done the area should be maintained on a regular basis (an allowance has been made for this in the programme of work agreed with NS Landscapes for 2010).

AY advised that he understands that the residents are now happy with the new kerbing. They would like to see more trees and shrubs planted and have offered to look after the triangle in future.

MS has prepared a plan and it was agreed that this issue should be discussed further at the Facilities meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Clerk will keep residents informed.

**09/C286 To approve the appointment of Mrs Valerie Bright as Trustee to the Gaces Trust for a further four years.**

Proposed that Mrs Valerie Bright should be re-appointed as Trustee to the Gaces Trust for a further four years.

Proposed: AY                      Seconded: MS                      All agreed.

**09/C287 To discuss planning application UTT/1245/09/FUL, replacement dwelling at Eastwood, White Horse Lane**

Clerk to advise Planning Department, UDC, that the PC has no objections to the application, but request confirmation that the neighbouring properties have been informed.

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**09/C288 To receive a report on the Extraordinary Environment Meeting held at UDC on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2009**

JS attended the meeting and reported that a further consultation cycle will take place in January and March 2010 on new development in the Uttlesford district. In addition to Option 4, the consultation will include the three other options.

UDC is working on the basis that Stansted G1 will go ahead, but G2 is unlikely to go ahead until at least 2030. The impact of Option 4 on Newport would be 50 new houses, excluding exception sites for affordable housing.

It was stressed that it is extremely important that the consultation is handled properly. PW advised that there is a LDF Working Group that is concentrating on the consultation and they will ensure this is carried out correctly.

The Chairman pointed out that planning and development in Newport will be the main topic for our Annual Assembly in 2010. We need to consult with residents, obtain their views and respond to the consultations. All members agreed.

JS pointed out that comments made in response to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment would be helpful for this consultation. It was agreed that this will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

**09/C289 To receive a report on the Village Hall**

PA reported that the next major project would be replacing the windows. A grant of £11,500 has been obtained.

JS advised that the income and expenditure are almost in balance.

PA and JS will compile a list of outstanding items and establish how much money should be reserved for these. JS has pointed out that the VHTMC should be raising some funds for their reserves.

#### **09/C290 To receive a report on Neighbourhood Watch**

AJ reported that:

- The Chairman of the UDC Scrutiny Committee has added NhW to the next agenda.
- Members of the British Transport Police attended the NAP meeting last week.
- The next NhW meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- NhW Observer has been delivered. PC Newsletter is currently being finalised.

#### **09/C291 To receive reports from Dist Cllr P. Wilcock and Cty Cllr R. Gooding**

**Dist. Cllr P. Wilcock** reported that the Government Transport Committee has not supported the Stansted G2.

**Cty Cllr R. Gooding** was unable to attend.

#### **09/C292 Items for next Agenda**

Report on Meetings with NFGS and the Primary School.

Lack of enforcement by UDC.

Update on proposed development at Jikes Hall

To consider another children's playground in a different location.

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#### **09/C293 To discuss any Urgent matters of interest to the Parish**

C293.1 Clerk was requested to report the two large wooden structures that are currently being erected in White Horse Lane to the Enforcement team.

C293.2 AJ commented on the very good work carried out so far in the children's playground and thanked the members involved.

C293.3 PA asked if any progress has been made on the two empty properties in the village. PW said he is facing a lot of resistance but hopes to be in a position to report back in three months time.

C293.4 PA and PW will discuss the current situation regarding Community Speedwatch.

**09/C294 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm at Church House.

The Chairman wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked all members for their efforts throughout the year. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman for all his hard work.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.