

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 13 April 2011

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair),
Councillor K Astle,
Councillor J Astle,
Councillor S Greaves,
Councillor G Maiden,
Councillor V Mills,
Councillor T Munro,
Councillor D Potts,
Councillor G Webster,
Councillor J Clifton,
Councillor D McGregor
PCSO 4526 M Wardle,
6 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors I Whyles and R Turner.

2. Suspension of Standing Orders to permit a thirty minutes open forum for:

2.1 Members of the Parish Council and the public to discuss matters of importance with the County Councillor.

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.1.1 There appears to have been little done about the potholes around the village, particularly on High Street and Welbeck Street.
- 2.1.2 It has been reported that there is £30m available from the Coalfields Regeneration Fund for ex-mining areas.
- 2.1.3 A member of the public enquired why there was no County Council reported presented to the Parish meeting on 6 April.
- 2.1.4 The pavement on Hangar Hill (o/s the new development) has still not been attended to.
- 2.1.5 Cllr J Astle reported on a site meeting with Cllr Stevenson and Eileen Murphy (DCC). It would appear that the count of children, both in the morning and in the afternoon, "fell well short of the recommended criteria".

2.2 Members of the Parish Council and the public to discuss matters of importance with the police

PCSO Wardle reported on the number of crimes for March (26). He also reported that there will be a street party on 29 April, there had been thefts of flowers from the cemetery, there have been fires lit on Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground.

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.2.1 Litter, especially on Station Road, is becoming an increasing problem.
- 2.2.2 There are imminent plans for security fencing and CCTV at Armstrong Quarry.
- 2.2.3 The Chair reported that the residents of 3 and 3A George Inn Court would appreciate a visit from the police.
- 2.2.4 PCSP Wardle thought that the speed gun would be used on High Street on 14 April.
(PCSO Wardle left the meeting at 19:20)

2.3 Members of the public to discuss matters of importance with the Councillors present.

(Cllr Clifton left the meeting at 19:30).

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.3.1 A resident of Hodthorpe has asked if a vehicle hard-standing could be made at the rear of her property.
- 2.3.2 The Hodthorpe Community Association had organised a litter-pick two weeks ago and has asked if dog fouling notices could be placed on Green Lane.
- 2.3.3 There is an urgent need for litter bins to be placed inside the King Street Play Area.
- 2.3.4 Cllr McGregor thanked the Chair and members of the council for their courtesy to the Hodthorpe District Councillors over the past four years.
- 2.3.5 The litter-picker post in Whitwell had not been filled because of an embargo on filling vacancies at BDC. The litter bins were not emptied often enough.
- 2.3.6 The County Councillor has arranged for hand rails to be erected on Worksop Road near the junction with High Street.
(Cllrs Clifton and McGregor left the meeting at 19:26)
- 2.3.7 The marking of lamp columns (for the monitoring of HGV height) could not be carried out without the permission of DCC.
- 2.3.8 It was regretted that the Playscheme Management Committee had not been consulted before the budget was reduced.
- 2.3.9 It was asked whether the files placed on the Council's website could be in pdf. format.
- 2.3.10 The seat on the A616 had now been fitted.
- 2.3.11 It was reported that BT had included Whitwell in their planned broadband upgrade.

3. Resumption of Standing Orders

It was resolved to resume Standing Orders.

4. Consideration of matters arising from Items 2.1 to 2.3 above

The Clerk is to communicate as follows:-

DCC – items 2.1.1, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.1.5 and 2.3.6 above.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 March 2011.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly, subject to:-

Page 1, item 2.1 change 10011 to 2011,
Page 1, item 2.1.7, change road to wall,

Page 2, item 2.3.10, change expect to expected,
 Page 2, add item 2.3.11. A seat was required on the A616.
 Page 5, item 17, change 2001 to 2011.

6. Matters Arising from Item 5.

Page 1, item 2.1.1, the interactive road sign is still not operating.
 Page 3, item 7, the Chair reported that the minutes of the Playscheme Management Cttee had shown that Cllr Munro had not attended a meeting since July 2010.
 Page 4, item 16, Some bedding plants had been ordered, some of which could be used in the flower tubs and placed in the surrounds of the Community Centre.

7. Accounts for approval and payment

The following accounts were approved for payment and the cheques duly signed.

| Cheque No. | Payee | Goods/Service | Amount |
|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 103254 | Bolsover District Council | Investment | 15000.00 |
| 103255 | Hodthorpe & Belph PC | Vesting of assets (on account) | 8000.00 |
| 103256 | Inland Revenue | Tax & NI to 31.03.11 | 1922.82 |
| 103257 | Derbyshire County Council | Superann to 31.03.11 | 1431.73 |
| 103258 | Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd | Cem Contract March 2011 | 1200.00 |
| 103259 | Allcocks Wood Products Ltd | Fencing | 795.33 |
| 103260 | D Steels | Fencing Bakestone Moor | 759.60 |
| 103261 | Whitwell Community Centre | Photocopier & Stationery | 737.52 |
| 103262 | DALC | Subscription | 704.26 |
| 103263 | Planterior Landscape Services | Contract Mar 11 | 582.50 |
| 103264 | Viking Direct | Stationery | 578.67 |
| 103265 | Whitwell Against Alkane | S137 grant | 500.00 |
| 103266 | Derbyshire County Council | Playscheme room rental | 209.65 |
| 103267 | Bolsover District Council | CAN, NNDR & Licence fee | 155.36 |
| 103268 | Whitwell After School Club | P Cash for Playscheme | 150.00 |
| 103269 | SLCC-CiLCA Management | Registration | 150.00 |
| 103270 | Baker Ross Ltd | Playscheme equipment | 135.12 |
| 103271 | Whitwell Branch RBL | S137 grant | 116.00 |
| 103272 | Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd | Various | 100.23 |
| 103273 | NSLAG | Subscription | 66.00 |
| 103274 | T&GWU | Union Subs to 31.03.11 | 56.39 |
| 103275 | Information Commissioner | Data Protection Renewal | 35.00 |
| 103276 | Severn Trent Water | Cemetery/Workshop water | 29.82 |
| | | | 33416.00 |

8. Correspondence

The list of correspondence not requiring a decision was made available to members.

It was **resolved** to deal with the following items of correspondence as follows:-

- 8.1 Notes of the meeting between representatives of WPC and H&BPC – approved. (Also approved by the representatives of H&BPC).
- 8.2 M J Carter Associates – Diversion of FP51 (links) – noted.
- 8.3 Welbeck Estates (email) – Hodthorpe allotments – it was confirmed that the Hodthorpe Bridge Allotments land formed part of the lease with Welbeck Estates.
- 8.4 DCC (email) – Hillside footway – Clerk to reply.

9. Planning Matters

(Cllr Webster declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

The following applications were considered:

- 9.1 11/00090/FUL – no objections. (Cllrs J and K Astle declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
- 9.2 11/00094/LBC – no objections.
- 9.3 11/00108/LBC – no objections.
- 9.4 11/00131/TPO – no objections.
- 9.5 11/00139/FUL – no objections. (Cllrs G and S Maiden declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
- 9.6 11/00150/FUL – no objections.
- 9.7 11/00167/TCON - no objections.

10. Progress Reports

Bakestone Moor Allotments – it was reported that the drive needs repairing. An offer for free of charge hard core had been received and the use of a JCB for £100 had been offered. It was **resolved** to accept these offers.

11. Annual Financial Risk Assessment.

This item was referred from the February and March meetings.

Cllr G Maiden explained the process for assessing risks.

It was **resolved** to approve the current Financial Risk assessment Report and to set up a “workshop” after the elections in May to discuss and assess the Council’s financial risks.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting (AGM) will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 18 May 2011.

13. Suspension of Standing Orders to permit a fifteen minute open forum for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting

- 13.1 A member of the public asked why 40 tons of hardcore was needed to surface the Bakestone Moor allotment drive.
- 13.2 A member of the public asked what the criteria are for planning applications within a conservation area.

- 13.3 A member of the public asked what the criteria are for election nominations.
- 13.4 The Chair explained the current situation regarding the negotiations for the lease of WCC.

14. Resolution to exclude members of the public and press in order to discuss items of a confidential nature.

The Chair gave an update on the current situation, as he understood it, on the land which is the subject of the Alkane planning application. The owner of the land (EMDA) has suggested that the value is in excess of £200K.

The Chair suggested that the purchase of the land by a third party would stop the development.

The Clerk explained the position regarding the parish council obtaining a loan to purchase the land, the repayments being approximately £16K to £20K per annum, depending on the method of repayment. It could also cost anything up to £3500 to have the land valued which would be necessary for borrowing approval.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk writes to H&BPC, Creswell Parish Council, BDC and Whitwell Against Alkane to invite representatives to a meeting on 27 April to discuss the options.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:26.

Signed Chairman

Date

Abbreviations used:

Cllr – Councillor,
HGV – heavy goods vehicle,
BDC – Bolsover District Council,
PC – personal computer,
Superann – Superannuation,
Subs – Subscriptions,
T&GWU – Transport and General Workers Union,
DCC – Derbyshire County Council,
SLCC – Society of Local Council Clerks,
DEFRA – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,
DoT – Department of Transport
PCT Primary Care Trust,
CCTV – Closed Circuit Television,
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils,
NALC – National Association of Local Councils.
ASBO – Anti-Social Behaviour Order.
CAN - Community Action Network.
ODPM – Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.
WCC – Whitwell Community Centre,
WCCMC – Whitwell Community Centre Management Committee,
C&DCT – Clowne and District Community Transport,
DET – Derbyshire Environmental Trust,
BLSP – Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership.
CRB – Criminal Record Bureau
PCSO – Police Community Support Officer.
LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme.
ASC – After School Club.
DCLG – Department of Communities and Local Government.
IT – Information Technology.
NEDDC – North East Derbyshire District Council.
H&BPC-Hodthorpe and Belpth Parish Council