

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 11 April 2012

### Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair)  
Councillor S Frow  
Councillor G Webster  
Councillor J Raspin  
Councillor S Ellis  
District Councillor D Kerr  
PCSO Suzanne from Clowne  
12 members of the public.

The Chairman introduced Mrs N Woolley, the new Clerk to the Council, and thanked Mr Woodcock for his work whilst he was Clerk. Mr Woodcock was now present as the RFO. Chairman thanked them both for their attendance.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr V Mills, whose boiler was being repaired, Cllr T Munro, who was on holiday and County Councillor K Stevenson. Apologies were accepted.

### 2. It was resolved to suspend 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.

Cllr Stevenson was not present so the Chairman asked if there were any issues that the Parish Council or public would like to raise.

The following issues were raised:-

2.1.1 The kerb around the cenotaph has not been repaired.

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

The PCSO from Clowne reported on the crime figures for March (13). She also gave an update on the action which they are taking regarding anti-social behaviour. They are targeting youths at weekends, nuisance letters have been sent out and Bolsover District Council have produced a leaflet for parents. She informed that a request for the speed gun has been made.

The following issues were raised:-

2.2.1 Cllr Frow informed that a window had been smashed at the Community Centre on Good Friday by a youth playing football in the yard and she wanted to know what the police were doing about the situation. PCSO replied that they need as much information from the community on these incidents as possible for them to be able to build up files on individuals, with contact details etc. They have approached youth services but, due to funding, this is not available. A youth club could

be started with the participation of parents and the Clerk confirmed that one parent had already left their contact details with her.

- 2.2.2 Has a letter had been sent to the Commander? Mr Woodcock confirmed that this had been sent.
- 2.2.3 Could we be informed about what evidence the CAN Rangers have. PCSO agreed to make PC F Taylor and PCSO K Lee aware of this request.
- 2.2.4 People are parking their vehicles on the pavement at the bottom end of Southfield Lane just below Hunters Park (Middlegate Field Drive). PCSO agreed to pass on this information.
- 2.2.5 The Bridge Close cul-de-sac is congested with cars and a member of their family has difficulty getting round.
- 2.2.6 There are problems on Hillside with parked cars.

(PCSO left the meeting)

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 One of the street name signs which had been fitted at The Green was missing. Cllr G Webster informed that it had not been correctly fitted, it is at present in someone's garage and that it will be fitted correctly by the Council's workmen.
- 2.3.2 There had been no further contact made by Alkane.
- 2.3.3 Cllr G Webster yesterday received official confirmation for the Enterprise Zone at Markham Vale and tabled a copy for each councillor.
- 2.3.4 5 members of the public asked if the Parish Council could provide a skate park. Cllr S Maiden informed that the Council had received a letter from another parishioner requesting a skate park; he has been invited to our next initiatives group meeting and has been asked to give his ideas on what he would like to see and where he would like it to be built. Cllr Maiden informed that due to limited funding being available only the most desirable pieces of equipment might be purchased. They also asked whether it was possible for us to get Extreme Wheels to come to the village. Cllr Maiden said that the initiatives committee would have to discuss this possibility. They all agreed to come back to another meeting.
- 2.3.5 The possibility of using a Section 137 grant to pay for transport to take children to Sheffield was raised.
- 2.3.6 Cllr D Kerr informed that he has put together an Awards for All application for Hodthorpe for 30 sessions of Extreme Wheels for £10,000.
- 2.3.7 Cllr D Kerr informed that the Homes and Communities Agency has valued the proposed Alkane site at £150,000. Cllr Maiden suggested that it could be a potential "air soft" site.
- 2.3.8 The woods at Bakestone Moor rec. were suggested as a BMX track site. Cllr S Maiden said that there is potential there for a track amongst the trees.
- 2.3.9 An item in the accounts for allotment fencing was queried. Mr Woodcock explained that a length of fencing at Mill Lane allotments had been replaced.
- 2.3.10 The dog bins on the quarry footpath are overflowing with bags on the floor. Cllr G Webster informed that he has discussed this with Adie Lowery this week.

### **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**

It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to CAN to find out what they are doing about the anti-social behaviour in the community.

## 5 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 14 March 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

## 6 Matters Arising from Item 5

- 6.1 Item 2.3.2 – BDC have litter-picked the area and filled 20 bags.
- 6.2 Item 6 – The Clerk informed that she has spoken to Victoria Sparkes, Fire Safety Officer, Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service, who said she would attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 April.
- 6.3 Item 10 – Lone Worker Policy not yet completed.
- 6.4 Item 12.4 – Cllr S Frow informed that there are volunteers from the school and that DCC have people who will train volunteers, carry out CRB checks etc. and could provide a youth bus. Cllr Raspin raised that a management committee would be required. It was **resolved** that the Clerk write to the Youth Services.
- 6.5 Item 17 – Cllr G Webster informed that he has confirmed with Mike Gibson that he will attend our meeting on 13 June to give a presentation and he has made the relevant arrangements.
- 6.6 Item 17 – Cllr J Raspin reported that she had spent a day at the Easter playscheme and it had been brilliant, well attended and well organised.
- 6.7 Item 17 – Cllr J Raspin raised that attendance at the Nottsports event had been arranged at short notice. She suggested that Councillors should have been e-mailed to inform them. Cllr S Maiden informed that he has arranged for them to do a presentation at 7.00 pm on 17 April at the Friendship Hall and has asked for the presentation to be for us and he would like to ask the Parish Council what their questions would be. Cllr D Kerr was asked to inform H&BPC of the presentation, inviting them to attend.

## 7 Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103432	Whitwell Community Centre	Various	6964.49
103433	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 31.03.12	1526.12
103434	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI to 31.03.12	1394.99
103435	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Cemetery Contract Mar 12	1200.00
103436	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract Mar 2012/Trees	624.50
103437	Office Depot	Stamps	246.00
103438	Bolsover District Council	CAN & Licence Fee	135.00
103439	Baker Ross Ltd	Playscheme Equipment	113.34
103440	S Hardie	Newsletter delivery	85.00
103441	The Whole Kaboodle Ltd	Playscheme Equipment	76.62
103442	NSLAG	Subscription	66.00
103443	Severn Trent Water	Store/Workshop water	64.14
103444	T&GWU	Union Subs to 31.03.12	60.92
103445	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Renewal	35.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b><u>12,592.12</u></b>

## 8 Financial Reports

The RFO presented the Payroll Report for the period to 31 March 2012. Items 8, 12 & 45 had gone over 100%. Some of the names have been removed and would not appear on the next report and 4 new members of playscheme staff would appear on the next report.

It was **resolved** to accept the report.

Mr B Woodcock left the meeting.

## 9 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:-

- 9.1 E-mail reply from Jessamine Gilchrist, Street Scene Manager, Community and Street Services, Bolsover District Council about litter picking in Whitwell. It was **resolved** that the Clerk would write to request them to switch our collection from Friday's to Monday's, as our litter problem commences on a Friday when they have gone.
- 9.2 E-mail from Dan Whyles, Business Development Manager, Planterior Landscape Services Ltd. It was **resolved** that another notice be placed on the cemetery notice board respectfully asking people to dispose of their litter in the correct bins.

Cllr S Ellis said that he was interested in the BDC Street Sports Diversionary Outreach Programme 2012/13. Cllr G Webster agreed to speak Jenny Carter, the Senior Sport Development Officer tomorrow to ask if we could still register an interest. It was **resolved** that Clerk would write to register our interest, if this was still possible.

## 10 Planning Matters

(Cllr Webster declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion).

There were no applications to be considered:

## 11. Progress Reports

Initiatives/Funding Groups - Cllr S Ellis said that we could possibly consider providing a mountain bike track ourselves and he would be discussing this at the next meeting.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on Wednesday 9 May at 7.00 pm.

## 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 The last time something was put in the woods at Bakestone Moor rec. it was taken away. Cllr S Maiden informed that it was taken away because it had been placed there without permission.
- 13.2 The area near the big tree on Bakestone Moor rec. was suggested for the skate park.
- 13.3 The vandalism of the current play equipment has to be paid for out of the Parish Council funds and parents' pockets and that the equipment needs to be respected.

13.4 Whitwell Parish Council charges the most money and other Parish Councils have skate parks. Cllr S Maiden explained how funding has been given to other villages.

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

It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr S Maiden reported that the part-time handyperson had now left our employment. Himself and Cllr S Frow have shortlisted approx. 12 applicants for interview. The current contract does include keeping tidy the memorial garden and the community centre garden. A budget for a gardener has already been earmarked and he asked for the Parish Council's view on the possibility of including the gardener post with the part-time handyperson post, which would increase the hours of this post. There being no objections to this possibility it was **resolved** that the posts could be combined.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

Abbreviations used:

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