

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 10 August 2011

### Present:

Councillor S Frow (in the chair),  
Councillor V Mills,  
Councillor T Munro,  
Councillor J Raspin,  
Councillor G Webster,  
Councillor K Stevenson,  
PC 1893 F Taylor,  
PCSO 4526 M Wardle,  
7 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Burdett, S Ellis, S Maiden and D Kerr.

### 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.**

Cllr Stevenson reported on the following:

A site visit which had been arranged with the DCC Cabinet Member at High Street to consider the HGV problem had been postponed at the last minute. It is to be re-arranged.

The DCC current administration is proposing to cut the gritting vehicle fleet from 47 to 25.

There are proposals to save energy costs by switching street lighting off – several options are available including selective lamp columns, selective areas and a reduction in lighting times.

The following issues were raised:

- 2.1.1 The installation of a handrail and tactile paving at the junction of High Street and Worksop Road has been postponed due to financial cuts. It is still in the programme.
- 2.1.2 There are too many vehicles mounting the pavement on High Street. Cllr Stevenson reported that bollards are not an option anymore.
- 2.1.3 There are plans to give finance to local farmers to help with gritting.
- 2.1.4 Station Road to the junction with the A60 is not suitable for HGVs. It was reported that High Street from its junction with Worksop Road to The Square is an unclassified highway.

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

PC Taylor reported on the number of reported crimes in Whitwell during July (17).

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.2.1 There was a recent party at the Middle Club at which it was apparent that underage drinking of alcohol was taking place.
- 2.2.2 The C.A.N. Rangers are apparently unaware of the recent incidences of vandalism at the recreation grounds. The Clerk disputed this as he had been told that CAN had been made aware of the situation at the recent Gala.
- 2.2.3 It was thought that the times for the police surgery are too early.  
(The police officers left the meeting at 19:42).

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 It was reported that the BDC Street Cleaner post is not to be filled due to the current recruitment embargo.
- 2.3.2 It was reported that the Land Registry had been informed that the land of the former Thackers Garage will be put into administration.
- 2.3.3 It will be the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and it would be appropriate to celebrate the event.
- 2.3.4 It was reported that there were inaccuracies in Cllr Kerr's latest newsletter.  
(Cllr Stevenson left the meeting at 19:55).

### **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** to communicate with the following on the issues stated:

BDC Can Rangers – item 2.2.2 above.  
BDC – item 2.3.1 above.  
(Celebration for the Queens Diamond Jubilee to be an agenda item for September).

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

### **6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 8**

Page 1, item 2.3.1 – the land in question belongs to BDC.  
Page 2, item 2.3.3 – this is not the responsibility of WPC and does not warrant further discussion.  
Page 3, item 10.1 – the work is still awaited.

### **7. Quality Council Accreditation**

The Clerk had circulated the requested information regarding the required criteria.

The Cllr Maiden had proposed that the Council strive towards Quality Council Accreditation by April 2013 and had submitted a paper in support. It was felt that there was merit in the proposal although an earlier date was thought more appropriate.

I was **resolved** to strive towards Quality Council Accreditation to be achieved by 30 September 2012.

**8. Cemetery Contract 2012-2014 – Proposal to Change Contract Basis**

The Chair proposed that this item be taken under item 18 (Confidential Items).

It was **resolved** accordingly.

**9. Approval/Rejection of Non-Standard Memorial in Cemetery.**

The Clerk had discovered that a cremation memorial had recently been placed in the cemetery without prior approval. On further investigation it was found that the memorial was not in accordance with the current policy. He had circulated photographs to enable the Council to make a decision. He recommended approval.

It was **resolved** to approve the memorial.

**10. Bakestone Moor Community Hall – Responsibility for Repairs and On-going Maintenance.**

Cllr Frow was concerned at the quantity of maintenance/repair work which was apparently necessary at the Bakestone Moor Community Hall and the fact that a survey had not been carried out prior to purchase. She asked that the Council accepts responsibility for the work whilst running costs would remain with the Management Committee.

It was **resolved** to agenda the item for the next meeting at which costs would be submitted and that the work on the new doors and the roof be carried out as soon as possible.

**11. Accounts for approval and payment**

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

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods/Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
103325	Derbyshire County Council	Superann for July 11	1602.87
103326	Inland Revenue	PAYE for July 11	1499.06
103327	Turner & Wilson	Cemetery contract	1200.00
103328	Wilsons	Hanging Baskets	1167.36
103329	Valuation Office Agency	Land valuation	984.00
103330	Planterior Landscape Serv Ltd	Contract July 11	582.50
103331	Whitwell Community Centre	Fire escape	105.00
103332	T & GWU	Union Subs for July 11	52.66
103333	Ofsted	Childcare fee	50.00
103334	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Various	24.76
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>7268.21</u></b>

**12. Financial Reports**

The Clerk presented the Payroll and Budget Monitoring Reports for the period to 31 July 2011.

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

**13. 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:-

- 13.1 DALC – Voting paper for one vacancy for the Executive Committee – record the council’s vote in favour of Cllr Maiden.
- 13.2 Elmton with Creswell Parish Council – support requested for objection to removal of Sunday service on the Robin Hood rail line – support the request.
- 13.3 Larfarge Aggregates – Gates/barriers for diverted bridleway route – agree to option 3 (horse stile and motor cycle inhibitor).
- 13.4 RTC Safety Surfaces Ltd – quotation for replacement of damaged safety surface – accept the quotation.
- 13.5 Mr T Bartle – request for support for introduction of prohibition of HGVs passing through the village during the hours of 19:00 and 7:00 – it was felt that the Council could not request a prohibition order in case of undermining the efforts carried out and being carried out by Cllr Stevenson.
- 13.6 BDC – Proposed new Housing Target for Bolsover District – supported.

#### **14. Planning Matters**

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

The following applications were considered:

- 14.1 DCC CM5/0311/190 – Approval of retrospective application for the importation of natural gas and the installation of a structure to house the supply valve and meter box at former Whitwell Colliery Southfield Lane – noted.
- 14.2 11/00320/LBC – no objections.

(Cllr Webster returned to the meeting).

#### **15. Progress Reports**

Parish Plans and Funding Groups – Cllr Munro reported that a joint meeting of the Groups had been held to discuss, in particular, funding streams. A questionnaire had been drawn up for parishioners to communicate their ideas. The questionnaire will be circulated with the next Newsletter.

Playscheme – Cllr Frow reported on yet another successful Playscheme which is due to end on 12 August. A parent had requested permission to contact the local press to inform them how good the Playscheme is.

#### **16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 14 September 2011 at 19:00.

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

- 17.1 A query on the payment to BDC was answered by the Clerk.
- 17.2 The “Planning for Real” process was suggested for inclusion in the parish future plans.
- 17.3 The questionnaire appeared to be aimed at the young.
- 17.4 The bridleway gates/barriers all have their own advantages and disadvantages.
- 17.5 Can any new play equipment be fenced and locked at night?

**18. 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.

**Cemetery Contract 2012-2014 – Proposal to Change Contract Basis.**

The Clerk had circulated a paper from Cllr S Maiden who proposed that the Council negotiate a change in the basis of the cemetery contract so that the contractor would have sole responsibility for grave digging and collection and receiving of burial fees with the Council receiving a nominal fee along with the fee for memorials. If the proposal was to be accepted the Clerk recommended that Financial Regulation 10 be waived to allow for the negotiation of the contract with the current contractor.

It was **resolved** to accept the proposal in principle and appoint a committee, consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Cllrs Mills and Munro to negotiate with the current contractor after the inaugural meeting.

Cllr Webster reported on his thoughts for the future of street cleaning.

It was **resolved** to agenda this item for the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.55.

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.  
VOA – Valuation Office Agency.