

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
held at Whitwell Community Centre
at 19.00 on Wednesday 8 February 2012

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (in the Chair),
Councillor J Burdett,
Councillor S Ellis,
Councillor S Frow,
Councillor V Mills,
Councillor T Munro,
Councillor J Raspin,
Councillor G Webster,
Councillor K Stevenson (DCC),
Councillor D Kerr (BDC),
PC 1893 F Taylor,
10 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

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 reported:

The DCC budget for 2012/13 will be a zero increase on the current year and in so doing the County Council will be able to claim a £7m grant from the Government. However, there is likelihood that there will be 2000 job losses up to 2015. Services which are to be cut include Highways (£2m), Youth Services (£800K) and Elderly Day Care (£1.5m).

Cllr Stevenson referred to a site meeting on High Street with the DCC Cabinet Member and officers regarding HGVs. Following that site meeting he was invited to a meeting at County Hall in which he made suggestions which he thought would alleviate the problem somewhat. However, all of these suggestions were rejected except resurfacing the carriageway and erecting interactive speed signs.

The following issues were raised:

- 2.1.1 Who will be looking after the interests of the youth in future?
- 2.1.2 High Street was gritted last week followed by the sweeper the following day!
- 2.1.3 The report on HGVs from DCC contains many spurious arguments.
- 2.1.4 The footpath from Welbeck Street to the Recreation Ground is the responsibility of DCC.

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

PCSO Lee reported on the crime figures for January (14).

The following issues were raised:

- 2.2.1 There had been severe problems at the Community Centre lately with youths using foul and abusive language, damage and generally noise and nuisance. All incidents had been reported to the police.

(PC Taylor left at 19:46)

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 A road sign on Fox Road was missing.
2.3.2 The road signs on The Green should be fitted next week.
2.3.3 The dog fouling on Welbeck Street had been cleared by BDC.
2.3.4 The BDC revenue budget proposes no increase for 2012/13 but housing rents will rise by an average of 9%.
2.3.5 The Homes and Communities Agency is open to offers for the sale of their land ("Alkane" site) in Southfield Lane.
2.3.6 RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) is missing from the definitions list at the end of each set of minutes.

(Cllr Stevenson left the meeting at 19:54).

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 would be useful to obtain a copy of the HGV report from DCC.

PC staff have the right to be protected whilst on duty (agenda for next meeting and ask Centre Manager to contact the Community Safety Officer).

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2012 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting subject to:

Page 2, item 7, 4th line – add £184005 after the word "now".

6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 5

Page 2, item 2.4.1 – BDC is to include finance for the land at the New St/Bakestone Moor junction in 2012/13 budget.

Page 2, item 4 – Invite the Fire Safety Officer to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Page 2, item 4 – ask BDC to send list of housing vacancies.

Page 2, item 6 – Cllr Webster gave an update on the Thackers Garage situation.

7. Training – Statement of Intent.

The Clerk presented for approval a Training Statement of Intent which is required for a successful application for Quality Status.

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

8. Provision of Grit Bins

The Clerk reported that he had submitted a bid to DCC for the provision of two grit bins in 2012/2013.

It was **resolved** to approve this action.

9. Audio Recording of Meetings.

It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow the public to participate in this debate.

A request was made by a member of the public to be allowed to audio record the proceedings of meetings.

It was **resolved** to resume Standing Orders.

It was **resolved** not to audio record meetings.

10. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103400	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 31.01.12	1602.87
103401	Inland Revenue	PAYE to 31.01.12	1410.92
103402	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Contract to 31.01.12	1200.00
103403	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract to 31.01.12	582.50
103404	Whitwell Community Centre	Stationery etc	260.68
103405	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Conference	238.80
103406	King Forestry & Tree Care	Removal of tree - Jub Gd	150.00
103407	Bolsover District Council	C.A.N.	125.00
103408	Office Depot	Stationery	70.03
103409	T & GWU	Union Subs to 31.01.12	56.90
103410	B Woodcock	Travel allowance	29.75
103411	CPRE	Subscription	29.00
103412	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Xmas Lights	5.70
	Total		<u>5762.15</u>

11. Financial Reports

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report for the period to 31 January 2012..

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

12. 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:-

- 12.1 Mr D Drabble, VOSA – email regarding future action – noted.
- 12.2 Matt Bennett – request to use Welbeck Street Recreation Ground for charity event on 6 May 2012 – accede to the request.
- 12.3 DCC – consultation on the future of Youth Services – agenda for the next meeting.
- 12.4 DCC – Youth Services Stakeholder Events – noted.
- 12.5 Mr E Robinson – request to reduce the cemetery fee for replacement memorial and for two additional urns to be buried in same plot – accede to renovation of stone without charge and inform Mr Robinson that there is physically not room for two more urn burials in the same plot.

13. Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

- DCC CM5/0112/137 – no objections.
- 12/00029/DETT56 – no objections.
- 12/00030/DETT56 – no objections.
- 12/00031/DETT56 – no objections.
- 12/00037/FUL – no objections.
- 12/00038/FUL – no objections.
- 12/00039/FUL – no objections.

(Cllr Webster returned to the meeting).

14. Progress Reports

Playscheme – the advertisement has been placed for 4 new staff for 2012.

Parish Councils Liaison Group – Cllr Munro reported on his attendance at the meeting at which the Chief Executive of the Two Shires Credit Union spoke. The Credit Union were encouraging PCs to provide facilities for a collection point. Cllr Munro asked that the subject be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Initiatives/Funding Groups – the Chair reported that the Groups had identified some facilities and had made enquiries about funding.

Cemetery – the Chair reported on the agreement with H&BPC to form a Joint Cemetery Committee.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 14 March 2012 at 19:00.

16. It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to permit a fifteen minute open forum for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting

- 16.1 Are there any records kept of the filling of grit bins in the area?
- 16.2 It was noted that Sky are providing broadband in the area.
- 16.3 It was thought that the decision not to allow the audio recording of meetings was disappointing.
- 16.4 It was thought that the Council should write to the Police Divisional Commander regarding the problems at the Community Centre.
- 16.5 The Council needs to respond to the DCC report on HGVs.

17. 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.

There were no matters to discuss.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.45.

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.
WPC – Whitwell Parish Council.
H&BPC – Hodthorpe and Belpth Parish Council.
DCLG – Department of Communities and Local Government.
IT – Information Technology.
VOA – Valuation Office Agency.
NED – North East Derbyshire District Council.
VOSA – Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.
RFO - Responsible Financial Officer.