

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 11 January 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,
PCSO 4549 K Lee,
Mr A Morley, Community Rail Officer, DCC
14 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

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

2.1 Mr A Morley, DCC Community Rail Officer

Mr Morley introduced himself and briefly described his role. Community Rail Partnerships have existed for about 15 years, working closely with the rail companies and Town/Parish Councils, and attempt to involve the local community in increasing the profile of local services and infrastructure.

This year passenger numbers have increased by about 15% on the Robin Hood line and the aim is to introduce partnerships to help increase this even further.

East Midlands Trains would like local people to become "Station Adopters" to pass information back to the Company about any issues/problems.

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

Cllr Stevenson reported:

There were two fatalities over the Christmas period due to fires and he stressed the importance of having regular checks made on smoke detection alarms.

A recent Cabinet Report at DCC indicated that there would be drastic expenditure cuts in the Youth Service.

The following issues were raised:

2.2.1 The footpath at the junction of Hangar Hill and The Green had still not been made up.

2.2.2 The cost to the PC of a grit bin would be £259. However, DCC have a current scheme whereby a full grit bin will be provided free of charge (the PC would be responsible for maintaining the sock of grit thereafter. It would cost about £75 to re-fill the grit bin.

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

PCSO Lee reported on the crime figures for December (16). She also reported on some of the latest crimes and arrests.

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.4.1 The land (in BDC ownership) at the junction of New Street and Bakestone Moor is in urgent need of maintenance.
- 2.4.2 The footpath leading from Welbeck Street to the Recreation Ground is in need of repair.
- 2.4.3 The PC has established Working Groups to look at potential projects and funding opportunities.
- 2.4.4 BDC is changing the social housing letting list scheme to a Choice Base Scheme whereby prospective tenants will be required to bid for a particular tenancy.
- 2.4.5 The agenda for the January meeting on the website is incorrect.
- 2.4.6 It is now six months since Audio Recording of Meetings was debated and it was wished that this could be on the agenda for the February meeting.

3. Resumption of Standing Orders

It was resolved to resume Standing Orders.

4. Consideration of matters arising from Items 2.1 to 2.4 above

It would be useful to invite the Fire Safety Officer to a future meeting.

It would be valuable to ask BDC to provide the weekly BDC lettings choices in order that they can be advertised at the Community Centre.

Audio Recording of the Minutes to be on the agenda for the February meeting.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 14 December 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 5

Page 2, item 2.3.1 – Cllr Munro did not consider that the roof of Thackers Garage was “sound”.

Page 3. Item 10 – defer the Joint Initiatives/Funding Group to 23 January.

7. Approval of Minutes of the Budget held on 4 January 2012.

The Clerk reported that the current contract for hanging baskets had one more year to run. It was, therefore, necessary to add a further £1218 to Budget Head 5C.

It was **resolved** to add £1218 to Budget Head 5C and not to reduce other Heads. The amended precept is now £184005.

(An amendment to reduce Budget Head 7E (New Projects) by £1000 was defeated).

It was **resolved** to add a new resolution item 3.11 as follows: "A Budget Head for road grit of £100 for the replenishment of grit bins provided free by DCC was not approved"

Subject to the above, the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Meeting held on 4 January were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting and the recommendations regarding the precept for 2012/2013 were approved.

8. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103394	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 31.12.11	1602.87
103395	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI to 31.12.11	1553.29
103396	Turner & Wilson	Cemetery Contract Dec	1200.00
103397	Planterior Landscape Services	Grass Cutting Dec 11	582.50
103398	T & GWU	Union Subs to 31.12.11	56.90
103399	B Woodcock	50% Internet Security	49.98
	Total		<u>5045.54</u>

9. Financial Reports

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report for the period to 31 December 2011.

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

10. 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:-

10.1 H&BPC – Acceptance of Joint Cemetery Committee proposals – arrange the inaugural Joint Cemetery Committee meeting for 19:00 on 1 February at Bakestone Moor Community Hall

10.2 VOSA – HGV Site Meeting – arrange a site meeting with Mr D Drabble for 6:00 on 23 January 2012.

10.3 BDC – Infrastructure Study and Delivery Plan – Councillors to check the accuracy and report any discrepancies to the Clerk.

11. Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

11.1 11/00616/FUL – no objections.

11.2 CW5/1211/124 – no objections

(Cllr Webster returned to the meeting).

12. Progress Reports

Playscheme – it will be necessary to appoint 2 new staff for 2012.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 8 February 2012 at 19:00.

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

14.1 Members of the public were delighted that VOSA had agreed to a site meeting.

14.2 An update on Thackers Garage site was requested – Cllr Webster informed that meeting that BDC are preparing the papers this week.

14.3 Cllr Stevenson informed the meeting that a bid for grits bins needs to be made as early as possible for next winter.

14.4 The budget of £300 for the website was considered to be excessive if just for hosting.

14.5 It would be useful to know the split of water charges between allotments and the cemetery.

14.6 WPC currently has no grit bins apart from a stone one on High Street which is not maintained by DCC (due to there being one on the opposite side of the road).

15. 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.

The Clerk reported that there had been one expression of interest from staff for the new post of Clerk and one for the new post of RFO.

It was **resolved** that Mrs N Woolley be appointed to the post of Clerk and that Mr B Woodcock be appointed to the post of RFO to take effect from 1 April 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22.00.

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.
NED – North East Derbyshire District Council.
VOSA – Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.