

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (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,
Councillor D Kerr,
PCSO 4549 K Lee,
7 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair read a note from Mrs G Bartle regarding the HGV problems in the village.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

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 outlined his efforts over the years in support of alleviating the pollution and nuisance problems caused by HGVs and said that it was unfair to say that councillors had done nothing. (Other members present also thought it unfair to accuse councillors of lack of action).

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

The following issues were raised:-

PCSO Lee reported that a weekly operation to check on HGVs will be carried out in August. She also reported on the number of reported crimes in the village during the last month (19).

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

The following items were raised:-

2.3.1 The land adjacent to the Health Centre had not been planted this year.

2.3.2 The garden at New Street also looks unkempt.

- 2.3.3 Cllr Kerr indicated that he intended to raise several questions of the Leader at the BDC meeting on 20 July including why approximately £1 in every £5 of taxpayers' money is paid to councillors in the form of allowances and why, when all other areas of expenditure (including salaries and wages) has been cut, councillor allowances remains at the same level.
- 2.3.4 There has been a gas leak in the highway on Welbeck Street which is being attended to.
- 2.3.5 The council bungalows at Bakestone Moor are scheduled to have kitchen improvements within the next 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** to communicate with the following on the issues stated:

Mr T & Mrs G Bartle – item 2.1 above.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8 June 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting, subject to:

Page 1, title – delete “Annual General”.

Page 1, item 2.1 second line - change “Al” to “All”.

Page 2, item - change “Raspin” to “Burdett”.

Page 4, item 18, second paragraph – correct spelling of “reported”

6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 8

Page 1, item 2.2.3 – it would appear that vandalism and damage incidents have increased due to the “immigration” of people from Creswell.

Page 1, item 2.3.1 – Cllr Webster reported that there had been some interest in the “Thackers Garage” land.

Page 2, item 2.3.4 – the Chair reported that the land at Southfield Lane had been valued at £230K and that the asset will transfer to the Home and Communities Agency in August 2011.

Page 4, item 14 – Cllr Frow thought that the Community Centre Garden needs attention.

7. Quality Council Accreditation

The Chair proposed that the Council strive towards Quality Council Accreditation by April 2013.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk provides information on the required criteria for Quality Status for the next meeting.

8. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103308	Wilsons	Hanging Baskets	2082.99
103309	Derbyshire County Council	Superann for June 11	1638.11

103310	Inland Revenue	PAYE for June 11	1296.16
103311	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Contract June 11	1200.00
103312	Whitwell After School Club	Playscheme P Cash	600.00
103313	Planterior Landscape Serv Ltd	Contract June 10	582.50
103314	Bolsover District Council	Can & poop Scoop Bags	225.00
103315	Whitwell Community Centre	Various	222.08
103316	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	Replacement equipment	199.08
103317	Severn Trent Water	Allotments water	180.63
103318	Gibbs & Dandy	Clothing	174.07
103319	M & R Lawnmower Services	Repairs	77.93
103320	DALC	Chairmanship Training	60.00
103321	T & GWU	Union Subs for June 11	56.39
103322	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Various	48.24
103323	Mrs A Godley	Buffet	20.00
103324	CWG Countrystores Ltd	Equipment	12.23
	Total		<u>8675.41</u>

9. Financial Reports

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report for the period to 30 June 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 Oldknow Contracting Ltd – quotation for limestone chippings for Bakestone Moor Allotments – verbal quotation accepted earlier in year; this is confirmation.
- 10.2 Whitwell Community Centre – request to install and fund fire escape in Council Office – Parish Council to pay 50%.
- 10.3 BLSP – Parish Council Liaison Representative – Cllr Munro volunteered.
- 10.4 Police – Comments regarding the taking of photographs during a funeral – noted.
- 10.5 DVS – Valuation of land at Southfield Lane – noted.

11. Planning Matters

(Cllr Webster declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

The following applications were considered:

- 11.1 11/00251/FUL – no objections.
- 11.2 11/00259/FUL – no objections.
- 11.3 11/00288/FUL – no objections.
- 11.4 11/00315/TCON – no objections.
- 11.5 11/00289/LBC – no objections. (Cllr Maiden declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).

12. Audio Recording of meetings

A request had been made by a member of the public to audio record council meetings.

It was **resolved** not to allow the audio recording of meetings.

13. The Future of Grass Cutting

Cllr Mills proposed that the Council buy a Ransomes HR3300T Ride on Mower (or similar) in order to carry out grass cutting itself rather than employ a contractor.

It was **resolved** that the Council does not purchase its own grass cutting machinery.

14. Reporting Issues for the Public

This item was not discussed.

15. Cemetery fees Policy.

The Chair reported that this item follows a request from H&BPC to waive double cemetery fees for Hodthorpe and Belph residents.

Cllr Munro had produced a paper, as a scheme for debate and negotiation, outlining a time-related scale charge for Hodthorpe and Belph residents.

It was **resolved** not to amend the current Cemetery Policy. (Cllrs Burdett, Munro and Raspin requested that their votes in favour of amending the policy be recorded).

(Cllr Munro requested that the last paragraph in the Clerks report be expunged which was agreed).

16. Progress Reports

Playscheme – Cllr Frow had distributed the report on the Easter Playscheme. The Summer Playscheme will start on 25 July and everything is in place.

Whitwell Quarry Liaison Group – Cllr Munro reported on his attendance. Lafarge Aggregates are looking towards 2014/15 for completion of the removal of the tunnel and diversion of the line.

Initiative and Funding Working Groups – Discussion had taken place regarding the installation of an all-weather play surface. It would be useful for the next meetings to be combined which will take place on August 3 at 19:30

Baker Barnett (Alkane Liaison Committee) – the Chair had received a letter from Baker Barnett and had requested that it be sent to the Council and not to individual members.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 10 August 2011 at 19:00.

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

18.1 The DVS valuation fee account had not yet been received.

18.2 The Parish Council Liaison Group is not made up exclusively of parish council members.

18.3 If the parish council is not represented at any potential Alkane Liaison Group then they may not be able to know the up to date information.

19. 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 22.10.

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.