

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 8 June 2011

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair),
Councillor J Burdett,
Councillor S Ellis,
Councillor S Frow,
Councillor T Munro,
Councillor J Raspin,
Councillor G Webster,
Councillor K Stevenson,
Councillor D Kerr,
12 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor V P Mills.

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:

All of the issues raised at the previous meeting had been reported. With regard to the HGV problem in the village, Cllr Stevenson had asked for a meeting with the appropriate DCC officers.

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

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.2.1 There is a vehicle parked on Holmefield Road which appeared to be being repaired/dismantled.
- 2.2.2 After an incident of a break-in at a conservatory at a property in the village it was thought advisable to include security advice in the next newsletter.
- 2.2.3 The Chair reported on several incidents of vandalism to play equipment at Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground. Should this continue then the Council would have no alternative but to remove the equipment. It was suggested that CCTV equipment could be installed.
- 2.2.4 There are several incidences of vehicles parked on the pavement on Middlegate Field Drive.

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 Cllr Webster reported that Thackers Garage would be on the market in the near future.
- 2.3.2 There is a possibility that Sherwood Lodge (BDC Offices) could be sold for development.

- 2.3.3 The houses on Holmefield Road had been repaired but the flats are still awaiting repair.
- 2.3.4 There was no further information available on the possibility of BDC purchasing the “Alkane” land on Southfield Lane.
- 2.3.5 A request was made to audio record Council meetings. It was decided that this subject be included in the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2.3.6 It is thought that the police may discuss the use of “Truckwatch” (website) with the Council.
- 2.3.7 There is some form of liquid/grease emanating from the base of the roundabout on Welbeck Street Recreation Ground.

3. Resumption of Standing Orders

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

4. Consideration of matters arising from Items 5.1 to 5.3 above

It was **resolved** to communicate with the following on the issues stated:

Police – items 2.2.1, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4 above.

Agenda item 2.3.5 above for next meeting.

Agenda “Reporting Issues for the Public” for next meeting.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 18 May 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting, subject to:

Page 2, item 5.2.1 – change “bee” to “been”.

Page 2, item 5.3.4 – add “and the catch on the gate to the toddlers area was in need of repair.”

6. Matters Arising from Item 8

Page 2, item 5.3.4 needs bringing to the attention of the Handymen.

The Chair and Cllr Burdett attended the Memorial Dedication Service at Creswell Craggs.

Page 5, item 19.3 – it was a valid question to ask about the ownership of the land surrounding the “Alkane” site.

7. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103296	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI to 31.05.11	2353.05
103297	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 31.05.11	1602.87
103298	Turner & Wilson	Contract May 11	1200.00
103299	Planterior Landscape Services Ltd	Contract May 11	582.50
103300	GK Group Ltd	Vehicle service	383.90
103301	Whitwell Community Centre	Newsletter	180.00
103302	Severn Trent Water	Churchyard/Allot Water	311.05
103303	B Wood	Internal Audit fee	121.00
103304	T & GWU	Union Subs to 31.05.11	52.66
103305	Office Depot	Stationery	80.32
103306	A Godley	Training Day Food	40.00
103307	Playsafety Ltd	Playgrounds inspection	259.20
	Total		7166.55

8. Financial Reports

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report and the Budget Monitoring Report for the period to 31 May 2011.

It was **resolved** to accept the reports and to fund extra payroll expenditure to allow for the attendance of a special needs child to attend the Summer Playscheme on a one employee to one child basis.

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 BDC – Proposed Temporary Rolling Road Closure (Whitwell Well Dressing Festival) 2 July – no objections (Cllr Maiden declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
- 9.2 DCC – School Crossing Patrol Criteria – noted.
- 9.3 H&BPC – Request to change cemetery fees for Hodthorpe & Belph residents to those as for Whitwell residents – agenda for next meeting.
- 9.4 BDC – request for funding (£100) for poop scoop bags – agreed.

10. 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:

- 10.1 (DCC) CD5/0511/24 – no objections. (Cllrs Munro and Raspin declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon).
- 10.2 11/00236/FUL – no objections.
- 10.3 11/00238/FUL – no objections.

11. Proposed Alkane Development Southfield Lane

The Chair reported on several telephone conversations with VOA Officers and that a site meeting had been arranged for June 21.

12. The Future of Grass Cutting

It was **resolved** to defer this item until the July meeting.

13. New Initiatives and Funding

Cllr Frow reported that there is a need for the Council to identify its initiatives/proposals for the next four years and identify funding for them.

It was **resolved** to establish two Working Groups as follows:

Initiative/Proposals Working Group – Cllrs Burdett, Maiden, Munro and Raspin – to meet on June 24, and Funding Working Group – Cllrs Ellis, Frow and Maiden – to meet on June 28.

(Cllr Stevenson left the meeting at 21:07)

14. Community Centre Garden

Cllr Frow thought that the Council's human resources were more important than such things as hanging baskets or Christmas lights and she suggested that the two gardeners who were made redundant in March should be re-employed.

15. Progress Reports

Hanging Baskets – Cllr Frow suggested that all records and documents should be housed in the Council Office.

It was **resolved** that **all** records and documents relating to Council business be kept at the Council office.

Playscheme – the report of the Leader on the Easter Playscheme will be submitted as soon as possible.

Jubilee Garden – the Chair reported that he had helped the Handyman with planting bedding plants recently and he was impressed with their interaction with so many members of the public.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 13 July 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 It was thought that H&BPC should contribute towards cemetery fees for their parishioners.
- 17.2 The question raised at the previous meeting regarding the "Alkane Land" was about the reason why it had been chosen.
- 17.3 Thanks were expressed for the information regarding the School Crossing Patrol criteria.
- 17.4 The question was raised regarding what would happen to those who could not afford burial fees.
- 17.5 The question was raised about why other villages appeared to have been allowed stone pier village signs.

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.

The Chair raised the question of the £250 increase in pay for those receiving less than £21k per annum. The Clerk reported that the Employers Side of the NJC for Local Government Services had stated that there would be no pay settlement for 2011/12.

The Chair asked about any policy in place to cater for long term sickness by employees.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.40.

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.