

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 9 March 2011

### **Present:**

Councillor S Maiden (Chair),  
Councillor K Astle,  
Councillor J Astle,  
Councillor S Greaves,  
Councillor V Mills,  
Councillor T Munro,  
Councillor D Potts,  
Councillor G Webster,  
Councillor I Whyles,  
Councillor K Stevenson,  
Councillor J Clifton,  
PC 2356 J Graham,  
7 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors G E Maiden and I Whyles.

### **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:-

The Whitwell Library has now been refurbished.

As reported earlier, the County Council has set a zero increase budget for 2011/12. Zero increase budgets have also been set by the Police and Fire Authorities.

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.1.1 The interactive speed sign at Hodthorpe is once again faulty.
- 2.1.2 A meeting with DCC officers would be useful to discuss the lack of school crossing patrol at the Butchers Arms junction.
- 2.1.3 DCC is ceasing to give the half-fare concession on railways.
- 2.1.4 Many speed restrictors in the parish require repair, particularly those o/s the Cooperative Store and near the interactive speed sign.
- 2.1.5 The use of mirrors at difficult junction was mentioned but these are now illegal.
- 2.1.6 It would appear that incidents reported on the telephone to DCC are not immediately given a reference number.
- 2.1.7 The wall repairs at Steetley Chapel are considered to be sub-standard.

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

PC Graham reported on the number of crimes for February (8). He also reported that he had utilised the speed gun twice in the past month on High Street. There had been no reports for prosecution.

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.2.1 As far as he was aware, PC Graham thought that the operation of community based speed checks required the purchase of a speed gun.
- 2.2.2 It would appear that the school crossing warning sign is flashing outside of school hours and the question was raised whether the lower speed limit still applies.

(Cllr Stevenson and PC Graham left the meeting at 19:20)

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

(Cllr Clifton left the meeting at 19:30).

The following issues were raised:-

- 2.3.1 Thanks were expressed to Cllrs Clifton, Potts and Whyles for their work in the parish over a number of years.
- 2.3.2 It was now apparent that the bus shelter at Hodthorpe is the responsibility of BDC.
- 2.3.3 According to BDC the footpath from Welbeck Street leading to the Recreation gate is the responsibility of the WPC. Cllr Webster will check this information.
- 2.3.4 The BDC street cleaner for Whitwell is no longer in employment due to illness.
- 2.3.5 It would be useful if telegraph poles or street lighting columns could be marked in some way at 14ft 3inches to enable lorry height checks to be made more easily.
- 2.3.6 It would be useful if footpath markings prohibiting dog fouling could be made on Welbeck Street.
- 2.3.7 There are two water pipe bursts on Mill Lane allotments.
- 2.3.8 There is no further information to that already given about the proposed Digestion Facility planning application on Southfield Lane other than that it is expected that the new H&BPC will take responsibility for commenting on the application when it is ready for consultation.
- 2.3.9 A member of the public had written to DCC about the above application and expected to receive a full reply after the issue of the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- 2.3.10 It was expected that the representative on the Quarry Liaison Committee would remain in place (in addition to one from H&BPC).
- 2.3.11 A seat is to be erected on the A616.

## **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**

The Clerk is to communicate as follows:-

DCC – items 2.1.2 and 2.3.5 above.

Handymen – item 2.3.7 above.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 February 2011.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly, subject to:-

Page 2, item 2.3.3 – insert “of” between “implications” and “the” and change “know” to “known”.  
Page 4, item 16.4 – change “reject” to “rejected”.

**6. Matters Arising from Item 5.**

There were no matters arising.

**7. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 10 February 2011.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

Cllr Munro wished to have his objection recorded against the reduction in the Playscheme budget and the fact that he was not consulted prior to the amended budget being presented.

**8. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of the Establishment Review Committee held on 2 March 2011.**

This item was deferred until later in this meeting at item 17.

**9. 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>
103244	Inland Revenue	PAYE to 28.02.11	1578.61
103245	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 28.02.11	1395.46
103246	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Cemetery Contract Feb	1200.00
103247	Planterior Landscape Services	Mowing contract Feb	582.50
103248	Post Office Counters Ltd	Van excise licence	200.00
103249	B Woodcock	Mileage/Allowance	107.75
103250	Welbeck Estates Co Ltd	Allotments rent	100.00
103251	T&GWU	Union Subs to 28.02.11	52.66
103252	Nixon Knowles	Repairs	46.55
103253	Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs	21.69
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>5285.22</u></b>

**10. Financial Reports**

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report for the period to 28 February 2011.

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

## 11. 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:-

- 11.1 Royal British Legion – S137 grant application – approve a grant of £116
- 11.2 Whitwell Against Alkane – S137 grant application – approve a grant of £500.
- 11.3 BDC (email) – Parish & Town Council Focus Group (review of Planning Services) – Chair to attend.

(With regard to 11.1 and 11.2 above the Clerk had reported that an amount of £1380 remained in the current year's budget. With regard to 11.2 above the Clerk reported that there appeared to be no legal bar in making a S137 grant to this kind of organisation and, indeed, there had been precedent (Ant-Third London Airport Campaign).

## 12. Planning Matters

- 12.1 There were no applications to consider.

## 13. Progress Reports

Hanging Baskets – Cllr Mills distributed a list of columns which required testing. The Working Group will meet to recommend a reduced list of columns which should be used this year (in view of the reduction in budget). The Clerk will ascertain the cost of testing.

Bakestone Moor – the Clerk reported that the fencing had been ordered.

Hodthorpe Youth Club – this has now recommenced.

## 14. Annual Financial Risk Assessment.

This item was referred from the February meeting.

It was **resolved** to defer this item to the April meeting.

## 15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 13 April 2011. (The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 6 April 2011).

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

- 16.1 Could the flower tubs purchased some time ago be used in the grounds of the Community Centre?

(Cllr Munro left the meeting at 20:34).

**17. Resolution to exclude members of the public and press in order to discuss items of a confidential nature.**

The recommendations of the Establishment Review Committee were discussed.

The Clerk expressed some concern about the intention to advertise the “new” posts internally and thought that this was unnecessary. It was agreed that if agreement could not be reached between all three parties regarding the new structure then the status quo would prevail.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2011 were approved as a correct record of that meeting and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

It was **resolved** to hold a meeting with the representatives of H&BPC to discuss (amongst other items) the transfer of assets and recharges. The Chair, Vice-chair and Cllr K Astle to attend.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:49.

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.  
NEDDC – North East Derbyshire District Council.  
H&BPC-Hodthorpe and Belpth Parish Council