

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council  
held at Whitwell Community Centre  
at 19.00 on Wednesday 14 March 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),  
PCSO 4526 M Ward,  
5 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:

Changes in the Elderly Care Service had not yet been finalised.

The consultation on the proposed changes to the Youth Service ends in two weeks time. There has been a petition containing 10K signatures presented to DCC which will trigger a debate at Council.

Station Road is currently being resurfaced.

The Fire Service is currently encouraging sprinklers to be fitted in all new-build properties.

Scam contractors are currently touring the county purporting to have the sanction of DCC seeking to paint white lines outside properties for a fee.

The following issues were raised:

- 2.1.1 The footpath adjacent to the Green, High Street is breaking up as is the speed bump o/s the Cooperative Store.
- 2.1.2 Has DCC contacted to utility companies regarding the resurfacing of Station Road?
- 2.1.3 What are the criteria for deciding which road is to be resurfaced?

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

PCSO Ward reported on the crime figures for February (16). He also gave an update on the anti-social behaviour problems recently encountered.

The following issues were raised:

- 2.2.1 It would be useful to know how many complaints had been made to the police about the current ant-social behaviour problems.

(PCSO Ward left the meeting at 19:25)

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 The street name signs had not yet been fitted at The Green.  
2.3.2 There has been a severe problem with litter on the verges and in the hedge-bottoms form Boaler's Corner and Bakestone Moor.  
2.3.3 The Thackers garage site has not yet been sold.  
2.3.4 The chippings still require to be spread over the drive at Bakestone Moor allotments.  
(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 was **resolved** that the Clerk write to BDC expressing concerns about the ongoing litter problem between Boaler's Corner and Bakestone Moor and on the A619 and the perceived standard of clearing it by BDC operatives.

### **5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8 February 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2012 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting subject to:

Page 2, item 2.3.4 - change "bu" to "by".  
Page 4, item 14, 1<sup>st</sup> line – change "2" to "4".  
Page 4, item 14, 8<sup>th</sup> line – change "H7BPC" to H&BPC".

### **6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 5**

The anti-social behaviour problems have improved around the Community Centre.  
The road name sign for Fox Road has been ordered.  
There has been not reply yet from the Fire Safety Officer regarding a visit to the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **7. Approval and Signing of Agreement for Establishment of Joint Cemetery Committee.**

The Clerk reported that H&BPC had approved the Agreement between the two parish councils and the Chair had signed its copy.

It was **resolved** to approve the Agreement to establish and operate the Joint Cemetery Committee with H&BPC and the Chair sign the two copies.

## 8. **Waiving of Double Cemetery Fee for Two Hodthorpe Residents**

The Clerk reported that during 2011/12 there had been two burials of Hodthorpe residents and as the Joint Cemetery Committee had now been established, as gesture of goodwill it would be appropriate to refund half of the double fee charged.

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

## 9. **Change of Date for Future Budget Meetings.**

The Clerk requested that future Budget Meetings of the Council be held on the first Wednesday of February instead of the January to allow more time to calculate expected expenditure and to receive the required information from BDC (Tax Base).

It was **resolved** accordingly.

## 10. **Physical Protection of Staff.**

Cllr Frow thought that the anti-social behaviour problems recently encountered at the Community Centre also raised other potential problems encountered when staff had to work alone.

It was **resolved** that a Working Group of Cllrs Munro, Frow and the Centre Manager be established to discuss and write a Lone Working Policy for all staff and report back to a future meeting.

## 11. **Accommodation for Credit Union.**

Cllr Munro briefly outlined the operation of the Two-Shires Credit Union and requested that the Manager be invited to the April meeting to give a presentation which would hopefully lead to the offer to the organisation of accommodation at the Community Centre.

It was **resolved** accordingly.

## 12. **DCC Youth Services Consultation.**

The Clerk reported on a letter received from DCC about the consultation being conducted regarding the reduction in the Youth Service.

It was **resolved** that it is the opinion of this Council:

1. The service should be increased and not decreased.
2. The proposals appear to be handing the responsibility for youth services and its costs to the voluntary sector for the sole purpose of reducing expenditure.
3. There appears to be no commitment for providing training and CRB scrutiny to the voluntary sector.
4. In a time of rising unemployment, particularly among the young people, the youth service has always been relied upon to provide useful diversions and activities.

and that these opinions be made known to DCC.

### 13. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103414	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 28.02.12	1638.11
103415	Inland Revenue	PAYE to 28.02.12	1555.12
103416	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd	Cemetery Contract Feb	1200.00
103417	Mr G Crossland	Cemetery fee refund	610.00
103418	Planterior Landscape Services	Mowing Contract Feb 12	582.50
103419	DALC	Clerk's Course/ Subs	764.26
103420	Whitwell Community Centre	Newsletter/Photo Copier	515.29
103421	Turner Hire & Sales	Xmas Lights	324.00
103422	Post Office Ltd	Van excise licence	210.00
103423	Derbyshire County Council	Playscheme Room Hire	209.65
103424	Whitwell After School Club	Playscheme P/Cash	200.00
103425	B Woodcock	Mileage Allowance	96.20
103426	CWG Countrystores Ltd	Fencing (Allotments)	83.58
103427	T&GWU	Union Subs to 28.02.12	60.92
103428	SLCC	Book	58.80
103429	GK Group Ltd	Tyre	50.00
103430	Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs	38.89
103431	M & R Lawnmower Services	Repairs	34.86
	<b>Total</b>		<b><u>8232.18</u></b>

### 14. Financial Reports

The Clerk presented the Payroll Report for the period to 29 February 2012.

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

### 15. 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:-

- 15.1 Jack Cook – request that the Council consider the provision of a skate park – the Clerk has acknowledged the letter and the Chair will invite him to attend the next Initiatives Working Group.
- 15.2 Whitwell Local History Group – request to erect a temporary metal “shed” to house records – raise no objections subject to the Council being indemnified against damage or other costs. (Cllr Frow declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its discussion).

### 16. Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

11/00618/FUL – no objections.

**17. Progress Reports**

Playscheme – Cllr Raspin reported that planning for the Easter Playscheme (2-5 April) is almost complete with 4 new staff in place.

Footpaths – Cllr Munro reported that he had raised several issues about footpaths 25 & 26 and that DCC were dealing with them. He also reported that the temporary stoppage on footpath 23 (66) was still in place and would be removed when the first property on The Green is occupied.

Apprentices – Cllr Webster requested that a presentation be given by BDC to the June meeting.

Initiatives/Funding Groups – the Chair reported on his attendance at a presentation by Nottsports and had asked that the Company give a presentation to the Council.

**18. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 11 April 2012 at 19:00. The Annual Parish meeting will be held at the same venue on 18 April 2012 at 19:00.

**19. 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**

19.1 It was stressed that the operation of the Multi-Activity Teams for young people was not being reduced.

19.2 H&BPC is intending to discuss the possibility of introducing some activities for young people in Hodthorpe.

**20. 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 on a letter received from a member of staff requesting the Council to reimburse the cost of dental treatment following the accident at Bakestone Moor Community Hall.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk seeks the advice of DALC and act upon such advice.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.07.

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.