

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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,
Councillor D Kerr,
PCSO 4549 K Lee
4 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 Members of the Parish Council and the public to discuss matters of importance with the County Councillor.

Cllr Stevenson reported on the following:

He thanked those persons who had signed the petition regarding winter highway maintenance.

DCC is currently carrying out a consultation on the switching off of some street lighting during certain hours.

The hand-rail at the junction of High Street and Worksop Road should now be complete.

There were no issues raised.

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

PCSO Lee reported on the number of reported crimes in Whitwell during October (21) and on the Community Litter Pick which was carried out on 6 November.

The new non-emergency telephone number is 101.

The following issues were raised:-

2.2.1 There are incidents of youths gathering on the seats o/s the Middle Club as there are on the Health Centre Car Park. Litter is a problem in the latter case.

2.2.2 A cast iron bath has been stolen from o/s a property in High Street. Residents should be aware of the increased instances of "touting" for scrap metal.

(PCSO Lee left the meeting at 19:18).

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

The following items were raised:-

- 2.3.1 There was nothing further to report on the proposed sale of the BDC office site at Sherwood Lodge.
- 2.3.2 There is an over-hanging cable at the entrance to Mill Lane allotments.

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

Cllr Webster agreed to take up the question of litter around the take-away establishment on Station Road with BDC.

The Clerk reported that he had not received any consultation documentation regarding the DCC proposals to switch off some street lighting during certain hours. This item will be included on the agenda for the December meeting.

(Cllrs Stevenson left the meeting at 19:25)

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 12 October 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting subject to:

Page 1, item 2.1.3 – change “Lane” to “Road”.

Page 1, item 2.2 – delete “no”.

Page 2, item 2.3.2 – delete “has now” and replace with “was soon to be”.

6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 5

Page 2, item 2.3.4 – the window at the “Biggins” property was now boarded.

Page 3, item 12.2 – although Cllr Munro had been unable to attend the Liaison meeting he reported on information regarding grant.

Page 4, item 16.1 – Cllr Munro continues to attempt to stop HGVs in the village and speak with the drivers.

7. Cemetery Fees Policy – Request Under Standing Order 10 to Re-visit the Decision at Item 15 of the July 2011 Council Meeting.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request under Standing Order 10 from Cllrs Munro, Raspin and Burdett to re-visit the decision made under item 15 of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2011.

Cllr Munro outlined a proposal to investigate the establishment of a Joint Burial Committee with Hodthorpe and Belp Parish Council and to share the costs of the cemetery in Whitwell and also the costs of servicing the committee. The proposal would also allow Hodthorpe and Belp parishioners

to be charged at the same rate as Whitwell parishioners. He reported that a similar arrangement existed at Clowne and Barlborough.

He moved the proposal:

That Whitwell Parish Council investigates with Hodthorpe & Belph Parish Council the possibility of establishing a Joint Burial Committee to operate with effect from 1 April 2012 and until that date burial charges will be as agreed within the current cemetery policy.

The proposal was seconded.

It was **resolved** accordingly, that the subject be included on the agenda for the December meeting and that the members of the WPC Cemetery Committee (Cllrs Frow, Maiden, Mills and Munro) be appointed to undertake any negotiations with HBPC.

8. **Approval of the Minutes of the Cemetery Committee held on 19 October 2011 and Consideration of Recommendations**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cemetery Committee held on 19 October 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting and the recommendations approved.

9. **Cemetery Contract for 2012 to 2015 – Administration Fees**

The Clerk distributed the schedule of fees to be charged by the Contractor.

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

10. **Accounts for approval and payment**

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

| Cheque No. | Payee | Goods/Service | Amount |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 103365 | Derbyshire County Council | Superann to 31.10.11 | 1602.87 |
| 103366 | Inland Revenue | PAYE, NI to 31 Oct 11 | 1569.74 |
| 103367 | Turner & Wilson (Whitwell) Ltd | Cem Contract Oct 11 | 1200.00 |
| 103368 | Standard Industries Ltd | Lampcolumn testing | 1048.20 |
| 103369 | J Woodhead | Community Hall | 830.00 |
| 103370 | Planterior Landscape Services | Contract Oct 11 | 582.50 |
| 103371 | B Woodcock | Travel Alice | 219.70 |
| 103372 | D Steels | Window guard | 210.00 |
| 103373 | Whitwell Community Centre | Wreath & Newsletter | 200.00 |
| 103374 | CWG Countrystores Ltd | Welbeck St Rec | 169.79 |
| 103375 | Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd | Various | 94.04 |
| 103376 | S Hardie | Newsletter delivery | 85.00 |
| 103377 | T & GWU | Union Subs to 31.10.11 | 56.90 |
| 103378 | Office Depot | Stationery | 26.78 |
| 103379 | Julie Scaife | Bar wages | 18.89 |
| | Total | | <u>7914.41</u> |

11. Financial Reports

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

It was **resolved** to accept the report

12. 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:-

- 12.1 BDC – Street Cleaning – noted.
- 12.2 DCC – Community Rail initiatives – invite Alastair Morley, DCC Community Rail Officer to the January meeting and publish notices at the Station and WPC notice boards.

13. Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

- 13.1 11/00490/RETRO – no objections.
- 13.2 11/00492/FUL – no objections.

(Cllr Webster returned to the meeting).

14. Progress Reports

Footpaths – Cllr Munro thanked Cllr Mills for providing maps of the footpaths. He reported that he had made contact with the DCC Footpaths Officer.

Future Initiatives and Funding – it was reported that a questionnaire had been distributed with the latest Newsletter. It would be necessary to arrange a further joint meeting of the Groups in January. It was agreed to include this item on the agenda for the December meeting.

Cemetery – Cllr Webster reported that all sections of the cemetery had been consecrated.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 14 December 2011 at 19:00.

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 Comment was made regarding the support of the BDC policy on litter.
- 16.2 Cllr Burdett was correct in not declaring her interest in item 13 above.
- 16.3. H&BPC was intending to raise the issue of a Joint Burial Committee.

16.4 Town and Parish Councils have the power to arrange agency agreements with District Councils regarding litter picking.

17. 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 was no confidential business to discuss.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.47.

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.