

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 14 September 2011

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (in the Chair),
Councillor J Burdett,
Councillor S Ellis,
Councillor S Frow,
Councillor V Mills,
Councillor G Webster,
Councillor K Stevenson,
Councillor D Kerr,
5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Munro and J Raspin.

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:

There had been a site meeting at High Street with the DCC Cabinet Member and officers regarding HGVs at which all the concerns were noted.

It had been agreed that High Street resurfacing works would be within next year's capital allocation.

There are plans to cut £1m from the 2012/13 winter gritting budget which may result in pro-active gritting not being carried out. Lafarge and Steetley Quarries are interested in helping to grit.

The following issues were raised:

- 2.1.1 There is a large weeping willow on Portland Street which is in need of pruning because of highway obstruction.
- 2.1.2 The handrail fitted at the junction of High Street and Worksop Road is not adequate in length.

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

The Chair had received information from the police and reported on the number of reported crimes in Whitwell during August (18).

The following issues were no raised:-

- 2.2.1 The time of the police meeting at Whitwell Centre had been changed without much notice.

(Cllr Stevenson left the meeting at 19:10)

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 lighting at The Green has not yet been installed.
- 2.3.2 The District Councillors present were each asked what they had achieved for Whitwell since the elections and Cllrs Webster and Kerr responded.
- 2.3.3 BDC had issued a press release on the introduction of fortnightly bin collections to commence on 1 November.

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

There were no matters arising.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 10 August 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 August 2011 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting subject to:

Page 1, item 2.1.4 – change “Whitwell Common to the junction of Worksop Road” to “Station Road to the A60”.

Page 1, item 2.2 – change mis-spelling of “reported”.

Page 3, item 10 – add to resolution “and that the work on the doors and roof be carried out as soon as possible”.

Page 5, item 18 – delete “setting” in line 3.

6. Reporting of Matters Arising from Item 5

Page 1, item 2.1 - Cllr Webster asked if it would be possible to claim back any precept from DCC when the plans to reduce street lighting times takes place.

Page 1, item 2.1.1 – the tactile paving at the junction of High Street and Worksop Road had not yet been completed.

7. Celebration Events for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in 2012

Cllr Mills suggested that a week-long “festival” takes place in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and that local organisations and groups should be asked for their input.

It was **resolved** accordingly and that the Community Centre be asked to write to the local organisations and groups to ask if they would be prepared to take part in a meeting group to organise the events.

8. Bakestone Moor Community Hall – Responsibility for Repairs

It was **resolved** that the cost of the new doors and the repair of the roof at Bakestone Moor Community Hall be borne by the Council.

9. Street Cleaning in the Parish

Cllr Webster reported that the BDC Management Team were to discuss the matter of street cleaning in October and that it was likely that Street Cleaners would be no longer employed but that BDC employees would carry out a "blitzing" programme.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk be instructed to ask BDC if it would pay the Parish Council to employ a street cleaner in Whitwell on the basis of 16 hours per week.

10. Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount
103335	Inland Revenue	Tax, NI to 31.08.11	4360.28
103336	Derbyshire County Council	Superann to 31.08.11	1638.10
103337	Turner & Wilson (Whitwell)Ltd	Cem Contract Aug 11	1200.00
103338	Audit Commission	Audit Fee 2010/11	1050.00
103339	Whitwell Community Centre	Various	598.49
103340	Smith of Derby	Church Clock	590.40
103341	Planterior Landscape Services Ltd	Grounds Cont Aug 11	582.50
103342	Baker Ross Ltd	Playscheme Equipment	436.11
103343	Turner Hire & Sales	Cemetery fence	403.93
103344	Morton Michel	Playscheme Insurance	372.65
103345	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Repairs	119.90
103346	T & GWU	Union Subs to 31.08.11	56.39
103347	Viking Direct	Stationery	48.18
103348	SLCC-Cilca Management	Resit fee	40.00
103349	Allcocks Wood Products Ltd	Cem Car Park (Stile)	40.00
103350	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Allotments water	6.19
	Total		<u>11543.12</u>

11. Financial Reports

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

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

(Cllr Kerr left the meeting at 20:04)

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 H&BPC – Cemetery Fees – the Clerk informed the meeting that the issue of double fees could not be raised again unless at least three members signed a request to do so.
- 12.2 H&BPC – Christmas Lights – it was agreed to erect the Christmas lights in Hodthorpe and to charge H&BPC on the basis of full reimbursement of costs incurred.
- 12.3 BDC – Polling Districts and Polling Places Review – noted.
- 12.4 DCC – Town/Parish Snow Warden Scheme – noted.

13. Planning Matters

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

The following applications were considered:

13.1 11/00355/VAR – no objections.

13.2 11/00372/FUL – no objections.

13.3 11/00414/FUL – no objections

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

(Cllrs Mills and Webster returned to the meeting).

14. Progress Reports

Playscheme – a full report will be submitted to the Council soon.

Bakestone Moor Allotments – Cllr Webster reports that the stone for the drive will be delivered later this week.

Local Employment – Cllr Webster reported that DCC and BDC had submitted a bid for Enterprise Zone Status at the M1 Junction 29.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Whitwell Community Centre on 12 October 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 It was stated that there is a wealth of talent in the village to make the Jubilee celebrations successful.

16.2 It was reported that Steetley Quarries have offered the use of noise measurement equipment for “Truck Watch”.

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 being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.34.

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.