

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 11 December 2013

### Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair)	Councillor T Munro (Vice Chair)	Councillor K Austin
Councillor V P Mills	Councillor J Raspin	Councillor G Webster
7 members of the public	PC Martin White +1 PCSO	
In attendance: Councillor B Murray-Carr		

### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr S Ellis and Cllr D McGregor.

### 2 To consider applications for Dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No applications had been received.

### 3 It was resolved to suspend Standing Orders to permit a fifteen minutes open forum for:

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

Crime figures for November (12 in total) – theft from motor vehicle = 3, criminal damage = 2, theft of motor vehicle = 1, dwelling burglary = 1, burglary non-dwelling = 1, attempted burglary = 1, violence = 2, theft other = 1.

PC White reported on a reduction in anti-social behaviour over the last 3 weeks, with groups being dispersed, and the ASBO is being dealt with.

Cllr Murray-Carr reported on the ASBO and a date for the trial has been set for Monday. He reported on the procedure and powers which can be applied under the Act and read out the community and impact statement he has prepared, which will be read out in court if the defendant is found to be guilty. He agreed to forward a copy of the statement to the Clerk after the hearing. Cllr Murray-Carr was asked about adding information to the statement and he replied that it is possible to submit an amendment and an update. It was also possible for a Councillor to prepare a statement. He was asked about steps which could be taken regarding the parents and he informed on the possibility of issuing a parenting order and if this was not adhered to then a court order could be issued, which can lead to prosecution. He was asked what steps groups could take when faced with anti-social behaviour. Incidents should be reported to the police on 101 or the out of hours CAN rangers on 01246 242295.

PC White, PCSO and Cllr Murray-Carr left the meeting at 7.35 pm

#### 3.2 Members of the Parish Council and the public to discuss matters of importance with the County Councillor

Cllr McGregor was not in attendance but the following issues would be forwarded to him:-

- 3.1.1. Whitwell Green – three new lampposts have been fitted but open holes have been left.
- 3.1.2. An update on the issue regarding lorries travelling through the village.
- 3.1.3. There have been some repairs carried out to the road surface on Scotland Street and Portland Street towards the Chapel, but these are inadequate.
- 3.1.4. There is a pot hole on Fox Road which has been reported to Cllr McGregor, but the lighting on the street is inadequate. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of installing more lights.
- 3.1.5. Cllr Mr John Moore from H&BPC informed the meeting of a submission under condition 9 of planning permission by Whitwell Quarry for a variation of operating times. He informed that LaFarge have secured a contract for the provision of 30,000 tons of limestone over the next

12 months, to be delivered during evening hours. His concerns were increased dust, noise and traffic. Cllr G Webster informed that the designated route was Henny Moor Lane, A60, A619 to Barlborough and that David Atkinson has said that if this route is not used they will be dismissed. An extra-ordinary meeting of H&BPC had been called for Friday 13 December at 7.00 pm in Hodthorpe Club, in order that they can respond before the deadline, which is before their next Council meeting. Cllr V Mills informed that Cllr D McGregor was seeking funding in order to change the motorway signage or the bridge at Darfoulds.

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

- 3.3.1 There is excessive dog fouling along Welbeck Street and from the Parkway to Hodthorpe Bridge. Cllr V Mills informed that the Council require people to complain so that action is taken.
- 3.3.2 The garden at the corner of New Street is still overgrown. Cllr G Webster informed that he has sent two officers to look today and it has been decided that the green bin operators will be deployed onto gardening duties, with Creswell and Whitwell being first on the list. The Scouts will be tending to the raised beds.
- 3.3.3 The tenant of plot 29 Mill Lane allotments, although she gave her email address, requires a paper copy.

### 4 Resumption of Standing Orders

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

### 5 Consideration of matters arising from Items 3.1 to 3.3 above

Item 3.1.5 The Clerk would contact DCC in order to express WPC's disquiet and to seek an extension to the timescale of the response period.

Item 3.3.1 Dog fouling powers/byelaws for Parish Councils to be investigated. Cllr T Munro will acquire a supply of leaflets from Clowne.

### 6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2013

Item 3 – "Mr Murray-Carr" to be replaced with "Cllr Murray-Carr".

Item 3.1.3. – The tiles from Portland Street are to be used elsewhere in the village.

Item 3.1.5 – The public meeting was regarding lorries travelling through the village.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013 were then approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

### 7 Reporting of Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2013

7.1 Item 16.2 – Wireless access is now available at the Community Centre and work is progressing on the server.

### 8 Accounts for approval and payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

#### Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised

	Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
Dec 1	DCC	Superann November 13	1566.93	1A-1L
	HMR&C	Tax & NI November 13	1352.06	1A-1L
	Mr T Woolley	Christmas decorations	1050.96	6A
	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract November 13	556.80	4H,5F(60:40)
	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Allotments water	221.23	3C
	SLCC	Subscription	116.00	2H
	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Allotments water	102.05	3C
	Unite The Union	Union Subs Nov 13	55.38	1A-1L
	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Cemetery Water	36.00	4G

Dec 9	Turner Hire & Sales	Fireworks	392.40	5I
	Severn Trent Water Ltd	Allotments water	31.17	3C
	Global Collect	Anti-Virus extra PCs	19.79	2X
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5500.77</b>	

#### **Cheque Payments to be Authorised**

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods/Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Budget</b>
103599	Darfoulds Nursey Ltd	Plants	50.92	5B
103600	Tracey Barlow Furniss & Co	Legal Fees	1000.00	4D
			<b>1050.92</b>	

### **9 Financial Reports**

The wages summary and budget monitoring report were accepted.

### **10 To consider draft Standing Orders (Cllr S Maiden)**

It was **resolved** to seek further guidance on the standing orders and to hold a special meeting.

### **11 Consideration of security measures at Whitwell Community Centre (Cllr S Ellis)**

In the absence of Cllr Ellis, this item was deferred.

### **12 Correspondence**

- 12.1 DALC – Election for Executive Committee Member 2013/15
- 12.2 BDC – Community Save a Life Scheme – World Record Attempt
- 12.3 BDC – Community Governance Review
- 12.4 Tracey Scruby – Special Needs Drop-in Centre
- 12.5 Whitwell Junior Players
- 12.6 DALC Circular 22/2013

It was **resolved** to deal with the following items of correspondence as follows:-

- 12.1 Noted
- 12.2 To be deferred to the budget meeting to consider a £100 donation.
- 12.3 Noted
- 12.4 Notify Ms Scruby to contact the Parish Council in the new financial year if they require financial support.
- 12.5 Noted. A reply has been sent from the WCC Management Committee.
- 12.6 Noted.

### **13 Planning Matters**

- 13.1 13/00486/TPO – To fell 3 sycamore trees, 1 beech tree and crown lift various trees overhanging garden, land to rear of 10-16 Claylands Road and 1-7 Claylands Grove. – No objections
- 13.2 13/00427/TCON – Removal of cedar tree, The Cottage, 42 Hillside, Whitwell. – No objections
- 13.3 13/00499/FUL – Replacement windows and doors, 5 Butt Hill, Whitwell. – No objections, subject to conservation requirements.

### **14 Progress Reports**

#### **14.1 Allotments**

A draft lease for the proposed new allotment site at Bakestone Moor has been received from BDC. However, this contained a break clause which gives 6 month's notice. The Clerk informed that although special provisions could be made, the Statutory provision would prevail, and under Section 1 (1) of the Allotments Act 1950 the notice would be twelve months. If the Parish Council was only able to give 6 months notice it could be liable to pay compensation for loss of crops and

manure used on gardens. The Clerk has contacted BDC regarding this clause and also the NSALG for advice.

14.2 Cemetery

Cllr T Munro reported that the committee is working on reducing inappropriately placed memorials on graves. Cllr S Maiden reported on the removal of two trees, which has made a great improvement.

**15 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 at 7.00 pm

The precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 February 2014 at 7.00 pm

**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 Informed of information that 6 months notice can be given to allotment holders.

**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.

Cllr S Maiden informed of guidance from DALC/Tall Poppies Consultancy on the Clerk/RFO hours.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Signed ..... Chairman

Date .....

Abbreviations used:

ASBO – Anti-Social Behaviour Order  
ASC – After School Club  
BDC – Bolsover District Council  
BLSP – Bolsover Local Strategic Partnership  
CAN - Community Action Network  
CCTV – Closed Circuit Television  
C&DCT – Clowne and District Community Transport  
Cllr – Councillor  
CRB – Criminal Record Bureau  
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils  
DCC – Derbyshire County Council  
DCLG – Department of Communities and Local Government  
DEFRA – Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
DET – Derbyshire Environmental Trust  
DoT – Department of Transport  
H&BPC – Hodthorpe & Belph Parish Council  
HGV – heavy goods vehicle  
IT – Information Technology  
LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme  
NALC – National Association of Local Councils  
NSALG – The National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners  
ODPM – Office of the Deputy Prime Minister  
PC – personal computer  
PCSO – Police Community Support Officer  
PCT Primary Care Trust  
RFO – Responsible Financial Officer  
Subs – Subscriptions  
SLCC – Society of Local Council Clerks  
Superann – Superannuation  
T&GWU – Transport and General Workers Union  
TRO – Traffic Regulation Order  
WCC – Whitwell Community Centre  
WCCMC – Whitwell Community Centre Management Committee