

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 12 February 2014

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair)	Councillor T Munro (Vice Chair)	Councillor K Austin
Councillor V P Mills	Councillor J Raspin	Councillor G Webster
County Councillor D McGregor		
1 member of the public	PC Jason Graham + PCSO Simon Galley	

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mr S Ellis.

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 January (16 in total) – thefts = 5 (3 of which were shoplifting), taking a vehicle without consent = 1, violence = 5, vehicle theft = 2, burglary = 1, dwelling burglary = 1, attempted burglary = 1.

PC Graham reported that the police office will be handed back to the District Council at the end of the month and PCSO Katie Lee is leaving to take up a PC post.

A breach of highway regulations on Southfield Lane was reported, with cars driving on the pavement. Incidents of speeding on Welbeck Street and Bakestone Moor were reported. PCSO Galley reported that a community speed watch will be taking place.

PC Graham & PCSO Galley left the meeting at 7.10 pm

3.2 Cllr Mr Brian Murray-Carr to speak about CCTV

Cllr Murray-Carr had sent his apologies.

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

Cllr McGregor reported on the following issues:-

- 3.3.1 Cllr McGregor has raised the issue of cars parking on the pavement on Southfield Lane with the Primary School Head Teacher and the issue will be discussed at a Governors Meeting.
- 3.3.2 Cllr McGregor reported that the police flat had been loaned since 2003, with a subsequent loss in revenue, and it will be vacant on 1 April 2014.
- 3.3.3 A public meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 25 February regarding lorries.
- 3.3.4 The repair to the pot hole on Fox Road has been carried out.
- 3.3.5 The road surface on the A619 is part of the 2014-15 capital programme and will receive a surface dressing between May-August 2014. Cllr McGregor was asked to enquire at DCC whether inferior materials are being used, and if a better material was used would it not have to be re-done so often.
- 3.3.6 The yellow lines on Duke Street have not yet been undertaken.
- 3.3.7 DCC have set a 1.99% council tax rise (41p/week band D increase).
- 3.3.8 The speed bump on Welbeck Street near the Fox Road junction required repair.
- 3.3.9 The rumble strip near the cemetery is breaking-up and is also diverting water to the opposite side of the road causing a puddle, which freezes when icy.

- 3.3.10 A list of food banks was requested.
- 3.3.11 There is a dark spot on Fox Road where there is no street light and a resident has fallen off the pavement breaking her foot. Cllr McGregor was asked to refer a request for another street lamp. The possibility of parking permits on Fox Road was also raised.
- 3.3.12 Following correspondence received from Thorpe Salvin Parish Council on the state of Dumb Hall Lane Cllr Maiden reported that some of the responsibility lies within the Whitwell parish. Cllr McGregor agreed to speak to them.

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

- 3.4.1 District Council – There are persistent offenders parking on double-yellow lines, particularly outside Ashley’s Butchers and in the Square. Cllr Webster agreed to look into enforcement.
- 3.4.2 Cllr Webster reported that for the 5th year DCC would not be increasing council tax.
- 3.4.2 Parish Council – It had been requested that the wreaths now be removed from the cenotaph.

4 Resumption of Standing Orders

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

5 Consideration of matters arising from Items 3.1 to 3.4 above

- 5.1 Contact Police Commissioner seeking assurances on replacement of PCSO.
- 5.2 Contact Highways Department expressing concern about the standard and quality of road surface materials used and whether better quality materials would give better long term value.
- 5.3 Contact Cllr McGregor regarding potential funding for a street light on Fox Road.

6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 8 January 2014

Item 7.2 – should read “researching the issues around street lighting”.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2014 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 8 January 2014

- 7.1 Item 3.2.6 – The pot hole at Bakestone Moor had been repaired.
- 7.2 Item 7 – BDC have been presented with the Bronze Footprint for its stray dog service and service to the public.

8 Approval of the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 5 February 2014 and budget recommendation

The minutes of the budget meeting held on 5 February and the recommended budget were approved and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

9 Accounts for approval and payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised

	Payee	Goods/Services	Amount Budget
Feb 1	DCC	Superann December 14	1566.92 1A-1L
	HMR&C	Tax & NI December 14	1235.04 1A-1L
	Unite The Union	Union Subs December 14	59.80 1A-1L
	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Repairs	30.55 5I
	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract January 14	556.80 4H,5F(60:40)
	M&R Lawnmower Services	Equipment servicing	707.80 5I
	D Lowe	Roof repairs	210.00 5I
	Whitwell Community Centre	Various	748.40 2E,2S,2V,6C,6A
	Bolsover District Council	C.A.N.	125.00 7A
Feb 3	Turner Hire & Sales	Clothing/Repairs	622.94 5I

Feb 10	Turner & Wilson	Cemetery repairs	216.00 4F
	Total		6079.25
	There were no cheque Payments to be Authorised		

10 Financial Reports

It was noted that the wages summary was not dated, but the contents were accepted.

11 To consider recommendations from the Playscheme Committee on the duration o this year's playschemes (Cllr J Raspin)

It was **resolved**, due to the declining attendance at the Easter playscheme to concentrate on providing a 3 week Summer playscheme this year.

12 To approve the District Valuer's Fee for the valuation of the WCC site

It was **resolved** accept the District Valuer's fee.

13 To consider resignations received from Cllr V Mills and Cllr G Webster from the Hanging Baskets Working Group and election of new members

Councillors expressed their gratitude to Cllr Mills and Cllr Webster and **resolved** to accept their resignations and to disband the Hanging Baskets Working Group.

14 To consider the provision of Christmas lights and hanging baskets

It was **resolved** to improve on last year's display and agenda this item in April, giving time to investigate costs.

15 To consider the provision of a litter bin and seat near the new play equipment on Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground

It was **resolved** to purchase a litter bin and seat to be placed near the new play equipment.

16 To consider the replacement of the Honda mower (1989) with an Atilla 51

It was **resolved** to replace the Honda Mower with an Atilla 51.

17 To approve subscription to the Parish Online digital mapping service

It was **resolved** to subscribe to the Parish Online digital mapping service.

18 To consider replacement of the stone pier near Hodthorpe Bridge

It was **resolved** not to replace the stone pier due to its proximity to the highway and to investigate alternative options.

19 To consider nominating assets of community value (Cllr S Maiden)

It was **resolved** to take the necessary steps in order to register assets of community value.

20 Correspondence

20.1 Email from Clerk to Thorpe Salvin Parish Council regarding Dumb Hall Lane/Scratta Lane.

20.2 Invitation to Chair and guest to attend BDC's Civic Service on 23.3.14

20.3 DALC Circular 02/2014 – Spring Seminar/War Memorial Conservation Work/NTS Bursary Scheme/CILCA/DALC Subs. 2014-15/Spring Training/Clerk-RFO Vacancy Sawley PC.

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

20.1 A response had been sent that Whitwell PC would be happy to discuss this with them, but they have been referred to Nottinghamshire County Council.

20.2 Invitation to be declined, with thanks.

20.3 Noted.

21 Planning Matters

- 21.1 13/00546/FUL – Change of use of land to the keeping of horses and erection of post and rail fence, Field View, Steetley Farm, Steetley Lane, Steetley – No objections.
- 21.2 14/00022/RETRO – Retention of an existing radio antenna in front garden and erection of new aerial attached to the existing with a max. Extended height of 16.4m, 3 Sandy Close, Whitwell. S80 4PY – No objections.
- 21.3 14/00037/TCON – Removal of 10 Silver Birch trees and one Elm tree, Stoneycroft, 7 High Street, Whitwell – No objections.

22 Progress Reports

Initiatives Group

Awaiting outcome of funding bids placed.

23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7.00 pm

24 Suspension of Standing Orders to permit a fifteen minute open forum for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting - None

25 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 20:45.

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