

# WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

### Present:

|                              |                                 |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Councillor S Maiden (Chair)  | Councillor T Munro (Vice Chair) | Councillor K Austin |
| Councillor J Raspin          | Councillor G Webster            |                     |
| County Councillor D McGregor |                                 |                     |
| 5 members of the public      | PCSO Matthew Wardle             | Mr K Revell         |

### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs V Mills and 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

PCSO Wardle reported a decrease in crime figures for February. An ASBO was issued by the court yesterday with the conditions not to cause harassment to any person within the Bolsover district, not to throw objects and not to enter private land. Cllr Maiden also reported that the court would like the youth to attend the youth club. PCSO Wardle also reported on the theft of diesel from vehicles in the lay-by at Whitwell Common and all suspicious behaviour should be reported. Problems with broken glass on Bakestone Moor recreational park were reported to PCSO Wardle.

PCSO Wardle left the meeting at 7.15 pm

#### 3.2 Mr Kevin Revell, Environmental Enforcement Officer, BDC to speak about dog fouling and dog control orders

Mr Revell reported that the service is now run jointly with NEDDC, covering a large area with 1 additional member of staff and 1 additional dog warden. The dog warden has carried out patrols in Whitwell. In particularly bad areas it is possible to install cameras. He informed of a new police crime and anti-social behaviour order going through parliament at present and new legislation will replace dog control orders at the end of the year, so it would not be cost effective to put a dog control order in place before this time. Mr Revell was asked about the areas where prosecution applied and he informed that it is not applicable on private land or areas above a 40mph speed limit, but it is applicable on footpaths, bridleways and recreational land. There were 12 convictions in the district last year. Evidence could come from a witness, photos or CCTV. Noisy dogs are dealt with under separate legislation and the responsibility lies with the person in control of the noisy dog. Mr Revell agreed to send copies of leaflets.

#### 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 reported further on the £157M savings required until 2018. The County Council are trying to protect health issues with funds being directed towards helping young people with learning difficulties and disadvantaged young people. He also reported that there are 20,000 residents missing out on free heart health checks, which are aimed at the 40-74 age group.
- 3.3.2 There is no funding available for street lighting on Fox Road. Although there is a budget for community safety projects, this does not meet the criteria as it is a low crime/anti-social behaviour area.
- 3.3.3 The speed bump on Welbeck Street near the Fox Road junction will be investigated in 4-6 weeks.

- 3.3.4 Cllr McGregor had received information regarding the materials used on road repairs. He informed that there is a rolling programme, with pot holes being a priority. Extra staff have been employed and extra hours worked, as there have been 7633 reports so far this year.
- 3.3.5 Gas mains renewal works have been carried out on Hanger Hill from 7-10 March.
- 3.3.6 A public meeting was held on Tuesday 25 February regarding lorries travelling through the village. He informed that DCC have no legal grounds to stop lorries travelling through the village if they exceed the bridge height limit, as this is the allowed route. There will be £30,000 in the budget in the next financial year for a survey on the bridge at Darfoulds.
- 3.3.7 The A619 from Barlborough to Worksop is to be completely resurfaced.
- 3.3.8 A good Ofsted report was received for children and young adult services.
- 3.3.9 There is 230 metres of Dumb Hall/Scrata Lane in Derbyshire.
- 3.3.10 The possibility of parking permits on Fox Road – one of the conditions is that the scheme is self-financing at a cost of £30 for the first vehicle, £50 for additional vehicles and £13 per year for a visitor permit. The scheme would also have to incorporate other roads, but consultation would have to take place.
- 3.3.11 Cllr McGregor apologised for not being able to attend last week's special meeting and he reported on BDC's position regarding the land at Southfield Lane. The issue is due to be re-visited at a future cabinet meeting.
- 3.3.12 There had been an objection received regarding installation of yellow lines on Duke Street, causing the delay.

The following issues were raised:-

- 3.3.13 It was noted that there was a faulty street light near the phone box in the Square.
- 3.3.14 Cars are parking on the yellow lines on Fox Road.
- 3.3.15 Cllr Maiden is concerned that the yellow lines in the village are not legal and Cllr McGregor agreed to look into this.
- 3.3.16 The running water on the High Street near the cemetery requires a culvert to direct it into the drain.
- 3.3.17 During the recent road works between the De Rodes and Whitwell Wood, the crossroads have been missed out and there is a large pot hole.

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

No matters were discussed.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 20:20

#### **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**

None.

#### **6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 12 February 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2014 were 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 12 February 2014**

7.1 Item 3.3.10 - Cllr T Munro had received a list of food banks.

#### **8 Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 March 2014**

There was an 'm' missing out of communities on the present list. The minutes of the special meeting held on 5 March 2014 were then approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

## 9 Accounts for approval and payment

The RFO informed that the DCC superannuation figure should read 1484.18, making the total 4375.77. The following accounts were then approved for payment.

### Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised

|       | Payee                         | Goods/Services         | Amount         | Budget       |
|-------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Mar 4 | DCC                           | Superann February 14   | 1484.18        | 1A-1L        |
|       | HMR&C                         | Tax & NI February 14   | 1380.20        | 1A-1L        |
|       | Unite The Union               | Union Subs February 14 | 55.38          | 1A-1L        |
|       | DALC                          | Subscription 2014      | 711.30         | 2F           |
|       | Planterior Landscape Services | Contract February 14   | 556.80         | 4H,5F(60:40) |
|       | Whitwell Community Centre     | Newsletter             | 64.37          | 2N           |
|       | Turner Hire & Sales           | Equipment              | 32.46          | 5I           |
|       | Farmway Trading Ltd           | Equipment              | 13.68          | 5I           |
|       | Farmway Trading Ltd           | Equipment              | 77.40          | 5I           |
|       | <b>Total</b>                  |                        | <b>4375.77</b> |              |

### Cheque Payments to be Authorised

| Cheque No. | Payee           | Goods/Service       | Amount        | Budget |
|------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|
| 103606     | Post Office Ltd | Vehicle Excise Duty | 220.00        |        |
| 103607     | C Milnes        | Mole Control        | 85.00         |        |
|            |                 |                     | <b>305.00</b> |        |

## 10 Financial Reports

It was **resolved** to accept the wages report and budget monitoring statement.

## 11 Parish Council Allotments

Cllr S Maiden invited a tenant of the Station Road allotment site to speak, who thanked the council for repairing the fence following the theft of his poly-tunnel, and informed that the police have advised that he install a security camera, but he also enquired about the possibility of an additional gate. Cllr Maiden would like to speak to the crime prevention officer.

It was **resolved** that the parish council re-instates an appropriate unbroken fence and hedge along the entire length of the boundary between the Station Road allotment site and the field that prevents access to the allotment site from the field and the field from the allotment site.

that the owner of the field, the owner of the horses, together with all allotment holders on the site be advised in writing of the action to be taken by the parish council

that the parish council writes to the owner of the horses advising that the disposal and or storage of horse manure on the allotment site is not permitted.

that the parish council adopts the revised tenancy agreement with immediate implementation for all new tenants and implementation for existing tenants in accordance with appropriate legal requirements. (A tenant exchanging one tenancy for another is to be considered as a new tenant of the exchanged plot and the revised tenant implemented accordingly).

## 12 To consider to adopt proposed new Standing Orders

Cllr Maiden informed that we are still awaiting confirmation of the exact interpretation of item 3a. The figure in 18c should also match the corresponding figure in the Financial Regulations, and these would therefore be reviewed. It was **resolved** to adopt the new standing orders with effect from 1 April 2014.

## 13 New Co-operative building site – to consider writing to BDC, as the Planning Authority, in respect of the final appearance of the remains of the old garages to the rear of the site (Cllr T Munro)

It was **resolved** to write to the planning authority in order to seek assurances that the original plans submitted showing this area to be landscaped are to be followed.

**14 Old Colliery Stock Yard, Southfield Lane (Cllr S Maiden)**

It was **resolved** to commence with investigating the options concerning the conditions applicable to the heads of term lease with the HCA and/or Thomas Lister Ltd., in conjunction with H&BPC, on the condition that there is no commitment on our part.

**15 Correspondence**

- 15.1 Debbie Matthews, Divisional Commander, Derbyshire Police re PCSO position at Whitwell.
- 15.2 Invitation to BDC's Charity Fashion Show 28.4.14.
- 15.3 DALC Circular 03/2014 – Training Programme Spring 2014.
- 15.4 DALC Circular 04/2014 – Repeal of s.150(5) of The Local Government Act 1972
- 15.5 DALC Circular 05/2014 – DALC subscriptions/NALC policy consultation/Quality council portfolios/ Banking arrangements/The Big Allotment Challenge/Clerk Vacancy

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

- 15.1 Noted.
- 15.2 Noted.
- 15.3 The Clerk will be attending a finance training course on 18 March.
- 15.4 Noted.
- 15.5 Noted.

**16 Planning Matters**

- 16.1 14/00074/TCON – Tree works to 2 x damson and 3 x cherry trees, 13a Portland Street, Whitwell S80 4RJ – No objections.

**17 Progress Reports**

No reports.

**18 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 April 2014 at 7.00 pm  
The Open Parish meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 7.00 pm

**19 Suspension of Standing Orders to permit a fifteen minute open forum for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting**

The speed bump at Welbeck Street/Fox Road junction looks beyond repair.

**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.

20.1 Review of Staff Hours

It was **resolved** to increase the hours of employee No. 162 to 15, with a subsequent decrease of 5 hours to employee No. 92.

It was also noted that the hours of employee no. 176 should decrease in the forthcoming months, and will be subject to review.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:20.

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  
NEDDC – North East Derbyshire District Council  
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