

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 14 August 2013

Present:

Councillor T Munro (in the chair)	Councillor K Austin	Councillor V P Mills
Councillor J Raspin	Councillor G Webster	County Councillor D McGregor
PC2356 J Graham	3 members of the public	

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Burdett, S Ellis and S Maiden.

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 County Councillor

Cllr McGregor reported on the following issues:-

- 3.1.1. Most items on the Highways "to do" list had now been dealt with.
- 3.1.2. DCC officers have expressed an opinion that another covert traffic survey would be too soon after the survey in 2010.
- 3.1.3. A grant of £1000 had been awarded for the Music Festival.
- 3.1.4. An inspection of the overgrown hedge in Firbeck Lane is to take place.
- 3.1.5. The DCC Portfolio Holder is to inspect Sandy Lane where parking on the verge has been reported as a problem.
- 3.1.6. Instead of expected cuts over four years of £120m by central government the actual figure will be £157m, the extra having been concealed in other communications sent to DCC by central government.
- 3.1.7. The Home and Community Agency has agreed that BDC will have a 10 year custody of the land in Southfield Lane which was the subject of the Alkane proposals. It would be useful if WPC and H&BPC would agree to conduct a consultation exercise and to formulate plans for the land's future. (Thanks to Cllr McGregor were recorded for his efforts in this matter over the past few years).

The following issues were raised:-

- 3.1.8. A petition from the residents of Duke Street for the introduction of parking restrictions had been handed in three months ago but no action appears to have been taken.
- 3.1.9. There were overgrown hedges on land at the right hand side of Station Road (east of the school crossing).
- 3.1.10. The road markings promised in The Square were still awaited.
- 3.1.11. The pavement surface at Thorpe Avenue was in dis-repair.
- 3.1.12. An invitation was extended to Cllr McGregor to meet with Parish Councillors to inspect various sites within the parish. (Accepted by Cllr McGregor).

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

PC Graham reported on crimes reported in July (13 – 20 in June). He also reported that two arrests had been made recently for drug offences. He asked whether the Council would like some input from the police (PCSO K Lee) in future newsletters.

The following issues were raised:-

3.2.1 There were perceived speeding problems on Hillside. PC Graham said that this was unsuitable for speed monitoring.

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

The following items were raised with District Councillors:-

3.3.1 The grass on the A616 had now been cut.

3.3.2 The BDC Apprenticeship Scheme had now finished and been replaced by a Job Club held every week at The Arc.

The following items were raised with Parish Councillors:-

3.3.3 Mr Bullock had not received a reply from the PC about his comment/complaint at the May meeting regarding litter in the streets.

3.3.4 It would appear to Cllr Munro that some of the chippings at Bakestone Moor Allotments had gone missing.

3.3.5 There is a potential problem with vehicles parking (fully) on the pavement next to the pump at the junction of Station Road and Portland Street.

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

It was **resolved** to deal with the matters raised as follows:-

Clerk to write to Mr Bullock with information regarding the litter problem (item 3.3.3 above)

Clerk to write to DCC and police regarding the parking problem near the pump (item 3.3.5 above).

Clerk to write to PCSO K Lee thanking her and accepting the offer of input to the Newsletter.

6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 10 July 2013

Item 3.1.9. – should read Hennymoor Lane not Hennny Moor Lane.

Item 3.3.2 – should read BDC not DCC.

After the foregoing amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 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 10 July 2013

7.1 Item 3.1.5 – there was no further information available.

7.2 Item 5 – the holly hedge had been trimmed.

7.3 Item 7.1 – wireless internet is to be installed on 15 August.

7.4 Item 10 – thanks were recorded to the Handymen for the work at Jubilee Garden.

7.5 Item 12.4 – the defibrillator was now installed.

7.6 Item 12.7 – there were no free containers left.

7.7 Item 12.3 – there was nothing further to report.

7.8 The Roseland Community Wind Farm application had been refused.

7.9 "Review of Clerk's Hours" to be on the agenda for the September meeting.

8 Accounts for approval and payment

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount	Budget
103582	Wilson's	Floral Displays	720.00	5B
103583	M&R Lawnmower Services	Mower repairs	64.94	5I
103584	Thorp's Building Supplies Ltd	Repairs	57.38	5I
			<u>842.32</u>	

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised

	Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
Aug 1	DCC	Superann July 13	1590.94	1A-1L
	HMR&C	Tax & NI July 13	1385.38	1A-1L
	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract July 13	556.80	4G,5F
	Morton Michel	Playscheme insurance	373.60	2Q
	Bolsover District Council	Planning fee	195.00	2H
	Baker Ross Ltd	Playscheme equipment	176.27	2P
	Bolsover District Council	CAN	125.00	7A
	Zen Internet Ltd	Broadband setup	83.40	2U
	Unite The Union	Union Subs July 2013	57.42	1A-1L
Aug 14	TTS Group	Playscheme equipment	359.34	2P
	Whitwell After School Club	Petty Cash/Fees	524.00	2Q
	Total		<u>5427.15</u>	

9 Financial Reports

A question was asked about the number of employees who appeared to have received no payments during this year. The RFO stated that this was mainly due to the PC holding a "bank" of employees for the bar and playscheme but not all of them were used at any one time. He added that he regularly requested information regarding those employees who were no longer needed for employment.

10 Feedback from Pear Technology Demonstration

In the absence of Cllr Maiden, Cllr Austin gave a brief overview of the package demonstrated. He thought that it was an excellent program, as did others who had attended. It was **resolved** to bear this in mind during the 2014/15 budget deliberations.

11 To consider the Cemetery Committee's Proposals relating to the proposed Cemetery Extension

Cllr Munro outlined the progress on the proposed purchase of the land for the cemetery extension and reported that the land owner had agreed to a selling price with some minor conditions which were thought not to be a problem.

12 To consider the Parish Council's Website/Literature branding and image.

Cllr Austin made comment on the fact that the Council's website and literature projected no particular image and perhaps the PC should consider, as a start, a logo which portrayed at least the history of the parish. It was **resolved** that the IT Group consider and recommend a logo and "branding" image.

13 Correspondence

- 13.1 Matthew Lane – Explorer Scout Environmental Partnership Award.
- 13.2 DCC – Community Safety Clean Up Project 2013/14
- 13.3 Police & Crime Commissioner – Retirement of PC F Taylor
- 13.4 DALC – Nominations for President & Vice Presidents

- 13.5 DALC Circular 15/2013 – Annual Return/Audit & Accountability Bill/Community grants/ General Power of Competence/Good Councillor Guide/DBS Update Service/Police Survey/Marie Curie Derbyshire Walk/Hayfield PC Vacancy/Dale Abbey PC Vacancy.
- 13.6 DALC Circular 16/2013 – Local Government Pension Scheme/GH Speed 2 (HS2)/ HR Workshop/Planning Seminar/Good Councillors Guide.

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

- 13.1 Anything that the PC asks the scouts to do should be reasonable and not put volunteers at risk. The suggestion, however, is endorsed. Suggested work could include tidying/planting the garden at the corner of New Street (BDC permission required), litter picking at Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground. The Clerk to write to discuss possible projects and agenda for the September meeting.
- 13.2 Cllr Mills suggested tidying/clearing the Plantation bounding Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground and the Franklin Avenue allotment site. The clerk to forward application for these two projects.
- 13.3 Noted.
- 13.4 Noted.
- 13.5 Noted.
- 13.6 Noted.

14 Planning Matters

- 14.1 13/00277/FUL and 13/00278/LBC – Construction of new outbuildings, including garage block and wood store and external works to drive and gardens – The Old Hall, Old Hall Lane, Whitwell – no objections.
- 14.2 13/00280/VAR – to convert barns to 3 dwellings and erect 5 new dwellings including car parking and accesses (resiting of plot 1-3 and minor amendments to the barn conversion to include additional windows and roof lights), Butt Hill Farm, Butt Hill, Whitwell – no objections.
- 14.3 13/00309/FUL - Erection of a two storey dwelling with attached garage, land to south of 2 Claylands Road, Whitwell – the PC has concerns about the imbalance on the street scene.
- 14.4 13/00311/FUL – Erection of garage and steps to front of dwelling, 4 Bakestone Moor, Whitwell – no objections.

15 Progress Reports

15.1 Playscheme

Cllr Raspin reported that the Playscheme had been very successful yet again.

15.2 “Have a Field Day” Event

The official opening of the new play equipment on Bakestone Moor Rec. would be held on Wednesday 28 August from 2.00 pm. Refreshments would be provided in the Friendship Hall, where there would be a display of the next stages. Invitations would be sent to LaFarge, QEII, Proludic, Planning Officer and the local press.

15.3 Allotments

Cllr Mills reported that there were 10 plots on the Mill Lane site which had not been cultivated this year, including the Council’s plot. It was agreed that all plot holders should be written to and advised that unless they complied with the allotments terms and conditions, their tenancy will be terminated. It was agreed that due consideration will be made where issues around health had been a problem.

The Allotment Group thought that half plots should in future be split lengthways.

15.4 Southfield Lane Land (“Alkane” site)

The Clerk to include this on the agenda for the September meeting with a view to setting up a Joint Group with H&BPC.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 September 2013.

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

17.1 Member of public enquired whether the Explorer Scouts could help with the spreading of the chippings at the Bakestone Moor Allotments.

17.2 It was pointed out by a member of the public that some of the tenants of the uncultivated plots at Mill Lane had medical problems.

18 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.

18.1 The Clerk to write to the local branch of the RBL to enquire of its plans for the parade on Armistice Day.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 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 & Belp Parish Council
HGV – heavy goods vehicle
IT – Information Technology
LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme
NALC – National Association of Local Councils
NSLAG – 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