

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 8 January 2014

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair)	Councillor T Munro (Vice Chair)	Councillor K Austin
Councillor J Burdett	Councillor S Ellis	Councillor J Raspin
Councillor G Webster		
2 members of the public	PCSO K Lee	

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs V Mills.

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 December (14 in total) – burglary = 2, non-dwelling burglary = 2, criminal damage = 4, violence = 3, theft = 2, theft from motor vehicle = 1,
PCSO K Lee reported on a recent burglary on Thorpe Avenue and burglaries in Hodthorpe, for which they have a suspect.

PCSO K Lee left the meeting at 7.05 pm

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

Cllr McGregor reported on the following issues:-

- 3.2.1 Whitwell Green – the open holes around the lampposts have been reported.
- 3.2.2 He needs more time to work on the issue of lorries travelling through the village. He has requested funding and will be informed of the outcome by the end of the month. He has written to the MP for assistance and has received a reply and he will give a full account at a public meeting, which he intends to arrange.
- 3.2.3 He asked Cllr Munro for some clarification as to why the repairs carried out to the road surface on Scotland Street and Portland Street towards the Chapel, were inadequate. Cllr Munro reported that the pavements were fine but there are 3-5 potholes coming from the direction of the Church. Cllr McGregor informed that he has requested these to be repaired
- 3.2.4 The repair to the pot hole on Fox Road has not yet been carried out. Cllr McGregor asked Cllr Munro to report back to him if the repair is carried out this week.
- 3.2.5 Cllr McGregor reported that he had informed Cllr Mr John Moore from H&BPC that LaFarge contractors would be using the designated route.
- 3.2.6 A pothole at Bakestone Moor on the bend near Claylands has been reported as urgent.
- 3.2.7 Cllr McGregor offered his assistance, if required, with the WCC lease.
- 3.2.8 Cllr Webster informed that grit bin no. 46 on Hangar Hill, opposite Mill Lane, was empty.
- 3.2.9 Cllr Munro asked about the County Council's intentions regarding the A619 road surface travelling south from Van Dyk's to the Harlethorpe crossroads. Cllr Austin informed that the conditions had changed this year and cutting the hedges shorter may have had an adverse effect. Cllr McGregor informed that they are looking into the whole area. Cllr Maiden informed that trenches have been dug on the low end of the road at the Southgate crossroads and there were two men there with clipboards this morning.

3.2.10 Cllr Maiden is concerned about the “spring” on the highway at the bend near Whitwell Cemetery as this is getting bigger and lorries are making the road wider. Cllr McGregor thought CCTV cameras in the village would identify lorries and also help kerb anti-social behaviour.

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

3.3.1 Reported that there were 14 BDC operatives on Hennymoor Lane towards Steetley today with 3 dustbin lorries for collecting, and 3 operatives were litter picking at the time.

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

None.

6 Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council held on 11 December 2013

The name of the PCSO who attended the December meeting was not known.

Item 6 (3.1.3) to read “The stone tiles”.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 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 11 December 2013

7.1 Item 3.1 – Cllr Webster informed that Cllr Murray-Carr would be willing to attend a meeting to speak about installation of CCTV, and this would be arranged for the February meeting.

7.2 Item 3.1.4. – Cllr Raspin has not yet researched the cost of street lighting, so this will be deferred until the next meeting.

7.3 Item 5 – The Clerk reported on issuing of Dog Control Orders. Kevin Revell the Environmental Team Leader would be invited to attend the March Council meeting and public would be informed.

8 Accounts for approval and payment

The HMRC payment should read £1666.97, making the total of direct payments £4697.27. The RFO will enquire whether Thorpes Building Supplies will accept direct payments. The following accounts were then approved for payment.

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised

	Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
Jan 2	DCC	Superann. Dec 13	1602.99	1A-1L
	HMR&C	Tax & NI Dec 13	1666.97	1A-1L
	Unite The Union	Union Subs Dec 13	55.38	1A-1L
	J Whitehead Training	First aid training	500.00	2V
Jan 6	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract Dec 13	556.80	4H,5F(60:40)
	Turner Hire & Sales	Xmas Decs.	315.12	6A
	Total		4697.26	

Cheque Payments to be Authorised

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount	Budget
103601	Phil Hodges Electrical	Xmas Lights	250.00	6A
103602	Whitwell Service Station	New Tyres	197.88	2O
103603	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Repairs	115.36	5I
103604	CPRE	Subscription	29.00	2K
103605	B Jackson	Travel allowance	15.60	2W
			607.84	

9 Financial Reports

The wages summary was accepted.

10 Correspondence

10.1 BDC – Community Governance Review

10.2 BDC – Local Plan Strategy Local Development Document submission to Secretary of State for independent examination.

10.3 DALC Circular 23/2013 – S137/Council Tax/WWI Lottery Cash/English Bursary Scheme/DALC Spring Seminar/RAD Oil Buying Scheme/Rural Communities Event.

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

10.1 Noted.

10.2 Noted.

10.3 Noted.

11 Planning Matters

11.1 13/00506/FUL – Two storey side & single storey rear extensions, 43 Franklin Crescent, Whitwell S80 4PT – No objections.

11.2 13/00522/FUL – Two storey extension to the front of the rear wing of Cinder Cottage, Gipsyhill Lane, Whitwell – This item had been received too late to be added to the agenda and had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting as the timescale for comments will have lapsed before the next Council meeting – No objections.

12 Progress Reports

Initiatives/Funding Working Group

The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 22 January at 7.00 pm.

13 Date of Next Meeting

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

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

14 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

15 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 Webster informed on the current situation with the New Street garden. Work had commenced in Creswell before the Christmas break and the workers were then deployed on bin emptying after Christmas. Martin Hunter is hoping to deploy the workers in Whitwell either this week or next week.

The Standing Orders meeting would be arranged for Wednesday 19 February.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05 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