

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at Whitwell Community Centre at 19.00 on Wednesday 9 July 2014

Present:

Councillor S Maiden (Chair)

Councillor T Munro

County Councillor D McGregor

Councillor K Austin (Vice Chair)

Councillor J Raspin

5 members of the public

Councillor V Mills

Councillor G Webster

PC M Wardle

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs J Burdett.

2 To record declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from members on any items to be discussed

None.

3 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest

No applications had been received.

4 Public participation session

It was agreed to bring item 4.3 forward to enable PC Wardle to go back to his duties.

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

PC Wardle reported that crimes were 7 less this year compared to June last year. There have been 13 crimes this month as opposed to 20. There has been an increase in shed burglaries in the Bolsover area and owners are urged to increase security. There have been 3 bicycle thefts, with 3 arrests being made. The new PCSO will be on the beat next week, after completing his training.

PC Wardle was asked whether the police are still issuing shed alarms and he replied that this is dependent on funding.

Two cars without tax parked on the pavement on Mill Lane have been reported to the police, who seem to have no record of this. PC Wardle informed that this is a DVLA issue.

Vehicles are speeding through the village along Welbeck Street and up and down Bakestone Moor early morning and late in the day.

Motorbikes are regularly using the footpath between Claylands Grove and the Plantation. This issue has been raised with Mr Colman, the Footpaths Officer, who advised that it be raised with the police. PC Wardle said that this has been reported and the area is being visited.

PC Wardle left the meeting at 19:15

4.1 Presentation on Whitwell Energy Park by Neil S Baker, MD, Baker Barnett Ltd, Mr C Rose and Mr S Land, Project Manager

Mr Land's apologies were noted.

Mr Baker gave a power-point presentation on the proposed backup power generation at Whitwell Energy Park, Southfield Lane (Alkane). A copy would be sent to the Clerk to distribute. He then invited questions.

- Asked if they knew where the gas is situated, Mr Rose replied that they had this information and there is 1mw available.
- Cllr Murray-Carr informed that he had been involved in the initial installation at Shirebrook; there is a good relationship with the company; it had created no problems and there has not been much night emission.
- Traffic management is a sensitive issue to the community and it is essential that every contractor is aware of the appropriate route. Mr Baker replied that they are all issued with instructions and they will be monitored. He also informed that further meetings and a liaison group could be set up if required.
- Mr Baker was informed to contact H&BPC as the site was in their parish.

4.2 Cllr B Murray-Carr - CCTV

Apologies from Mr Cook, TIS, were noted.

Cllr Murray-Carr provided a quote based on the previous anti-social behaviour around the Community Centre. He was informed that the council required evidence of the HGV's travelling through the village and were considering the installation of CCTV in the centre of the village, although the council would require a commitment from DCC that action would be taken on the evidence. Cllr Murray-Carr suggested a speed watch scheme and suggested the District Councillors speak to him at the Arc and he could arrange for the police to speak about this. Another area to be considered was the Bakestone Moor recreation park, but the council need to be made aware of the privacy/data protection issues. Dog fouling was also an issue, but CCTV evidence would need to be backed-up by a witness. The District Councillors agreed to speak to the Rangers. Cllr Murray-Carr agreed to contact TIS with a view to him contacting the Clerk in order to arrange a site meeting and to give a presentation to the council.

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

Cllr McGregor reported on the following issues:-

- 4.4.1 A meeting is taking place on 15 July to consider proposals regarding the budget cuts.
- 4.4.2 Cllr McGregor agrees that CCTV evidence needs to be actioned and advised the council to write to the Trading Standards Officer at DCC to ask if he could give some authority that the evidence would be sufficient for them to take action.
- 4.4.3 A successful meeting had been held regarding the flooding at Mill Ash Lane, where there were 4 blocked grates, and a soak-away would be considered.
- 4.4.4 Welbeck Street was not on the list to be top-dressed but it has now been put forward for consideration.
- 4.4.5 Cllr McGregor had received 6 emails regarding traffic travelling through the village.
- 4.4.6 The temporary traffic monitoring equipment attached to a lamppost in the Square did not belong to the District Council; contractors must have permission from the Street Works Section.
- 4.4.7 DCC have been shortlisted for a prestigious East Midlands apprenticeship award.
- 4.4.8 DCC will be identifying former industrial land in order to explore its possible use for energy projects.
- 4.4.9 Informed of the M1 smart motorway scheme announcement
- 4.4.10 Cllr McGregor had received an email regarding the garden at the end of New Street. BDC to action.
- 4.4.11 BDC have been requested to erect a sign in the Square car park for no ball games.

The following issues were raised:-

- 4.4.12 Yellow lines on Duke Street.
- 4.4.13 Lamppost testing – there are 3 rusting posts on Malthouse Road. Cllr Munro agreed to acquire the post numbers and pass these on.
- 4.4.14 A one-way traffic scheme was suggested from the top of Spring Hill onto Malthouse Road. The suggestion would be emailed to Cllr McGregor.
- 4.4.15 The pot hole on the speed hump on Station Road has not yet received any attention.
- 4.4.16 A lamppost on Franklin Avenue has been changed this week; this had been requested 4-6 years ago.
- 4.4.17 A hedge is blocking the footpath at the entrance to the Poplars.
- 4.4.18 The speed bump on Welbeck Street has not yet received any attention.
- 4.4.19 How much of the Government's £168Million will DCC receive for pot hole repairs? Cllr McGregor replied that this is being looked into; there would not be a lot of money available to them, but it will help.

Cllr McGregor left the meeting at 20:45

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

- 4.5.1 There is a good flower display at the Boot and Shoe.
- 4.5.2 The parish handymen should be congratulated on the parish and Community Centre displays and a letter of thanks sent to them.

5 To consider for approval the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 June 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

6 To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2014

6.1 Item 4.2 – Mr Shelley also gave a presentation to Creswell parish council who immediately pledged financial support. An agenda item to consider an interim payment was suggested for next month

6.2 Item 11 – The Clerk was aware of suitable recording equipment.

7 To consider for approval the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 July 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

8 To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 2 July 2014

8.1 H&BPC have called an extraordinary meeting for Friday 11 July 2014. The Chairman read out an email he had received from Rachel Lister containing the HCA's requirements.

9 Accounts for approval and payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

Cheque no. 103620 to be discussed in item 15.3 below.

Cheque No.	Payee	Goods/Service	Amount	Budget
103620	Lafarge Aggregates Ltd	Grant contribution	3839.29	7D
103621	Whitwell Brass Band	S137 grant	50.00	6C
103622	Arco Ltd	Notices	<u>23.09</u>	2K
			<u>3912.38</u>	

Direct Bank Payments to be authorised

July10	DCC	Superann. June 14	1985.23	1A-1L
	HMRC	Tax & NI June 14	1102.43	1A-1L
	Planterior Landscape Services	Contract June 14	556.80	4G, 5F
	Whitwell Com. Centre	Various	505.67	2F, 2T
	J Woodhead	New door	360.00	2K
	Turner Hire & Sales	Floral Displays	312.00	5B
	Playsafe Ltd	Play Equip Inspection	306.00	2K
	SLCC	Subscription	147.00	2L
	Unite the Union	Union Subs June 2014	55.38	1A-1L
	Farmway Trading Ltd	Floral Displays	40.62	5B
	Thorpes Building Supplies Ltd	Repairs	<u>20.47</u>	5I
			<u>5391.60</u>	

10 Financial Reports

Reserve to be removed from against "DALC subs" and placed against "Elections". The reports were then accepted. The RFO agreed to forward the amount of the current total reserves to Cllr Munro.

11 To consider the provision of Christmas lights

It was **resolved** to approach H&BPC with a view to sharing the costs of leasing solar-powered Christmas tree lights, giving both council's the potential to save money. Following their agreement, WPC will spend the £1,400 budget.

12 To consider the impact to the council of changes to the Co-operative Banking Service

The RFO had reported in April the receipt of a letter received on 27 March informing of the closure of the Co-operative Business Banking Service on 30 June. At present the service is still in operation. The RFO has written to other banks, but has not received any response. The RFO was asked to pursue responses. The RFO intends to pay staff using the internet banking system on the closure of the service, as there would be no cost, and the Clerk

would need to be able to use the service when he was absent. It was **resolved** that the Clerk be added as a signatory on the account and be authorised to use the online banking system.

The RFO left at 21:07

13 Correspondence

- 13.1 BDC – Withdrawal of BDC Local Plan Strategy
- 13.2 Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground
- 13.3 Yates Utd. pitch fees
- 13.4 DALC Circular 11/2014 – Keeping of Documents
- 13.5 DALC Circular 12/2014 – DALC Annual Exec. Mtg & AGM
- 13.6 DALC Circular 13/2014 – DALC President 2014-15
- 13.7 DALC Circular 14/2014 – Fin. Regs. Training/SLCC – DALC joint event/CLG Community Development Foundation/CPRE Lighting Survey/Sustainable Communities Act 2007 proposals to DCLG/NALC/Marie Curie/Vacancies/Training
- 13.8 DALC Circular 15/2014 – Governance & Accountability/Rural Housing Policy Review/Future of Rural Economy/LGPS/IER/NALC pensions briefing/Localism/Vitalise

Correspondence note listed:-

- 13.9 BDC Dog Poop Scoop Bags
- 13.10 Untidy Garden
- 13.11 RBL – Remembrance Parade
- 13.12 Post Office public consultation

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

- 13.1 Noted
- 13.2 Reply that the area will be receiving some more attention in the near future, alongside the development of the recreation area. Our contractors will be working together with our handymen on levelling some of the area with soil, with a view to potentially using the area as a bicycle track. The concerns raised will be forwarded to DCC for guidance.
- 13.3 A 12 month payment plan will be set up.
- 13.4 Noted
- 13.5 Noted
- 13.6 Noted
- 13.7 Noted
- 13.8 Noted
- 13.9 BDC's decision to suspend this service was noted.
- 13.10 The Clerk had forwarded this information to the District Councillors
- 13.11 Reply that the council is pleased that Whitwell Brass Band are able to participate in the initial parade and suggest the Scout Leader is approached regarding the possibility of a parade from the church, with a copy to the PCC.
- 13.12 Noted

14 Planning Matters

- 14.1 14/00285/FUL – Erection of two storey extension to side, single storey extension to rear and new vehicular access from Claylands Place, 2 Claylands Place, Whitwell S80 4QQ – No objections.
- 14.2 14/00256/ADV – 4 x internally illuminated fascias, 1 x non illuminated wall mounted flat panel, 3 x non illuminated post mounted flat panels, 1 x non illuminated wall mounted post office service menu board and 1 x internally illuminated 4.5m totem for new Co-operative Store, Spring Street, Whitwell. – Object to an illuminated fascia on the side of the building facing Station Road as this would affect the neighbouring properties. No objections to the other signage if its suitability within the conservation area has been taken into consideration, on the condition that the illuminated signs are turned off when the business is closed.
- 14.3 14/00286/OUT – Conversion of builders yard building to flats and erection of up to 5 dwellings, 5 Hangar Hill, Whitwell S80 4QR – Concerns to be raised with the safety of the access road onto the highway and suggest that alternatives are investigated. No other concerns other than conservation area rules are strictly adhered to.

- 14.4 14/00275/FUL – Single storey extensions to the rear to form living room and conservatory and increase in height of the rear section of the existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation at first floor level, 1a Portland Street, Whitwell S80 4RJ – No objections, subject to conservation rules being adhered to.

Planning not listed:-

- 14.5 14/00292/FUL – Two storey side extension and single storey garage, Craiglands, Worksop Road, Whitwell – No objections
- 14.6 14/00298/FUL – Demolition of existing flat roofed porchway to be replaced by conservatory, 12 Fox Road, Whitwell. Cllrs Raspin, Munro and Austin declared an interest in this item. – No objections.

15 Progress Reports

- 15.1 Franklin Allotments
Cllr Webster would speak to Jim Fieldsend regarding the lease.
- 15.2 Update on WCC lease
Cllr Maiden reported on the meeting held with Mark Bedford held on 17 June and his response is awaited.
- 15.3 Update on Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground development and authorisation of funding contributions
A site meeting had been held on 3 July. Installation could take place within 6 weeks of receipt of funding. It was **resolved** to approve cheque no. 103620 being the payment of £3,839.29 to Lafarge Aggregates Ltd and also the payment of £9,204.00 to Veolia ES Landfill Ltd.
- 15.4 Purchase of Atilla 51
The price of the Atilla 51 had increased to £2000.17 + VAT. This was accepted.

16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 August 2014 at 7.00 pm

17 Fifteen minute open forum for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting

No comments.

18 To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) to exclude members of 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.

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.

No items.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:05.

Signed Chairman

Date

List of Resolutions

- 24/2014 It was **resolved** to approach H&BPC with a view to sharing the costs of leasing solar-powered Christmas tree lights, giving both councils the potential to save money. Following their agreement, WPC will spend the £1,400 budget.
- 25/2014. It was **resolved** that the Clerk be added as a signatory on the account and be authorised to use the online banking system.
- 26/2014 It was **resolved** to approve cheque no. 10360 being the payment of £3,839.29 to Lafarge Aggregates Ltd and also the payment of £9,204.00 to Veolia ES Landfill Ltd.

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
DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB)
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