

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 12 October 2022

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)	Councillor K Austin	Councillor D Ellis
Councillor F Raspin	Councillor J Raspin	Councillor L Roberts
2 Members of Public		

1. **To receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs H Green and S Maiden
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 (forms to be completed before the meeting)** – None.
4. **Public Participation Session** - to allow members of the public to speak to the meeting (no decisions can be made on any items raised in this session).
 - 4.1. Members of the Parish Council and public to raise matters of importance with the police

No police were present. The following issues were raised:-

 - 4.1.1 Police have been carrying out regular patrols of Welbeck Street Recreation Ground, engaging with users. The CAN Rangers have also been visiting the site.
 - 4.1.2 Two motorbikes with loud exhausts and a racing car have been riding on Welbeck Street/ Fox Road.
 - 4.1.2 Dangerous parking at the junction of Hangar Hill/Mill Lane.
 - 4.2. Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the **County Councillor** - Cllr M Yates was not present. The following issues were raised:-
 - 4.2.1. Request to designate 2 footpaths - the Cinder Path and path behind the former Whitwell Welfare across to Greenway which have been in use for over 25 years.
 - 4.2.2. Lamppost between the old Co-op and houses is not working – Cllr Munro to report.
 - 4.3. Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present

Parish Council – the Parish Council and Clerk were thanked for successfully raising funds and arranging installation of security fencing along the Plantation boundary at Bakestone Moor, which is fantastic, was installed quickly and has surpassed the expectations of residents previously affected by anti-social behaviour.

A Mill Lane allotment holder requested assistance regarding ramifications from the EHD if he is unable to re-home his cockerel and lack of response from the EHD. He gave assurances regarding mitigating measures for noise nuisance between 6.00 pm-10.00 am. Clerk to contact the EHD to ask them to make direct contact with 2 plot holders and ask them to carry out further early morning inspections to identify plots with any remain noise issues

District Council – Cllr T Munro reported on an issue involving a resident of a property used as a safe house at the end of New Street. BDC's Community Safety Team and Police have been involved.

Nine village organisations have been successful in accessing BDC's elected members' grants. CUP have been granted £400 from the Chair's fund, who will also be supporting St Lawrence PCC to provide hot meals for struggling families.

Cllr T Munro reported on the liquidation of Robert Woodhead Construction, with BDC employing their sub-contractors and some site foremen to continue social house building, with 1,000 registered on the waiting list.

1 MOP left at 19:39

5. **BDC's Interim Planning Policy Manager(PPM) and new Woodlands Project Officer(WPO) speaking about the Community Orchard Project at Claylands, Whitwell**

The PPM was not in attendance. The WPO reported on orchard visits and her visit to the Claylands site and will speak to BDC's Housing Department regarding installation of fencing. She provided a design showing type of trees for a traditional orchard and where they could be planted and was asked to research oak trees and how to treat them. Volunteers would be required for planting then watering and she would contact groups, school and Planterior. A copy of the draft lease to be forwarded to WPC. It was **resolved** that she places an order for bare root whips for hedging to possibly be planted over a weekend in November followed by tree planting in February.

The WPO left at 20:14

6. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2022**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

7. **To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 July 2022**

Item 7-4.2.2. – Overhanging hedge on Welbeck Street has been trimmed but requires a further cut.

Item 7 -8 – A Quarry Liaison Meeting has been arranged.

Item 12 – There has been some improvement made to plots on Mill Lane. Report to be provided including all sites, with notice given on unworked plots not cleared by end of November. Inspection to be arranged.

8. **Accounts for Approval and Payment – It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment: -**

Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised			
Payee	Goods/Services	Amount	Budget
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	960.00	19
M & R Lawnmower Services	Hedge Trimmer Repair	30.00	63
Express Coaching	Wheelchair Basketball	360.00	36
Fire & Light	Workshop testing + works	411.58	41
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs inv. 36818	43.92	63
Hirst Signs Ltd	Welbeck Street Rec. Signage	804.60	63
BHIB	Parish Council Insurance	1819.57	28
Whitwell Community Centre	PC Waste Bin	203.42	63
Whitwell Community Centre	Photocopier Rental	208.80	39
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs inv. 36964	36.90	63
Mole Country Stores	Repairs	20.59	63
Heras	Fencing, Plantation, BM	7942.39	58
Turner Hire & Sales	Repairs	36.79	63
Turner & Wilson(Whitwell) Ltd	Cemetery muck removal	348.00	52
All Seasons	Playscheme supplies 319024./319604	57.08	36
	TOTAL	13283.64	
Credit Card Payments			
Microsoft	Microsoft (Office 365) x 2 users – 2 mths	45.12	45
Co-op Bank	Credit Card Fee – 2 months	4.00	20

Freethought	Web hosting whitwell-pc.gov.uk	155.00	45
Amazon	Playscheme Equipment	453.55	36
Amazon	Stationery £60.23 Stamps £42.50	102.73	39/38
	TOTAL	760.40	

9. Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report. Cllr D Ellis signed the July, August and September bank reconciliation. Consideration of remaining Covid-19 funds to be an agenda item in November.

10. Conclusion of Audit – to Accept the External Auditor Report & Certificate for year ended 31.3.22

It was **resolved** to accept the External Auditor’s Report containing no issues, and the Clerk was thanked.

11. To Accept the Renewal of the Parish Council Insurance Cover from 1 October 2022

It was **resolved** to accept the renewal of the Parish Council’s insurance cover with BHIB at a cost of £1,819.57.

12. To consider replacement of 2 benches near the Jubilee Garden

It was **resolved** to purchase two replacement benches at a cost of £574.34 + VAT from Glasdon.

13. To consider the Annual Play Inspection Reports

It was **resolved** that the Clerk arrange the necessary repairs to equipment at Bakestone Moor.

14. Welbeck Street Recreation Ground

The project commenced on 8 August and positive comments have been received by councillors. The Junior area has been completed and stolen matting will be replaced. Fencing has been installed for the bark park and the small gate has been removed. Issues have been raised with the contractor following installation of the bench bases for wheelchair access. Some consideration is required on the potential removal of the A-frame/alterations to the Welbeck Street entrance. BDC have responded that they don’t yet have a policy on removal of barriers, but DCC are removing theirs. A decision on an opening event deferred to November.

15. To consider a Proposal that Whitwell Parish Council investigates improvements and funding for Whitwell Common Recreation Ground (Cllr K Austin)

It was **resolved** that a consultation takes place of Whitwell Common residents on provision of multi-use equipment at Whitwell Common Recreation Ground.

16. To consider an Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations from CUP

It was **resolved** to grant £1,500 to CUP.

17. Remembrance Event 2022

Clerk gave an update on arrangements for this year’s Remembrance event. The parade will start at Bakestone Moor this year. She will be contacting Rev K Cocking who will be performing the service. A drummer was required for the march and Cllr Ellis would make enquiries. Volunteer stewards were also required and Cllr Ellis would make an appeal at Scouts.

18. To consider Land Availability for an Extension to Whitwell Cemetery

Cllr T Munro informed of an extra-ordinary Joint Cemetery Committee held to consider a field which has recently been advertised for sale and which the Committee decided was not suitable. He has since made further contact with Chatsworth Estates and awaits a response regarding their land previously considered. He has also sought advice from BDC’s solicitor regarding compulsory purchase orders. Our contractor has

estimated 5-7 years for burials. It was **resolved** to contact the purchaser of the former Warrener owned land to ask if they would be prepared to meet with councillors to discuss the possibility of WPC acquiring a piece of their land.

19. **Correspondence** – It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence as follows: -

- 19.1. DALC September & October Newsletters – noted.
- 19.2. Whitwell Bowls Club Grant – letter of thanks noted.
- 19.3. Whitwell FC Grant – letter of thanks noted.
- 19.4. Resident, Bakestone Moor Recreation Ground – WPC note the contents of the resident’s letter and will investigate what other possibilities there may be. In the meantime WPC are always looking to provide equipment for all user groups, constantly reviewing our parks. The entrance path will also be investigated and required remedial action taken.

Correspondence not Listed

- 19.5. JGFC – Change to signage at Whitwell Station – no objections.
- 19.6. Environmental Health Dept., allotments alleged noise nuisance – noted.
- 19.7. DALC request for Procurement Practices for Sustainability (Cllr J Raspin) – WPC currently have no criteria in place.

20. **Planning Matters** – Cllr T Munro declared an interest in this matter and took no part in decision making.

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

- 20.1. 22/00410/LBC – Replace Existing Pantiles, Field View, Steetley Farm, Steetley Lane, Steetley – no objections subject to adhering with Listed Building Consent.
- 20.2. 22/00435/FUL – Erection of detached two bed bungalow with associated parking, former garage site between 16 and 16A Claylands Road, Whitwell – No objections
- 20.3. 22/00457/TCON – Removal of Sycamore Tree, Southfield Cottage, Bakestone Moor, Whitwell – If there is a valid reason for removal, mitigating measures for loss of bio-diversity should be in place and applicant informed of WPC’s policy that two replacement trees are planted elsewhere.
- 20.4. 22/00464/FUL – Proposed rear extension to form bedroom, garden room and side and front extension to form double garage and bedroom over 8a High Street, Whitwell S80 4QU – response from enforcement team to be requested as to whether permission has already been granted and work started.
- 20.5. 22/00479/TCON – Crown reduce 2-3m T1 Walnut, 1 Malthouse Road Whitwell S80 4QY – No objections.
- 20.6. 22/00509/FUL – 3 bed detached bungalow with parking and access off Old Green Close, 8a High Street, Whitwell S80 4QU – response from enforcement team to be requested on whether this is a retrospective application.

Planning not Listed

- 20.7. 22/00528/TCON – To fell T1 Cedar & T2 Pine, T3 Variegated Maple remove small branches, T4 Copper Beech crown raise to 3.5m, T5 Sorbus crown & thin, T6 Elm reduce by 30%, T7 Hornbeam raise to 2m from ground level – No objections subject to planting two replacement trees elsewhere.
- 20.8. 22/00529/TCON – Reduce branches of T1 Goat Willow, prune branches giving 2m clearance to T2 Plum, 13 High Street, Whitwell S80 4QZ – No objections.

21. **Progress Reports**

- 21.1. Playscheme – The Playscheme Meeting arranged for Monday was not held. Cllr J Raspin reported on a reduction of attendees, however, there was free provision in Creswell for 6-14 year olds.
- 21.2. Allotments – Clerk to check tenants on all sites have been contacted and meet with Cllr F Raspin.

22. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at 7.00 pm.

23. Fifteen minute public session for members of the public to comment on items discussed at this meeting (no decisions can be made on any items raised in this session)

24. 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.

- 24.1. Defibrillator Training - Refresher training on use of defibrillators to be arranged for the December training event.
- 24.2. DCC Consultation on mineral extraction and conveyor transportation - Potential effect on Whitwell discussed if limestone is transported to Whitwell Quarry and objections would be forwarded on any application.
- 24.3. Incident at premises in the parish - Staff to be commended for the way they conducted themselves under particularly trying circumstances.

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

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Abbreviations Used:

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| AGAR – Annual Governance & Accountability Review | MMA – Minor Maintenance Allowance |
| ASB – Anti-social behaviour | CREST Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support |
| DET – Derbyshire Environmental Trust | MOP – Member of Public |
| BDC – Bolsover District Council | PC – Police Constable |
| BILD – Buildings, Infrastructure, Leisure, Developments | PCC – Police & Crime Commissioner |
| CLLR – Councillor | PCC – Parochial Church Council |
| CUP – Community Unity Project | CAN – Community Action Network |
| CST – Community Safety Team | PIMS – Playground Insp. & Maintenance Service |
| DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils | PPE – Personal Protective Equipment |
| DCC – Derbyshire County Council | PROW – Public Right of Way |
| EMR – East Midlands Railway | LSW – Louise Smalley Walk |
| FIT – Fields in Trust | SO – Standing Order |
| SNT – Safer Neighbourhood Team | STWA – Severn Trent Water Authority |
| FP – Footpath | WCC – Whitwell Community Centre |
| H&BPC – Hodthorpe & Belp Parish Council | WPC – Whitwell Parish Council |
| LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme | EHD – Environmental Health Department |
| NAS – National Allotment Society | |

List of Resolutions

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