

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 8 November 2023

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)
Councillor D Munro

Councillor K Austin
Councillor F Raspin

Councillor S Maiden
Councillor J Raspin

In attendance: PCSO S Galley

1. **To receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr H Green and Councillor P Roberts.
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

PCSO Simon Galley provided a crime report for October. He reported on his attendance at the Parish Council's fireworks event, which was very well attended, and on an unrelated incident on Duchess Street on the same evening. He reported that signs have been displayed near the school to hopefully improve parking issues. The following issues were raised: -

 - 4.1.1. Whether the burglary rate was higher than normal. PCSO Galley informed that there does seem to be an increase in the run-up to Christmas. He may be able to source some timers for lights etc., to give to residents.

PCSO Galley left at 19:12
 - 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. DCC's plans for the "rumble strip" surface on the bend near the Cemetery and whether any other measures could be taken to alleviate the standing water issue in the same area.
 - 4.3. Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present

District Council – None.
Parish Council – None.
5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 October 2023**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2023 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **To consider any matters arising (for information only) from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 October 2023**

None.

7. **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
Civic Pride	Lamppost Testing	114.00	69
Sovereign Play	Repairs/Maintenance	222.02	63
Fire & Light Ltd	Annual Alarm/Fire Inspection-Store	88.80	41
MMJ Plumbing	Repairs/Maintenance	170.00	41
Bolsover District Council	Uncontested Election Fee	43.99	25
Scribe A/cs (Starboard Systems)	Annual Licence Fee	1368.00	81
Stallard Kane	H&S Services	600.00	29
RBL Poppy Appeal	Lamppost Poppies	75.00	71
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs/Maintenance	25.45	63
CPRE	Membership	29.00	30
	TOTAL	2736.26	
Credit Card Payments			
Co-operative Bank	Card Fee	2.00	20
Microsoft	Microsoft (Office 365 x 2)	24.72	45
Microsoft	Cllr gov.uk emails x 8	56.64	45
Cheapestprintonline	Newsletter Printing	127.95	33
Amazon	Flagpole Spare Parts	25.89	63
	TOTAL	237.20	

8. **Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation**

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report and Reserves Report. Clerk informed of this year's pay settlement. Cllr J Raspin signed the October bank reconciliation.

9. **Welbeck Street Recreation Ground**

Remediation works to the MUGA surface commenced this morning and were due to be completed on Thursday. Clerk to enquire as to the installation of a membrane so that the issue doesn't re-occur and to advise them to use the Larpit Green entrance.

The funding bid for provision of CCTV in the Scout & Guides' compound extending to cover the recreation ground has been successful. The Clerk has met on site with Cllr K Austin and a CCTV supplier on Monday and a quotation has been received. The funding would also cover the cost of providing a tablet to the Police for access.

10. **Whitwell Common Recreation Ground Consultation**

Several residents have responded. Clerk has reported some issues raised to BDC concerning the recreation ground but unrelated to provision of new equipment. It was **resolved** that the Clerk compiles a report on the results of the survey to be considered at the December meeting.

11. **Community Orchard Progress & Draft Lease**

Cllr J Raspin reported that she has spoken to BDC's Interim Head of Planning Policy who informed her that the lease is going through the legal process; the next step being negotiation on the access. She confirmed that fencing works behind the bungalows have been budgeted for. A final volunteer session will be arranged this year on arrival of further mulch. It was **resolved** that the Clerk writes to the Interim Head of Planning to ascertain the provenance of the mulch.

BDC's Physical Activity & Sports Development Manager has forwarded information on tree grants available to constituted groups.

12. **Allotments**

Site visits by the Allotments Working Group to be arranged.

A report was provided on the use black IBCs (intermediate bulk containers).

It was **resolved** to purchase 1 black IBC for use on the Council's allotment plot and the Handymen to report back on water harvested.

13. To consider Hanging Basket Provision for 2024

Quotations have been received from suppliers. It was **resolved** to request further information, photos, reviews, etc.

14. Correspondence

It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence as follows: -

14.1. DALC November Newsletter – Noted.

14.2. Police & Crime Commissioner – Anti-Social Behaviour Grant - Noted

14.3. BDC – Flooding Briefing Note – Noted.

14.4. BDC – Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement – Noted

14.5. DCC – Possible Relocation of Speed Limit Sign – Cllrs D Munro and J Raspin to attend site meeting.

Correspondence not listed: -

14.6. Explore Plant & Transport Solutions - Use of High-Sided vehicles route to avoid low bridge on A619 Darfoulds – Information to be shared with Hodthorpe & Belpth Parish Council. To be included in next Parish Council Newsletter to request residents to report sightings of vehicles contravening the prescribed route.

15. Planning Matters –

Cllr T Munro declared an interest and took no part in decision making.

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

15.1. 23/00547/TCON – Removal of Yew Tree, 11 Butt Hill, Whitwell S80 4RP – Objection due to lack of information on reasons and lack of mitigating measures in place for replacement planting.

Planning not Listed: -

15.2. Street Name & Numbering, land off Pit Hill and Kitchen Terrace, Whaley Thorns, Langwith – No objection.

15.3. 23/00561/TCON – To fell a Cherry Tree, 2 Station Road, Whitwell S80 4NJ – Strongly object due to changing the character of the conservation area. Whitwell Parish Council would expect sight of evidence of a professional inspection from an Arborist reporting on the condition, health and safety of the tree and confirmation of replacement tree planting.

The Parish Council's Policy on mitigating tree planting to be shared in the next Parish Council Newsletter.

16. Progress Reports

16.1. **Playscheme Report** – The Playscheme Report had been circulated and was accepted. Cllr J Raspin reported that she has spoken to BDC regarding possible provision of activities for next year.

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at 7.00 pm.

18. 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) - None.

19. 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.

19.1. Christmas Training Event

It was **resolved** to hold the event on Monday 11 December 2023 at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:40.

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Abbreviations Used:

ASB – Anti-social Behaviour
BDC – Bolsover District Council
CLLR – Councillor
DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
DCC – Derbyshire County Council
MOP – Member of Public
PC – Police Constable
PCSO – Police Community Support Officer
RAAC – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

NE – Northeast
PCC – Police & Crime Commissioner
STWA – Severn Trent Water Authority
TCON – Tree in a Conservation Area
TPO – Tree Protection Order
WCC – Whitwell Community Centre
WPC – Whitwell Parish Council
MUGA – Multi-use Games Area
CCTV – Closed-circuit Television

List of Resolutions

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71/2023-24 It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

72/2023-24 It was **resolved** to accept the financial & reserves report and Cllr J Raspin to sign the October Bank Reconciliation.

73/2023-24 It was **resolved** that the Clerk compiles a report on the Whitwell Common survey results to be considered at the December meeting.

74/2023-24 It was **resolved** that the Clerk writes to the Interim Head of Planning to ascertain the provenance of the mulch to be used on the Community Orchard.

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