

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

**Present:**

Councillor T Munro (Chair)

Councillor K Austin

Councillor H Green

Councillor S Maiden

Councillor J Raspin

Councillor L Roberts

**In Attendance:**

10 Members of Public (MOP)

1. **To receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr F Raspin.
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 but a report was noted. The following issues were raised:-
    - 4.1.1 Issues on Holmefield Road – PC Sinfield’s email address provided to MOP.
  - 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 Provision of a zebra crossing in The Square - DCC officer to be requested to consider this request cc Cllr M Yates.
    - 4.2.2 Speeding on High Street – Police to be asked what measures can be put in place to stop speeding, with a suggestion that the 30mph sign is moved back to just before the cemetery and 20mph to be considered at each entrance to the village and 30mph at each exit.
    - 4.2.3 Enforcement of vehicles parking on double-yellow lines in The Square.
    - 4.2.4 Enquiry as to whether “20 is plenty” signs can be displayed in private gardens.
    - 4.2.5 The position of the new bus shelter in The Square is a hazard. The Bus company to be asked if buses could wait on Welbeck Street near the bus stop instead of in The Square.
    - 4.2.6 Boaler’s Corner accident blackspot, can an anti-slip surface be laid? Also should farmers clean up the mud off the road.

1 MOP left at 19:29
  - 4.3. Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present
    - District Council**  
No issues were raised.
    - Parish Council**
      - 4.3.1. Enquiry regarding school provision due to house building on the old Whitwell Colliery site – a percentage of S106 monies will be paid to the Education Department.
      - 4.3.2. The passing of Robin Slaney was noted.

5 MOP left at 19:40
5. **To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2023**  
It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 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 January 2023**

Item 4.2.3 – No response received from Cllr M Yates regarding the WCC lease situation.

Item 4.3.1 – BDC full council meeting have agreed to the formation of a new development company Dragonfly.

Item 4.3.2 – Tree planting at BDC as part of the Queen’s Jubilee Green Canopy was a huge success.

Item 4.3.3 – Planting of fruit trees at Whitwell Orchard is scheduled for 22 February 2023 (half term).

7. **To consider for approval the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 1 February 2023 and the budget recommendation for 2023/24**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on 1 February 2023 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman and the budget recommendation of £243,798 agreed.

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

<b>Direct Bank Payments to be Authorised</b>			
<b>Payee</b>	<b>Goods/Services</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Zurich	Van Insurance	799.97	25
Life Publications	Newsletter Delivery	151.20	33
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs inv. 37387 & 37540	43.06	63
Planterior Landscape Services	Remove Oak & Plant new on Village Green	718.32	83
M & R Lawnmower Services	Annual Equipment Servicing	543.88	63
Sutcliffe Play	Grid Force Mesh & Seed @ WS Rec.	5261.54	Reserve
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7517.97</b>	
<b>Credit Card Payments</b>			
Microsoft	Microsoft (Office 365) x 2 users	22.56	45
Co-op Bank	Credit Card Fee	2.00	20
Amazon	Stationery	81.99	39
Cheapestprintonline	Newsletter Printing	178.00	33
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284.55</b>	

9. **Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation**

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report. Cllr H Green signed the January bank reconciliation.

10. **To consider viring £185 from the General Reserve into the Playscheme Reserve**

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11. **Welbeck Street Recreation Ground, Project Update**

Clerk reported on completion of outstanding issues being extension of concrete plinths under benches for wheelchair access and replacement of rusted fixings on the trim trail. Two fencing posts on the dog park have been replaced and two more are on order. A quote for new dog park gate is still awaited. A further issue has been reported of damage sustained to the wet pour due to use of the 4-way infant seesaw by youths.

A local craftsman has run a workshop with the scouts & guides on a design for a new entrance gate and has provided a first draft. He will be thanked for his work already undertaken and be invited to an extra-ordinary meeting where the council can put forward their ideas.

12. **Community Governance Review (Cllr T Munro)**

Cllr T Munro had circulated a draft argument. It was considered that a stronger case could be put forward and the proposed boundary line re-defined to include the whole development and houses to the left-hand side.

Cllr T Munro agreed to re-define the area and requested Councillors to email him their thoughts.

1 MOP left at 20:11

13. **Correspondence** – It was **resolved** to deal with correspondence as follows:-
- 13.1. DALC – January & February Newsletters – an additional 1 day’s annual leave for 2023/24 noted.  
**Correspondence not listed:-**
- 13.2. Buckingham Palace details of the Coronation Weekend 6-8 May – Clerk to find out plans at the Holmefield, Jackups and Middle Club so that WPC can consider holding an event.
- 13.3. Resident – to be invited to the Climate Change Working Group meeting on 15 March 7.00 pm.
14. **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: -
- 14.1. 23/00044/TPO – T1 fell to a safe height, T2 cut back lower crown to boundary, T3 fell to a safe height, T4 fell, T5 take back by 3-4m away from garden (TPO BOL/94) Land between Wood Lea and 14 Station Road, Whitwell – Request to be made for any offcuts to be retained on site to provide a fallen deadwood habitat.  
**Planning not listed:-**
- 14.2. 23/00060/FUL – To remove the rear chimney stack to below the roofline and to fit new felt, laths and rosemary roof tiles to correspond with the existing roof. Orchard Bungalow, 7a High Street, Whitwell – No objections.
15. **Progress Reports**
- 15.1. Playscheme – Cllr J Raspin informed that all staff are available to work this year.
16. **Date of Next Meeting**  
 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.00 pm. Cllr K Austin gave his apologies in advance.
17. **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)**  
 Some clarification given on house building on the former Whitwell Colliery site.
- 3 MOP left at 20:28
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.**
- 18.1. Whitwell Cemetery – Cllr T Munro, Cllr S Maiden and the Clerk met today with the owner of the land adjacent to the cemetery and his representative – Landowner to be informed that WPC has concerns with linking two projects, which is not their preferred option; the preferred option being to purchase a parcel of land as an extension to Whitwell Cemetery being 100% in their control. As a statutory consultee WPC follows the appropriate protocol and therefore cannot make comment on planning matters until they are at the consultation stage.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:50.

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

### **Abbreviations Used:**

BDC – Bolsover District Council

CLLR – Councillor

DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DCC – Derbyshire County Council

MOP – Member of Public

TPO – Tree Preservation Order

WCC – Whitwell Community Centre

WPC – Whitwell Parish Council

### **List of Resolutions**

**87/2022-23** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

**88/2022-23** It was **resolved** that the minutes of the budget meeting held on 1 February 2023 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman and the budget recommendation of £243,798 was approved.

**89/2022-23** It was **resolved** to approve the accounts for payment.

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**94/2022-23** – It was **resolved** to respond to the Owner of land adjacent to Whitwell Cemetery with concerns about linking projects which is not the council's preferred option; the preferred option being to purchase a parcel of land as an extension to Whitwell Cemetery being 100% in their control. As a statutory consultee WPC follows the appropriate protocol and therefore cannot make comment on planning matters until they are at the consultation stage.