

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 9 November 2022

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)	Councillor K Austin	Councillor D Ellis
Cllrs H Green	Cllr S Maiden	Councillor F Raspin
Councillor J Raspin		
In Attendance:	County Cllr M Yates	6 Members of Public

1. **To receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor L Roberts.
2. **To record declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from members on any items to be discussed** – Cllrs K Austin and D Ellis declared an interest in item 14.
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.

It was **resolved** that item 14 be considered before public participation.

1MOP left at 19:12

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 provided. Clerk informed of contact made from a resident which she has made the Police aware of. The following issues were raised:-
 - 4.1.1 Progress on Community Speedwatch following request for volunteers, Clerk to follow-up
 - 4.2. Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor - Cllr M Yates reported on the following:-
 - Streetlight between the old Co-op and houses has now been fixed.
 - Streetlight at the junction of Hennymoor Lane/A60 was fixed last week but is not working again.
 - Installation of new lamppost on Portland Street ready to be connected.
 - Request to designate 2 footpaths - the Cinder Path and path behind the former Whitwell Welfare across to Greenway – Cllr Yates has the relevant Officer's name and will meet with Cllr T Munro.
 - Highway markings have been re-painted at the A60 junction of Station Road.
 - Grants from his community leadership fund have been made to St Lawrence Church working with the Holmefield Arms on a warm space, Whitwell Community Choir and Scout & Guide Group.
 - Consultation on DCC's website on a combined authority, which DCC will vote on 23 March 2023.The following issues were raised:-
 - 4.2.1. Blocked gully between 16-18 High Street.
 - 4.2.2. Blocked gulleys near the Chip Inn.
 - 4.3. Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present Parish Council
 - 4.3.1. Request for a Christmas tree in the WCC garden with the possibility that one might be donated, possibly involving school children maybe making a star. Cllr D Ellis informed that he and Cllr K Austin have spoken to the WCC Manager regarding this being part of the WCC decorations and it will be discussed at the WCC Management Committee meeting. Community involvement in Christmas lights was also discussed.

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- 4.3.2. The possibility of other warm spaces, staggered times/days and effective advertising. Cllr K Austin informed that possibilities would be discussed at tomorrow's WCC Management Committee meeting.
- 4.3.3. Cllr T Munro reported that the resident involved with incidents relating to a property on New Street has been moved and the owner was not aware that their property had been sub-let to a Metropolitan Borough Council Social Services Department.
- 4.3.4. Cllr T Munro reported that BDC is opposed to the combined authority proposal.

4 MOPs & Cllr Yates left at 19:50

5. To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 12 October 2022

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022 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 12 October 2022

Item 4.3 – Cllr T Munro reported that BDC have agreed in principle to the formation of a wholly-owned company, Dragonfly, whose focus is to increase social house by building and acquiring properties.

Item 5 – Hedgerow whips have been ordered for the community orchard to be delivered on 25 November and planting arranged which will be advertised and volunteers sought. The school have been contacted by Katherine Church and Cllrs K Austin and D Ellis have informed the Scout & Guides Group.

Item 7 – A Whitwell Quarry Liaison Meeting was held on 19 October. There are 7-10 years left for extraction of Dolofrit Limestone followed by land restoration. Dolofrit Limestone deposits have been found on land at Whaley Common and a scoping application made for quarrying. The intention would be to transport the limestone to the L'Hoist plant at Whitwell, but they were informed the only acceptable option would be by rail.

Item 20.4 – Planning Dept., confirmed this is a retrospective application, which will still be judged on its merits.

Item 20.6 – Planning Dept., confirmed this is a re-submission not a retrospective application.

Cllr T Munro informed of a retrospective application made by the developer to build 3 storey properties on the site at the side of the railway line being considered by the Planning Department.

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
Whitwell Community Centre	Fire Marshall Training	180.00	43
Whitwell Community Centre	Poppy Wreath	20.00	39
Stallard Kane	H&S Services	600.00	29
Scribe A/cs (Starboard Systems)	Accounting Licence	1140.00	81
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs inv. 37107	42.16	63
Sutcliffe Play	Play Equipment, WS Rec.	206,152.57	Reserves
Mole Country Stores	Repairs	17.98	63
	TOTAL	208,152.71	
Credit Card Payments			
Microsoft	Microsoft (Office 365) x 2 users – 2 mths	22.56	45
Co-op Bank	Credit Card Fee – 2 months	2.00	20
Amazon	Server Replacement Battery	102.98	45
	TOTAL	127.54	

8. Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

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

9. **To consider an application for a grant for voluntary organisations from Whitwell Forward**
It was **resolved** to grant £1,500 to Whitwell Forward.
10. **To consider funding 50+ Pick n Mix Sessions to the end of March 2023**
It was **resolved** to fund 11 x 50+ Pick n Mix Sessions to the end of March 2023 at a cost of £990.
11. **To consider providing further funding for weekly coffee mornings at Whitwell Community Centre**
It was **resolved** to grant £1,000 to WCC to fund weekly coffee mornings for a further year.
12. **To consider use of remaining Covid-19 funding (Cllr T Munro)**
No further funding use was considered.
13. **Welbeck Street Recreation Ground, Potential Landscaping and Consideration of an Opening Event**
Clerk reported that stolen matting has been replaced. Installation of ground protection matting near the entrance was **resolved** at a cost of £4384.52. The dog park small gate requires repair, and two fence posts require stabilising. Two large signs have been erected, the other to be installed when ground conditions improve. It was agreed to purchase 1 additional dog rules sign and toddler area sign. A sign for the MUGA was also required – this was noted. It was raised that there is a contradiction with BDC’s signage stating “dogs on lead if requested” with WPC’s signage stating “dogs must be on lead”. BDC to be asked to amend their sign.
Issues have been raised with the contractor following installation of the bench bases for wheelchair access, which the contractor has agreed to extend. The contractor has also agreed to replace the toddler swing bumper seats with bucket seats.
Other items raised on inspection are the visibility of the ropes on the trim trail and a waste bin being too near to one of the benches, which have been raised with the contractor.
The tarmac works to the MUGA and path are scheduled for 17/18 November.
The project is totally funded, apart from additional matting and VAT which is recoverable. Provision of a walking track, evolving landscaping and tree planting to be considered. Planter to be approached regarding possibly planning the landscaping, planting, and rock installation.
Items raised by councillors were water run-off from an adjacent roof onto the field; the potential effect of the MUGA site on the football pitch size/run-off as the requirement was for the football pitch to be retained (110x70 yds minimum size 116x76 yds with run-off), and effect of the siting of the infant play area on events. Clerk to contact the local business owner to bring the water issue to their attention, seek a resolution and advice from BDC and the EHD on whose responsibility it is for a rainwater drain or soakaway. Contractor to be contacted to check position of the MUGA.
A new customised main gate to be considered involving local artists, school.
An opening event to be arranged possibly to coincide with the King’s coronation, inviting the High Sheriff, all three funders and the community – to be an agenda item in January, February and March to plan an event.
14. **To consider leasing an extra parcel of land to 1st Whitwell Scout & Guide Group**
It was **resolved** to agree to extending the land identified on the current lease up to the edge of the dog park to replace activity land which will be lost when a new headquarters is built and provide a dog-proof area. Clerk to contact Fields in Trust.
15. **To consider a response to the landowner of potential land for an extension to Whitwell Cemetery**
It was **resolved** that the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk meet for an initial discussion with the landowner on the potential purchase of a strip of land for an extension to Whitwell Cemetery.

16. To consider a replacement for the Village Green Oak Tree (Cllr S Maiden)

It was **resolved** to replace the tree with a smaller oak, perhaps 1/2 to 2/3 size of the current dead tree.

Planterior to be approached to plant the tree and a watering schedule implemented giving the tree 2 gallons of water 3 days per week e.g., Monday, Wednesday & Friday even when raining.

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

17.1. DALC Newsletter – Clerk’s Excellence award noted.

17.2. DCC Adult Social Care Strategy Engagement Sessions – noted.

17.3. BDC – Active Communities 50+ Pick n Mix Sessions – considered in item 10 above.

Correspondence not Listed

17.4. Mark Wade, JGFC, - Whitwell Station Update – noted, Cllr T Munro also informed the meeting of their anniversary event he attended.

18. 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: -

18.1. 22/00498/FUL – Replacement of Existing Bungalow with new Two-Storey Dwelling, 48 High Street, Whitwell S80 4RB – The proposed dwelling has the potential to significantly alter the street scene in the conservation area, whilst at the same time the structure will increase the carbon footprint.

18.2. 22/00498/FUL – Replacement of Front Windows to 1st & 2nd Floors of and non-repairable Rear Windows to 1st, 2nd & 3rd Floor. Replacements to be wooden flush casement Windows with double glazing with 1/3 top light and 2/3 bottom light, 1-5 Portland Street, Whitwell S80 4RJ – No objections subject to in-keeping within the conservation area and not altering the street scene.

18.3. 22/00539/TPO – 4 Lime Trees to be reduced by approximately 4-5m to previous pollard point, 27b High Street, Whitwell S80 4RE – No objections.

18.4. 22/00542/FUL – First floor extension to side with Juliet balcony to rear, 3 Claylands Place, Whitwell S80 4QQ – No objections.

18.5. 22/00557/LBC – Installation of 12 solar panels on rear non-original extension of property, on the garage roof. Battery & solar inverter to be installed inside the garage, The Barn, Steetley Farm – No objections.

19. Progress Reports

19.1. Allotments – The Clerical Assistant had prepared a report on all sites and advised 2 notices to quit and 1 requiring cultivation before renewal allowed. Cllrs H Green, T Munro and F Raspin carried out site visits to Bakestone Moor and Mill Lane. There had been improvement to some plots and others have not been cultivated sufficiently. Cllr F Raspin had prepared a list of plots requiring further work before renewal and letters to be sent to them. Concern was raised by plot holders on site regarding Avian Flu and were informed to follow DEFRA advice. A competition for “Allotment of the Year” was suggested. Regarding cockerels on site the Clerk had contacted the EHD for an update on whether sufficient mitigating measures had been taken to alleviate a noise nuisance but has not received any feedback. A plot holder had also contacted them and been informed that the officer dealing with the situation had not acted within their guidelines and no longer worked for them and they currently have 37 caseloads to work through.

19.2. Playscheme – A Playscheme Committee Meeting has been arranged for 21 November 2022.

19.3. Progress on Hedgehog Highways – Only a few have been collected so more promotion required.

20. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Wednesday 14 December 2022 at 7.00 pm.

21. **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)**

No MOP present.

22. **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.**

22.1. To consider organising the December staff training event – The event was arranged for Monday 12 December at 7.00 pm with training in the use of a defibrillator. Staff to be advised to attend training.

22.2. Remuneration for New Year's Eve event – Rate agreed, to be recharged from WCC

22.3. 2022/23 Pay Award - Agreed

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:50.

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Abbreviations Used:

AGAR – Annual Governance & Accountability Review

ASB – Anti-social behaviour

DET – Derbyshire Environmental Trust

BDC – Bolsover District Council

BILD – Buildings, Infrastructure, Leisure, Developments

CLLR – Councillor

CUP – Community Unity Project

CST – Community Safety Team

DALC – Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

DCC – Derbyshire County Council

EMR – East Midlands Railway

FIT – Fields in Trust

SNT – Safer Neighbourhood Team

FP – Footpath

H&BPC – Hodthorpe & Belph Parish Council

LGPS – Local Government Pension Scheme

NAS – National Allotment Society

MMA – Minor Maintenance Allowance

CREST Casualty Reduction Enforcement Support

MOP – Member of Public

PC – Police Constable

PCC – Police & Crime Commissioner

PCC – Parochial Church Council

CAN – Community Action Network

PIMS – Playground Insp. & Maintenance Service

PPE – Personal Protective Equipment

PROW – Public Right of Way

LSW – Louise Smalley Walk

SO – Standing Order

STWA – Severn Trent Water Authority

WCC – Whitwell Community Centre

WPC – Whitwell Parish Council

EHD – Environmental Health Department

List of Resolutions

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