

WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Council
Held at 19:00 on Wednesday 13 March 2024

Present:

Councillor T Munro (Chair)

Councillor K Austin

Cllr H Green

Councillor D Munro

Councillor F Raspin

Councillor J Raspin

In attendance: County Cllr M Yates

1. **To receive and Accept Apologies for Absence** – None.
2. **To record declarations of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests from members on any items to be discussed** – Cllr K Austin declared an interest in item 16.
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**

There was no Police present and no report received. The following issues were raised: -

4.1.1 Ticketing of illegally parked vehicles was recently carried out on Welbeck Street and Hangar Hill.

4.2. **Members of the Parish Council and the public to raise matters of importance with the County Councillor**

Cllr M Yates reported on DCC's financial situation and current consultation on proposed changes to its early help service and children's centres to mainly delivering the services they are legally required to provide.

He reported on road conditions, where there are 7000 live cases for potholes, and DCC are currently managing the decline of the roads. Residents can inform him directly of potholes.

He has reported a vast number of streetlights but is not aware of any repairs. Residents can inform him of lights not working, giving the column number.

He will be helping to sponsor the Whitwell Music Festival this year.

He reported on the current review of political boundaries.

The following issues were raised: -

4.2.1. Whether DCC's budget-cutting will affect the Library Service – Cllr Yates has heard nothing official.
Cllr M Yates left at 19:22

4.3. **Members of the public to raise matters of importance with the Councillors present**

District Council

Cllr T Munro reported that BDC has restricted the 2024-25 council tax increase to 2.99% and is proud that they will continue to deliver services without any redundancies or loss of service. The following issues were raised: -

4.3.1 BDC was praised for funding economic initiatives such as Business in Bolsover which is an incredible networking event, well attended to the maximum number of 35 businesses and it is good to have this in Bolsover. Letter to be sent to the Leader of the Council asking them to pass on thanks to the team responsible.

Parish Council – The following issues were raised: -

4.3.2 Yesterday a large double-length high-sided Plevins lorry was broken down and dangerously parked just past the Church where it had a tyre change which left mud on the road and path. There have also been several vehicles travelling along Welbeck Street during the past two weeks and a DPD lorry has

been reported to them. A car transporter did the same this morning travelling over Hodthorpe bridge. Letter to be sent to DCC Highways cc: Police informing them that something needs to be done to look at the signage to see why these drivers are not staying on the motorway to junction 31 to access the A57 and instead choosing to contravene the designated route through Whitwell.

4.3.3 Tree works have been carried out in the conservation area at a house on Spring Hill. Planning Enforcement to be notified to carry out an investigation.

4.3.4 DUWC exhibition commemorating 40 years since the miner's strike are looking for alternative venues; it will be at Bolsover and Brimington. To be discussed at the WCC Management Committee.

5. To consider for approval the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 14 February 2024

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2024 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 14 February 2024

Item 6.10 – The Police have now been issued with a tablet to access the CCTV system at Welbeck Street Rec.

Item 10 – A profile and background photo are required for setting up the Facebook page.

Item 11 – Cllr Austin is meeting with someone next week regarding quoting for document migration.

Item 23.1 – Parish Handyman are both interested in chainsaw training – to be arranged.

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
Thorpes Building Supplies	Repairs	16.10	63
M&R Lawnmower Services	Machinery Service/Parts	616.44	63
	TOTAL	632.54	
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 7	48.88	45
Cheapestprintonline	Newsletter Printing	108.30	33
eBay	Dog poo bags	19.58	63
	TOTAL	203.48	

8. Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

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

9. To Review Standing Orders

It was **resolved** to increase the procurement levels in item 18(a)(v) and (c) to £30,000 and item (f) to £214,904 for a public service or supply contract and £5,372,609 for a public works contract, as per NALC LTN 87. Clerk to re-issue computer passwords to the Chair.

10. To Review Financial Regulations

It was **resolved** to increase the procurement levels in item 11.1(b) to £30,000, as per NALC LTN 87.

11. **Welbeck Street Recreation Ground**

The final payment has been made to Sutcliffe Play. A small piece of the lining is missing, and replacement has been arranged.

12. **To Review Documentation for Co-option to a Councillor Vacancy**

It was **resolved** to advertise the vacancy for co-option with applications being considered at the April meeting.

13. **To Consider Installation of a Tree Carving on DCC Land, Hangar Hill**

The applicant liaised with DCC and was advised to contact WPC to apply for a licence. An alternative site was suggested but it was the applicant's intention to site it near the original Cherry tree. It was **resolved** that the Clerk seeks more information from DCC on appropriate installation, height, and insurance cover etc.

14. **To Consider Re-siting the Whitwell Colliery Winding Wheel to a more prominent village location (Cllr F Raspin)**

The eventual site for the wheel was previously considered to be the entrance to the new country park on the old Colliery site when it has been developed. The wheel is currently being prepared for repainting and it may be possible to enhance it with planting. It was **resolved** that in the meantime councillors would seek a potential new site and the Clerk would investigate removal/re-installation costs for the May meeting.

15. **Correspondence**

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

15.1. DALC March Newsletter – Noted.

15.2. DCC – Parish & Town Council Liaison Forum 16.4.24 – Noted.

15.3. PCC – ANPR Pilot Scheme – An interest to be expressed to be involved in the pilot scheme and ask the PCC whether it is possible to track lorries travelling through the village.

15.4. BDC – New Temporary Road Closure Processing Fee – noted.

Correspondence not listed: -

15.5. NCC – Notification of submission of Nottinghamshire & Nottingham Waste Local Plan – noted.

15.6. BDC – Invitation to Civic Service on 14 April – those interested to respond to BDC. The Clerk has forms.

15.7. DCC – Bus Service Improvement Plan News – noted.

15.8. BDC – Cemetery Land – WPC to try to acquire the land by writing to the owner of the original land requesting the sale of a 20m wide strip of land at a reasonable price to enable WPC to extend the cemetery, as originally planned.

16. **Planning Matters: –**

Cllr T Munro declared an interest and took no part in planning matters. Cllr H Green declared an interest in item

16.1. Cllr K Austin declared an interest in item 16.5.

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

16.1. 24/00055/FUL – Replacement of 8 windows, 2 Worksop Road S80 4RF – No objections subject to adherence with conservation rules.

16.2. Proposed base station upgrade, Highwood Lane S80 4HR – No objections.

16.3. 24/00090/TCON – T1 Rowan – Remove stem hanging over building, prune back any remaining overhang to provide a min 2m horizontal clearance of the property. T3 – Remove ivy-clad shrub. Whitwell Health Centre, The Square, Whitwell – No objections

Planning not listed: -

16.4. 24/00109/FUL – Two storey side extension and loft conversion with rear facing dormer, 82 Bakestone Moor S80 4QH – No objections

16.5. Temporary Road Closure 6.7.24 for Well Dressing Parade – No objections

17. **Progress Reports**

Cemetery Committee

The Committee is reviewing the Management Agreement and require the current population numbers from BDC.

Parish Litter Pick

Cllrs D Munro and T Munro undertook litter-picking on Saturday with 4 other volunteers around the parish and collected lots of litter. One of the worst areas is the layby off the A619. BDC to be asked to consider siting a sizeable bin and include it on the Wednesday collection round and signage requesting litter to be taken home.

Climate Change Group

The Group met on 28 February and considered the tree survey, agreeing that the Rookery is the most urgent. Quotations to be sought. Biodiversity improvements will start with the land next to the cemetery car park, with permission being sought for other areas. A session on the principles of pruning was held on Friday 16 February. Work in the orchard will continue when the weather improves. It is not possible to use the originally intended entrance in the hedgerow for access and other options are being considered by BDC’s Housing Dept. The next meeting has been arranged on a different night, Thursday 23 May, to try to accommodate more people.

Playscheme

Permission has been granted by DCC to use the school facilities for running the holiday food project and it is confirmed that no deduction to parents/carers’ benefits will be made. Numbers are being gathered to evidence enough percentage of children on free school meals.

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7.00 pm. Cllr D Munro gave apologies in advance.

19. 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.

20. 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.

20.1. To consider a response received from Welbeck Estates

A response from Welbeck Estates to the Council’s letter was noted.

20.2 A staff issue was raised. Clerk to seek guidance and take appropriate steps in consultation with the Chair and report back to the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:08.

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Abbreviations Used:

ANPR - Automatic number plate recognition
BDC – Bolsover District Council
CLLR – Councillor
DCC – Derbyshire County Council
MUGA – Multi-use Games Area
ROW – Rights of Way
WS Rec. – Welbeck Street Recreation Ground

DUWC – Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre
CCTV – Closed-circuit Television
FP - Footpath
MOP – Member of Public
PC – Police Constable
WCC – Whitwell Community Centre
WPC – Whitwell Parish Council

List of Resolutions

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