

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 2/2014

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## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.35 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, F.Blackburn & J Davie. Also in attendance was D Cllrs Gillian Ivey & John McCartney
3. **Apologies:** – Receive and Approved from: Cllrs Watson, Walton & Gerrard – Business and Illness.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
  - 6.1 Condition of Subway - NYCC highways have responded to the letter sent by the clerk and this has been circulated by email. They stated that they do not carry out any regular maintenance unless there is a safety issue. Cleaning and litter picking is the responsibility of Selby DC. D Cllr Ivey suggested that the subway be included on the Selby DC schedule for litter picking.
  - 6.2 Air Quality – The response from Selby DC environmental health confirmed that the generating companies carry out all air quality monitoring and reporting. Selby DC does not have the resources or equipment to carry out this work.
  - 6.3 Planned Maintenance of Playarea. – Cllrs Walton & Watson are working on this and this item is carried forward to a future meeting.
  - 6.4 Because of Cllr Watson's absence this item will be dealt with at a future meeting. He has already reported that the old local area map can probably be used in the notice board.
  - 6.5 Precept.2014/15. The clerk reported that Selby DC is going to pass on to parish councils the full value of the government grant to support changes to the parish council tax base. For 2014/15 we have requested a precept of £11,000 and this is the amount that we will receive.
  - 6.6 No Speeding Signs. Cllr Watson had sent a sample to the meeting, of the type sign that can be produced in-house and these will cost about 30p each. There was a short discussion about the options. It was resolved that the signs should be produced in-house in appropriate quantities on request.

**Open Public Forum.** The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to give their views and ask questions.

❖ Mrs Joy Flavell raised the matter of litter and other material being deposited in and around Gravelhill Lane by employees and HGV drivers from Monaghan Mushrooms. In addition, she alleged that drivers are still driving both up and down Gravelhill Lane and are parking and sleeping in their cabs outside the mushroom farm. She has complained to the manager at Monaghan, the police and local district councillors but the situation has not improved. A short discussion took place and the clerk agreed to write to the manager at Monaghan to arrange a meeting involving residents, councillors and management. He also said that he would email the complaints to the head office in Ireland. Gillian Ivey stated that all the planning conditions concerning the upgrade of Booty Lane should have now been carried out by Monaghan and Selby DC should be contacted about this. Other suggestions involved contacting the HGV operators to see if they could resolve some of the problems.

❖ **John White** raised the following points:

1. Police camera vans have been withdrawn from Whitley and they were last in action November 2013. When he enquired about this the police said that because we now have two VAS units in Whitley they felt that there was no need to deploy the speed camera vans. The clerk will write to the NY crime commissioner about this requesting that the vans be re-deployed in Whitley.
2. School crossing on the A19 should in action within next few weeks.
3. Queried the delay in the work at Harron Homes estate – Footpath, entrance and work on poplar tree.
4. Oil co-operative now has 90 members.
5. Are the two additional planters to be considered by the parish council?

❖ **C Cllr McCartney**

1. Railings are damaged on the walkway over the M62 at J34. He will arrange for attention to this. For enquiries about additional bus shelter he will provide the contact details for people at NYCC passenger transport executive.

❖ **Howard Rimmer.**

1. On the matter of bus shelters, he pointed out that there are no bus shelters in Whitley for people travelling to Doncaster.
2. He asked if the parish council is organising any event in 2014 to commemorate the start of WW 1. A short discussion took place about researching information about the local people lost in the war and any surviving relatives that are still in the locality. The chairman said that a commemorative event would take place in 2014 and details will be set out in the spring newsletter.

## **7 Correspondence received. (Items for comment/information.)**

7.1 There were no items for this meeting since most correspondence is now arriving by email, which is then forwarded to councillors.

## **8. Finance & Administration**

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 11/2/2014 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £10,439.61 Co-op Bank - £5,336.08. **Total Current Accounts is £15,775.69**  
(Approx. £10,100 of this is now earmarked for the Bovis Playarea and other ring fenced funds).  
**Deposit Accounts** - Reserved as ringfenced funds for future play-area maintenance – A & L £33,748.69, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,748.69.**
- 8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: - J & L Taylor – Grounds Maintenance £432, Howard Rimmer – Christmas Tree £105.

## **9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley**

- 9.1 Cllrs Walton & Watson were not present so reports on ROS will be presented at the next meeting
- 9.2 The clerk reported on the annual safety reports for the three playareas. Three quotes have been obtained and are all in the region of £60 per unit. Two of the inspection companies could not carry out inspections until late summer but one inspector could arrange for a visit in March 2014. It was resolved to engage the services of David Bracey for a March inspection of all three playareas.
- 9.3 There was further discussion on the routine visual inspections of the playareas and equipment. It was resolved the individual councillors will visit the playareas on regular basis and log the condition. Cllr Humphrey will organise the arrangements - Frequency of visits and logging method.

## **10 Bus Shelters in Whitley – Cllr Davie.**

- 10.1 Cllr Davie pointed out that there are no bus shelters on Selby to Doncaster route through Whitley. He said that there should be a shelter for people waiting to travel south to Doncaster and the primary location should be the existing bus stop closest to the old-peoples bungalows on Whitefield Lane. He said he was aware that residents had to wait for long periods without any shelter from the elements. He requested that NYCC be asked to provide a shelter in this location and if they unable to fund this could the parish council provide the funds.
- 10.2 The clerk said that a request for a shelter to be provided had been sent to NYCC in 2013 but they said that funding was not available for this.
- 10.3 Members discussed the matter and suggested that the parish council provide funding for a shelter by seeking sponsorship or grants. The clerk will write to NYCC asking for cost estimates for a new shelter and also information about licences for putting the shelter onto NYCC land.

10.4 D Cllr G Ivey said she would make enquiries with the bus company about the reliability of the service and whether or not there was any foundation in the claim that buses regularly ran late or did not arrive at all.

## **11. Room Hire Charges.**

11.1 The clerk reported that W & E School decided to revise the charge for hire of rooms. At present the charge is £9.50 per hour but from April 2014 the revised charge will be £21 for each parish council meeting. It was resolved to agree to the new charges and write to the school informing them of the decision.

## **12. Allotments**

12.1 Review of annual rent payable to the parish council. Resolved that the rent remain at present levels.

12.2 Infrastructure expenditure on allotments site. It was agreed that the parish council would be liable for gross costs of the works subject to the WVAA donating to the council an amount equal to those costs excluding the VAT.

## **13 Chairman's & Members Reports.**

13.1 Cllr White reported that some planting in the Daffodil Field has now been completed. Further shrub planting will be carried out in spring.

**14 A.O.B** - Cllr Watson sent the following information about the tender for the Daffodil Field maintenance in 2014.

"Three tendered have now been received and these will be assessed and a selection made over the next few weeks".

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**