

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 1/2013

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Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January 2013 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.33p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey– Chair, Cllrs. F Blackburn, S White. P Gerard, K Walton, & J Watson. Also present was D Cllr S Ryder
3. **Apologies:** – None received
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None declared.
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 20th November 2012 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record. The chairman then signed the minutes.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Commemorative Bench - Cllr Watson reported that the bench had been delivered and Gary Hodgson has been asked to quote for fixing. The location has been agreed and the bench will be positioned in spring with attendant publicity and the presence of a senior West Yorkshire police representative.
 - 6.2 Moto-X. Cllr Watson reported that sound monitoring equipment would be installed later in year. The SDC compliance officer visited the site in November 2012. A short discussion followed about the bunds and cheaper alternative sound barriers that might be deployed.
 - 6.3 Boundary fences on allotment site – The agreed £100 contribution for the fence to be erected by Mr Dickinson will be sent along with a letter from the clerk explaining the decision of the council.
 - 6.4 Cllr Walton reported that Over 80s parcels were delivered to 21 residents in Whitley at a cost of £420. Cllr Walton said that identifying all the over 80s in the village had been difficult and that during the summer months it might be a good idea to distribute a flyer seeking information about residents who are over 80. This suggestion would be looked at later in the year.
 - 6.5 Christmas Tree. – Mr Howard Rimmer has requested a £60 contribution towards the cost of the tree outside the George & Dragon. This is 50% of the cost and this was agreed.
 - 6.6 Waste Bin in Persimmon Playarea. - It was reported that the bin has now been unlocked by the clerk and the contents emptied. Selby DC will empty the bin in future on a regular basis.
 - 6.7 Poplar Farm Planning – Cllr Watson reported on the decision made by SDC planning committee. Certain planning conditions will apply to the site including the use of the land to

the rear of the site, which is outside the development limits of the village. With regard to the Section 106 funds, the planners are negotiating with the developer to secure funds for offsite recreation and recycling facilities in Whitley.

- 6.8 Harron Homes Footpaths – D Cllr Ryder said that SDC enforcement section have instructed Harron Homes to complete the paths in accordance with the development plans. Hazel Walsh from SDC says that the work will be completed within the next few weeks. The position will be monitored.

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

- ◆ Neither of the two members of the public wished to comment or raise any matters - Mr R Dixon and D Cllr Ryder
- ◆ Cllr White asked if she could raise the matter of the late Leslie Knowles's property and the sale and development of the site. **The Clerk pointed out to the chairman and councillors that the public forum session was for public comments/questions only and councillors should only speak on agenda items. Any non-agenda items should be raised under Any Other Business.** This was noted but the chairman allowed a discussion to take place on the development of the site and on the back of this, possible further development on greenbelt land adjacent to this site. Richard Dixon, who owns the greenbelt land, said that he was in favour of developing the land for housing and community facilities. The above were subject to a short discussion and views were expressed that the parish council should be pro-active in influencing future development and planning decisions for Whitley.

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

- 7.1 No items for this meeting

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 8/1/2013 as being **Current Accounts.** - A & L £26,427.87. Co-op Bank - £4,084.24. **Total Current Accounts is £30,510.11** (Approx. £14,000 of this is now earmarked for the final payment on Daffodil Park work and ring fenced funds for the Bovis playarea).
Deposit Accounts - Ringfenced for play-area maintenance – A & L £33,714.99, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,714.99.**
- i) The following accounts were approved for payment: - Cllr Walton – Balance due re Christmas parcels £60, HMRC – PAYE quarter to 31/12/2012 £159, JR & L Taylor – Playarea mtce. £216, Soc.of Local Council Clerks – Subs 2013 £75, W & E School – Room Hire £45.12, John Robertson Ltd – Com. Bench re Mark Goodlad £522. Groundwork NY – Payment on account re Daffodil Field £6,000

9 War Memorial.

- 9.1 Cllr White said that the current position with regard to access to the war memorial within All Saints church is secure, in that it is likely to remain open for at least ten years. Obtaining grants for new war memorials will only be considered when the project is part of a heritage scheme that might involve research facilities on war records and perhaps working with the local school. An eligible project might also involve Whitley Historical Society and produce research material and records about Whitley residents who had died in the two world wars.
- 9.2 There are six names on the memorial plaque in the church. There followed a short discussion about the type of memorial and where it might be sited in the village. Cllr Watson agreed to look at the options and costs involved.

10 Recreational Open Space.

- 10.1 Daffodil Field Maintenance Contract. - Cllr Watson has produced the maintenance specifications for the tender and he is now awaiting quotes from three firms. The follow-on maintenance contract provided by WGC, which was part of the main Daffodil Field contract, has now terminated. Quotes should be received in January and these can be discussed at the next parish council meeting.
- 10.2 Groundwork North Yorkshire. – The clerk reported that Peter Murphy has requested a meeting with the parish council representatives in order to agree both the contract value and the final payment to Groundwork. There are number of items included in their contract calculations that are still in dispute. It was agreed that Cllrs Watson, Humphrey and the clerk would arrange to meet Peter Murphy during the first week in February 2013. The clerk will contact Peter Murphy to agree a date.

11. Speed Awareness Scheme

- 11.1 Cllr Watson reported on what a SA scheme might cover but he warned that North Yorkshire Police are not in favour of such schemes. Cllr Watson handed out a document entitled “Whitley Village – Community Speed Watch”. The document lists the aims, scope, budget and action to be taken and a short discussion followed on how the scheme might work with the main target being commercial vehicle operators. Where a speeding vehicle was logged, a follow-up recorded delivery letter would be sent to the company concerned, setting out the date, licence number and speed recorded.
- 11.2 Cllr Watson said that we will need to purchase a speed gun and he would then liaise with John White to organise a core group of operators. Councillors agreed with the proposals set out in Cllrs Watson’s paper and voted to purchase a speed gun for use by the

Community Speed Watch Group. The funding would come from the Matrix Signs cash surplus, which had been earmarked for other safety initiatives on the A19.

12. Church Conversion Project.

- 12.1 This matter was discussed at our last meeting and since then Cllr Humphrey has written to the PCC clerk. To date he has not received any reply from the PCC. Cllr White said that she would speak to the Rev. Mike Marsh about the project but she said that it is difficult to get any decision from the church authorities. She also said that Howard Rimmer had expressed an interest in using some of the G & D site for a community building

13 Chairman's and Members' Reports. - No reports

14. A.O.B.

- 14.1 The flooding in the Daffodil Field is thought to be partially due to mining subsidence and it was suggested that we might be able to claim compensation from UK Coal. The clerk will contact a land agent to act on our behalf. Suggested Michael Townend of Goole.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.