

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 1/2014

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Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 7th January 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.34 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. K Walton, S. White, J.Watson, P Gerrard, F.Blackburn & J Davie. Also in attendance was D Cllr Sue Ryder.
3. **Apologies:** – Receive and Approved from D Cllr Ivey,
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 26th November 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Condition of Subway – The clerk reported that he had written to Area 7 Highways about cleaning and maintaining the subway and also requested some action to clear the litter. A response has not yet been received.
 - 6.2 Monitoring of local air quality. With the prospect of two further incinerator/generating plants in the Aire valley, who is ensuring that the local air quality will remain safe and non-hazardous to health? The clerk reported that he is awaiting a reply from SDC environmental health officer. Cllr Davie said that the Eggborough power station monitored the air pollution locally and information about this is set out in their periodical reports. He has access to these reports and he offered to share this information with councillors.
 - 6.3 Playarea equipment – Inspection & Maintenance. The clerk reported that it is not a legal requirement to have playarea equipment inspected by Rospa registered inspector nor does our insurers require this. It is however considered to be good practice to carry out weekly or monthly inspections by councillors and have an annual inspection by a suitably qualified inspector. It was agreed that the clerk should seek quotes from firms that are qualified to carry out this work. The chairman also agreed to devise a playarea condition monitoring and logging system that can be used for periodical inspections by the councillors.
 - 6.4 Standing Orders. – It was resolved to adopt the new version Model Standing Orders that was circulated in late 2013.
 - 6.5 Precept 2014/15. – The clerk reported that the precept request submitted was for £11,000 but Selby DC have been unable to clarify matters concerning any possible abatement due to changes to the schedule D tax base for Whitley. There was also no clear information about the 2% cap on increases. After a short discussion it was agreed that the clerk write to SDC

seeking clarification on various points and also confirm that the precept sum required for 2014/15 is £11,000.

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

◆ John White raised the following points:

- 1) Would the council consider constructing two new roadside planters near to the north/south entrances to village.
- 2) Rubbish/litter discarded in Gravelhill Lane most of which is thought to originate from the mushroom factory. This is a long-standing problem that has been brought to the attention of the management at Monaghan Mushrooms on many occasions. Cllr Ryder offered to speak to the factory manager about the problem and report back.
- 3) The Oil Co-operative now has 80 members. There was a short discussion about optimum size of a co-operative.
- 4) Work done on the road surface by Bovis on the entrance to Lee Lane has not been successful in curing the flooding problem.
- 5) At the recent CEF he received a cheque for £1,000 to help with infrastructure work on the allotment.
- 6) Police report on speeding – Data on NY police website. Data shows number of cars stopped for speeding and prosecuted. There was a short discussion about speeding through the village and effectiveness of the two VAS units
- 7) Allotments – The WVAA has been awarded labour help for the construction of the paths.

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

7.1 There were no items for this meeting.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 7/1/2014 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £11,015.61 Co-op Bank - £5,335.66. **Total Current Accounts is £16,351.27**
(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: - HMRC – PAYE quarter to 31/12/2013 £144.00

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 Cllrs Watson & Walton reported that the work Jim Taylor has carried out in 2103 is good standard but the maintenance for the daffodil field in 2014 needs to be sent out for tender. It was resolved that the new tender document prepared by Cllr Watson be sent out to firms that

might be prepared to quote for the work. Cllr White raised the matter of preparing areas of the daffodil field for planting and asked if Jim Taylor was able to carry out this work.

- 9.2 Cllr White mentioned the email from the conservation group offering their services to villages who are planning conservation and environmental projects. It was resolved that Cllr White should contact the group to investigate what assistance might be on offer.

10 Planning Applications.

- 10.1 Knottingley Power. - The comments supplied by councillors in respect of this application were submitted by the due date.

11.No Speeding Signs.

- 11.1 The signs for the wheely bins were discussed and it was resolved to purchase 500 stick-on signs at the quoted price of £300.

12. Neighbourhood Planning.

- 12.1 Cllr White has researched this matter and reported the following:

- ◆ If a neighbourhood plan (NP) is made it must be approved by Selby District Council
- ◆ The plan must be consistent with the strategic plan drawn up by Selby DC.
- ◆ 50% of eligible voters in the area covered by the NP must agree to support the plan.
- ◆ If this level of support is achieved then district council is obliged to adopt it.
- ◆ Any planning application submitted to the district council must refer to the NP.
- ◆ It would not be possible to write anything into the NP, which goes against the district council local plan.

- 12.2 She added that the process of developing the plan is complex and costs money. Small parishes must work with other small parishes to produce a neighbourhood plan. There was a short discussion about a NP and reference was made to the parish plan produced in 2006. The matter will be discussed at later parish council meetings following more research and consultation about producing a NP.

13.Notice board and sign for Daffodil Park.

- 13.1 Cllr Watson reported that he was hoping to get the design and logo completed by the end of the month with details to be provided at the February meeting. The funds available for the board are ringfenced £750 from the History Group plus £500 donated by Calor Gas, a total of £1250.

- 13.2 A short discussion followed about the design and the final agreement on design will be reached at a future meeting.

14 Chairman's & Members Reports.

14.1 Cllr Walton reported that she is no longer required to help at the youth club sessions and provide supplies for the tuck shop. The youth workers employed by Osgoldcross Forum will now carry out this work.

15 A.O.B Cllr White mentioned the fly tipping at the entrance to Whitley Common. The clerk said this had already been reported to Selby DC and it has now been cleared.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.31 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.