

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 7/2013

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## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2013 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey– Chair, Cllrs. F Blackburn, K Walton, S White & J Watson. Also in attendance D. Cllrs J. McCartney and G. Ivey
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Gerrard – Business - Reason for absence approved
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 18th June 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
  - 6.1 The clerk reported the receipt of a request to donate to the Eggborough church restoration fund. After a short discussion it was resolved that the parish council would not make a donation to the fund.
  - 6.2 The clerk reminded councillors that the Electoral Review consultation was open for comments until 9<sup>th</sup> September. Councillors may see the details on the SDC website.
  - 6.3 Councillors were also reminded that the inspectors report on the SDC draft core strategy is available for inspection on the SDC website.
  - 6.4 Common land Boundary. Our solicitors have not received any response from Monaghan’s legal team. The intention is for our solicitor to write to the land registry with a view to having the boundary changes recorded in accordance with the details provided by our surveyor.
  - 6.5 Despite a reminder being sent Groundwork North Yorkshire has not refunded the contingency fund of £3,207.73 due to the parish council. The clerk will contact the finance section again at the Wakefield office.
  - 6.6 War Memorial Plaque – Cllr Watson reported that the prices quoted were higher than anticipated and he felt that further investigation was required to obtain a more competitive price. Cllr White offered to check various websites to see if grants might be available.

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

The item 11.1 on the agenda was incorporated within the Public Forum session in order that residents in attendance could ask questions about the planning application for the fishponds. The applicant and his agent were in attendance to answer questions – Mr Paul Holroyd – applicant, Mr

Paul Murphy - agent. Large scale maps/diagrams of the site were produced and the points and questions put to the applicant were as follows:

#### **Councillors.**

- ◆ Soil excavation would require a large number of HGV movements. Estimated at 30 wagons per day for 14 weeks.
- ◆ The footpath to the Whitley lock must be retained.
- ◆ What was the estimated price of a day ticket?
- ◆ Is there any possibility of joint ownership or community involvement in the project?
- ◆ The access road has only a footpath on one side.
- ◆ Suggestion that access to site should be via canal and not via Harron Homes estate.
- ◆ D.Cllr Ivey. Security on the site. Need for site to be policed at all times. Safety of children.
- ◆ D Cllr McCartney –Asked about use of clay excavated from site. Has any agreement been made to sell this to Environment Agency or can all excavated material remain on site?

#### **Residents**

- ◆ Long term viability as a business – Will capital and revenue costs be covered by income?
- ◆ What will be the number of daily visitors to the site?
- ◆ Ownership of land? – Not yet owned by applicant.
- ◆ Need for excess water to be removed from site and prevention of flooding.
- ◆ Does the Reservoir Act apply to this development?

The chairman thanked Mr Holroyd and Mr Murphy for attending the meeting. The clerk will list the above points/questions and send them to Mr Murphy for a written response clarifying the issues that concern both councillors and residents. The clerk will also send copies of the correspondence to Claire Richards at the SDC planning section.

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

7.1 There were no items for consideration at this meeting.

### **8. Finance & Administration**

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 23/7/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £10,760.59. Co-op Bank - £4,086.97. **Total Current Accounts is £14,847.56**

(Approx. £10,100 of this is now earmarked for the Bovis Playarea and other ring fenced funds).

**Deposit Accounts** - Ringfenced for play-area maintenance – A & L £33,731.96, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,731.96.**

8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval: HMRC – PAYE to 30/6/2013 £144. Other: Jim Taylor - Grass Cutting £1152.00, W & E School for room hire £66.51.

8.3 The Co-op Bank Ltd fixed term deposit of £50,000 matures in August 2013. The clerk suggested that the £50,000 be rolled over into new one year fixed term deposit with the Co-op but at a lesser rate than we currently enjoy. A short discussion followed and it was resolved that the sum be re-invested for a further twelve months.

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

- 9.1 Following the report about the state of the Lea View site at the June meeting Cllr Walton reported that steel railings at the site have now been painted by Jim Slater. The cost was £300 plus VAT. Cllr Walton reported that the Blackthorn site would require some attention to the planting/verge damage caused by the winter weather.
- 9.2 The hedge at the Daffodil Park requires attention and it was agreed to request a quote from Jim Slater to do the work.
- 9.3 Cllr White reported that the centre-piece Cordyline plant had been stolen from one of the roadside planters. A resident who lives close to one of the planters has agreed to water the plants during periods of dry weather.

## **10 Consultation – Items from Selby DC**

- 10.1 The clerk reported that three consultation items launched by Selby DC are open for comment by councillors and members of the public. Please refer to SDC website for details. National Non Domestic Rates – Closes 26/7/2013, Draft Empty Homes Strategy – Closes 4/8/2013 and Draft Affordable Housing – Closes 16/8/2013.

## **11. Planning Applications.**

- 11.1 Fishpond Application. The applicant and his agent attended the meeting to clarify certain matters and answer questions put by both the parish council and residents. This part of the agenda was covered under Open Public Forum and the all questions, comments and answers are listed under this item.
- 11.2 Rhubarb Sheds. Cllr Watson reported that he has concerns about the planning application since apart from converting a building into a bungalow it was not clear what the rest of the site would be used for. There followed a short discussion about the planning application and the use of the site. The councillors' comments on the planning application had been submitted by the due date and a decision by SDC planners is expected in August 2013.

## **12. Southmoor Energy Centre**

- 12.1 .As agreed at a previous meeting, Cllrs White & Humphrey had drafted a planning response on behalf of the parish council and this had been submitted to NYCC. Planning details and comments are available for viewing on the NYCC website.

### **13. Harron Homes Estate – ROS and Green Areas.**

- 13.1 Cllr Watson explained to the meeting the background to the Section 106 agreement for this development which included the provision of funds for W & E School (via NYCC) and maintenance of the on site ROS and green areas. It appears that a private management company will provide the maintenance of the ROS and each household will pay an annual levy to cover the maintenance.
- 13.2 Previous developments in Whitley resulted in the ownership of the on site ROS land being transferred to the parish council along with a sum of money to cover maintenance for ten years. Exact detail about the annual levy was not available to the meeting and the clerk agreed to make further enquiries at SDC about the Section 106 arrangements for this development.

### **14 Chairman's and Members' Reports.**

- 14.1 Cllr Humphrey reported that the Whitley Oil Buying Syndicate will be up and running in the near future and will be placing the first order for oil deliveries in August 2013.
- 14.2 Cllr White requested publicity for planting work in the Daffodil Park area in September 2013.

### **15 A.O.B. – No items raised.**

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.49 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**