

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 7/2014

(Minute numbers should be preceded by the above reference prefix)

## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.31 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, J Davie, J. Watson. F. Blackburn & K Walton.
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr White will be arriving at approx. 8.00 p.m. Short discussion about the meeting non-attendance record of Cllr Gerrard. The chairman agreed to write to Cllr Gerrard about this with a view to seeking his resignation as a councillor.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 24th June 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
  - 6.1 Bus Shelter A19. – Following the agreement at a previous meeting about the changes to the specification, the revised cost will be £3,722 + VAT. Resolved that the clerk places the order for the shelter in accordance with the agreed specification.
  - 6.2 Hard Standing – Bus stop at entrance to Templar Close. Th clerk reported that a request has been made to NYCC but they replied saying that funding for this is not available. It was agreed to look at funding this from parish council funds.
  - 6.3 The chairman read out the letter from CEF with regard to our application for a grant to help with the cost of the new bus shelter.
  - 6.4 Information Board for Daffodil Park – Cllr Watson said that the board would be A1 size and the artwork/graphics would produced at this size. With regard to the heritage detail and background information/history of the daffodil field, he passed round the narrative that he might use. He is seeking feedback on this from other councillors. There followed a short discussion about the lectern design and the lead-in time for installation
  - 6.5 Software Upgrades for VAS units. The clerk reported on the information that he has received from the two VAS unit manufacturers about prices & software options. After a short discussion it was agreed that the “bluetooth” data download was the only realistic option. The VAS unit on the northbound carriageway involved data storage on a SD card, which would have to be removed from the unit by using a ladder. The data on the SD card could then be downloaded to a PC. It was resolved that the software for the south bound VAS unit be purchased subject to obtaining permission for the installation from NYCC highways.
  - 6.6 The Oaks Playarea. – Following a review of the three quotes obtained, Streetscape Products of Selby has been given the order for repairs and new equipment at this site. New

equipment cost will be £3,407 and repairs will be £1,818 – all excluding VAT. The ringfenced funds of £3207.73 left over from the Daffodil Field project will be set against the new equipment costs leaving only £200 to be funded from 2014/15 income.

- 6.7 Additional Planters – The estimated cost per planter was £650 with additional costs to cover compost and plants. There was a short discussion about where the planters might be sited, and licences required. No decision was taken until further investigation/information on where they would be positioned and arrangements for maintenance.

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

1. John White raised the following points:

- ❖ Traffic on A19 – Follow-up to our letter to PCC about lack of speed cameras in village. To get some action on this, is it necessary to write to our MP? Following a short discussion the chairman agreed to write to the PCC about lack of police presence in Whitley.
- ❖ CEF meeting and grants – Representatives from Whitley need to attend to lobby for grants.
- ❖ Light cones at entrance to village are not working,
- ❖ 30 mph road markings are in poor condition and need to be repainted.
- ❖ Waiting list for allotments.
- ❖ Oil Co-operative now has 111 members.

2. Ralph Lyons raised the following points:

- ❖ He is also concerned at speeding in the village when he is cycling along the A19. Based on his experience in traffic engineering we are unlikely to get a pelican crossing because there are relatively low numbers of vehicles and pedestrians using the A19 in Whitley. The best way forward is to get the residents involved and have a strategy for controlling speeding traffic. Cllr Walton said she would be meeting Gary Lumb from Area 7 NYCC highways and this matter may be discussed.

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

7.1 The following have been received: **1.** Letter from Co-op Bank Ltd about reinvesting the £50,000 on Deposit. The clerk will look at options that are available. **2.** Kellingley Energy Centre – Councillors can send individual comments/views direct to NYCC planning. **3.** Letter from NYCC about the common land. The clerk will respond to this letter by including detail of the survey results. The area identified and registered as common land will be revised from 2.8 acres to 3.1 acres.

## **8. Finance & Administration**

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 22/7/2014 as being;

**Deposit Accounts** – Santander PLC £33,765.70, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,000  
**- Total Deposit Accounts £83,765.70.**

**Current Accounts.** – Santander PLC £13,782.76 Co-op Bank - £ 5,338.32 **Total Current Accounts £19,121.08**

Total cash balances held = £102,886.78. Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance and other ring-fenced and reserved funds £94,236.20.

8.2 : The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval: HMRC PAYE quarter to 30/6/2014 £144, Maramax Products Ltd – Seats for allotments £831.60.  
Other accounts: Arc Signs – Three signs for playareas. £334.80.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Walton said that all the playareas that she inspects are good condition with no repairs required. Cllr White said that condition of the Barratt & Bovis playareas was fine with the exception of a missing mushroom top on the Bovis site. The clerk will investigate and mention this to the contractor doing the upgrade at The Oaks.
- 9.2 In the buffer zone, Jim will clear the tree branches that have been pruned. The grass edging on the pavement from Silver St to the bus shelter needs some cutting back. NYCC highways are responsible for carrying out this work.
- 9.3 Cllr White requested that the schedule of maintenance work be put on the September.

## **10 Condition of Road Surface – Whitefield Lane.**

10.1 Cllr Watson reported that several residents have complained about the state of the road surface near the entrance to Whitefield Bugalows. The dropped manhole covers and defects in the road surface results in noise from passing HGVs and other vehicles. The clerk will send a letter to Area 7 Highways requesting and inspection of the surface and repair. Cllr Walton said she would speak to NYCC highways Michael Hind about the matter.

## **11 Planning Application – Energy Centre at Kellingley Colliery.**

11.1 The clerk will submit comments from the circulation documents but individual councillors may submit their own comments.

## **12 World War 1 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Event.**

12.1 The anniversary date is 4<sup>th</sup> August and Cllrs Walton & White volunteered to plant poppies and other plants around the war memorial at about 3 p.m. on the day. It was suggested that Selby Post be asked to publish photographs of the war memorial planting.

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

- 13.1 Cllr Walton said that Gary Hodgson has confirmed that he will construct a sign for the Daffodil Park and he will attend the next meeting of the parish council to discuss this.
- 13.2 Cllr Watson- He reported that he has contacted the firm that cuts the grass verges in Whitley and their contract schedule is for cutting 7,421 sq. m. of grass verges. If we wish to keep the grass verges tidy, we will need to prepare the costing for the area of the grass verges that will not be cut by NYCC from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 13.3 Cllr Walton reminded the meeting about the produce show at Cridling Stubbs village hall in September.
- 13.4 Cllr Blackburn reported that the youth club would be relocated to Eggborough village hall. He also reported that OF is in negotiations with Wakefield MDC for a community garden at Knottingley.

### **14 A O B**

- 14.1 No items raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**