

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 6/2013

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

## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.32 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey– Chair, Cllrs. F Blackburn, K Walton, J Davie, P Gerrard, S White & J Watson. Also in attendance D. Cllrs J. McCartney and G. Ivey
3. **Apologies:** – None
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
  - 6.1 Groundwork NY Contingency refund. The clerk reported that Groundwork has not sent us a cheque for the unused contingency. The sum due to the parish council is £3,207.73. After short discussion it was agreed that the clerk should send a reminder and a copy invoice to Peter Murphy.
  - 6.2 Common Land Boundary – The clerk reported that our solicitor has been given instructions as per decision made at the last meeting - Minute 13.2 - May 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 meeting.
  - 6.3 Plaque for War Memorial – Cllr Watson reported that quotes are being sought and he will report back at a later meeting.
  - 6.4 Harron Homes Development - There was a short discussion about the maintenance of ROS and other green areas on the site. It is not clear who is responsible for this and it seems that residents are liable for annual service charge for maintenance. Clarification is also required on any section 106 contributions made for highways and the school. The clerk will contact Selby DC to see if a section 106 agreement was signed and if an agreement is in place, what areas are covered.

**Open PublicForum.** The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to give their views and ask questions. There were no items raised.

- ◆ D Cllr McCartney told the meeting that the library has now moved from the village hall to Hut Green.
- ◆ D Cllr Mcartney also gave a short explanation about the proposals for the Southmoor Energy Centre and their commitment to import waste by rail. He added that fifty of these types of generating stations already exist with a hundred more in the pipeline. In his opinion there is

now over-capacity in the field of generation from waste burning. Cllr Ivey stated that the inclusion of rail transport is a sop to the planners. The next meeting of the liaison group is 9<sup>th</sup> July.

- ◆ D Cllr McCartney raised the matter of waste bins for litter discarded by Monaghan employees. Following a short discussion it was felt that there were adequate numbers of waste bins on the A19 and Gravelhill Lane.
- ◆ John White raised the need to clean the village signs at the entrance to the village on the A19. Jim Slater may be able to do this.
- ◆ Parents have approached the school for a school crossing and the school now needs to take the lead on this by approaching NYCC. Cllr Humphrey will write to the school business manager about this matter.
- ◆ John White said that there has been a lot of interest in starting an oil buying syndicate in Whitley. There will be an informal meeting in the George & Dragon to discuss the proposals.
- ◆ Cllr Gillian Ivey reported that the revised planning application for the new build on Silver St had been approved by the planning committee without any changes to the layout in relation to Rose Cottage.

## **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 18/6/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £11,474.59. Co-op Bank - £4,085.95. **Total Current Accounts is £15,560.54**  
(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: - Mary Farm – Audit Fee £18.00, Jim Taylor - Grass Cutting & War Memorial stone moving £552.00.
- 8.3 Audit Report 2012/13. This has been circulated by email and the only matter that needs action is the review of Standing Orders.
- 8.4 The Annual Return is due to be returned by 30/6/2013 and councillors voted that the document be signed and submitted. The chairman and the clerk signed the Annual Return to be submitted by the due date.

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

- 9.1 Cllr Watson reported that the Daffodil Field is in good order and that Jim Slater's work on the park is first class. On other matters he stated that he now has the template for dog mess clean-up sign and that the wording for the war memorial plaque will be as agreed earlier by councillors.

- 9.2 To add colour to the Daffodil Field throughout the year it has been suggested that shrubs and flowers should be planted. Cllrs White and Watson will meet on the field to decide on what is required.
- 9.3 On the other sites – Cllr White reported that the Lea View site is looking tired with the steel railings requiring a coat of paint. The Blackthorn site is OK but the plants on the verges have deteriorated due to the winter weather conditions. She said that a residents group may have ideas for verge replanting and Jim Slater may be able to do this. The link path between the two sites is being maintained and kept open.

## **10 Localism Act**

- 10.1 The clerk reported that Mary Farman suggested that we register local assets under the Localism Act. Suggested assets are: George & Dragon Pub, All Saints Church, School, Whitley Wood, Whitley Lock, Whitley Lodge, Heritage Water Pump, Allotments and all play areas. This was approved and the clerk will contact Selby DC with a view to registering the above assets.

## **11. Planning Applications.**

- 11.1 The planning application for Rosslyn has now been withdrawn.
- 11.2 The application for fishponds at rear of Whitley Lodge. A general discussion took place about the application and in particular the likely disruption caused by large number of HGV movements through the Harron Homes estate. It was suggested that we invite the applicant and his agent to attend our next meeting in order to clarify and explain certain aspects of the proposed development. The clerk will contact the agent with an invitation to attend to attend the July 2013 meeting. Residents on the Harron Homes estate might also like to attend the meeting to ask questions about the development and they will be sent information about the meeting. The planning application will put before the SDC planning committee after July 2013.

## **12. Southmoor Energy Centre**

- 12.1 .The planning application and details will be on-line. It was agreed that Cllrs White and Humphrey would examine the proposals and draw-up a list of comments for submitting to NYCC planners on behalf of Whitley parish council. The main concern was the likely increase in HGV movements in the area.

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

- 13.1 There were no reports from members.

**14. A.O.B.**

- 14.1 Engagement with residents. For those with on-line access, set up a system so that residents are aware of events and happenings in the village.
- 14.2 A group photograph of the councillors was taken at this point and this will be put on the website.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**