

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 3/2013

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

## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 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, S White, K Walton, J Davie & J Watson. Also present were D Cllr G Ivey & D Cllr McCartney.
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Gerrard- Approved
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None declared.
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
  - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record. Cllr Walton requested the alteration to item 10.1 since she thought that the details of the daffodil maintenance contract were not circulated at the meeting. This request was approved and the chairman altered and initialled the agreed change to 10.1 and then signed the minutes.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
  - 6.1 Mrs Flavell’s complaint re the state of Gravelhill Lane – The clerk reported that Guy Poskitt had responded quickly to the complaint and the road surface had been cleaned and grass verges restored. The complaint about Monaghan Mushrooms has been forwarded to David Walker for comment but a response has not yet been received.
  - 6.2 Common Land Boundary. – The clerk reported that Monaghan wish to meet with parish representatives for further discussions. It was agreed that Cllrs Watson, Humphrey and the clerk would attend the meeting. Date to be agreed.
  - 6.3 Waste bins in Daffodil Field. Proposed that two waste bins be purchased within a budget of £300. This was approved at last meeting and Cllr Watson will contact supplier and place the order.
  - 6.4 Commemorative Bench – Cllr Watson reported on the two quotes that he had received both of which were in excess of £600. He proposed that a less costly DIY solution costing about £91 be adopted. After a short discussion it was agreed that the DIY option be approved and Cllr Watson will organise the labour and materials.
  - 6.5 Harron Homes- Unfinished footpaths. Cllr Watson reported that Hazel Walsh of SDC had been contacted to check on action being taken by Harron Homes. To date no work on the footpaths has taken place but because of ongoing work on the site drainage, this may be causing the delay. Work needs to be completed before the start of the new school term. Cllr

Ivey is also contacting Harron Homes in an effort to get the work completed. Cllr White suggested that it might be possible to engage a voluntary "Lollipop Lady" to police the entrance to Harron Homes. Cllr White to make enquiries and report back.

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

**Mr John White raised the following points:**

- ◆ Thanked the council for arranging for the painting of the bench at the end of Silver St.
- ◆ He noted that two bus shelters had been vandalised. – Clerk said that this damage had been reported to NYCC.
- ◆ Footpath is narrow just North of Silver St. – The clerk said that a request to clear this had already been made to Area 7 Works.
- ◆ Reported on the AGM of the WVAA.
- ◆ Allotment western boundary. Proper demarcation is required and a short discussion followed.
- ◆ Fuel syndicates in Whitley. – He reported that a LPG buying syndicate has been established in Whitley.

**Cllr Gillian Ivey raised the following:**

- ◆ Poplar Farm – Cllr Ivey reported that a section 106 agreement is in place for infrastructure improvements and SDC will insist on this being provided. She gave a copy of the agreement to the clerk and recommended that we write to SDC to ask that the funds to be passed to Whitley PC as soon as possible.

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

- 7.1 There was a letter from WVAA requesting financial assistance with the cost of a central path on the allotment site. For the April 2013 agenda.

## **8. Finance & Administration**

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 19/3/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £17,031.90, Co-op Bank - £4,085.61. **Total Current Accounts is £21,117.51**  
(Approx. £15,105 of this is now earmarked for the final payment on Daffodil Park work, Bovis Playarea and other ring fenced funds).  
**Deposit Accounts** - Ringfenced for play-area maintenance – A & L £33,731.79, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,731.79.**
- i) The following accounts were approved for payment: - Petty Cash Imprest £85.17, John Robertson Ltd – Bench fixing brackets - £79.20

## **9 Development Site & Community Buildings in Whitley**

- 9.1 Cllr White reported that the site designers (Leslie Knowles site) are awaiting the results and an environmental evaluation of the site by Selby DC for the proposed development. A community building might be included in the design and with a view

to some sort of shared development, the developer may also contact the George & Dragon owners. The designer has spoken to the owner/developer and they are agreeable to possible proposals for a community building.

## **10 Recreational Open Space.**

10.1 Groundwork NY – No further progress with regard to agreeing contract adjustment for anomalies but a meeting is scheduled for 27/3/2013 when it is hoped that this matter will be finalised. Report back to council at the meeting in April 2013.

## **11. Speed Awareness Scheme**

11.1 Cllr Watson said that there have been no further developments and he reported that John White is continuing his good work on recording speeding commercial vehicles in Whitley.

11.2 Cllr Ivey reported the police statistics on speeding provided by Richard Abbot. Since the last CEF meeting Insp. Abbot reported that 87 hours of enforcement has resulted in 220 prosecutions. She recommended that the council liaise with Inspector Abbot about what action can be taken locally to improve road safety and reduce speeding on the A19.

## **12. Boundary Commission Review**

12.1 The clerk reported that the information and contact details are on our website. The plan is to reduce the number of Selby district councillors from 41 to 31. Both Cllrs McCartney and Ivey thought that after the review, new wards are likely to drawn-up based on population.

**13. Chairman's and Members' Reports.** There were no reports.

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

14.1 Cllr Walton requested that the problem of dog fouling be mentioned in the spring newsletter and also details of the youth club at Eggborough Village hall and the change of venue for the Easter Fun Day.

14.2 Requested that the luncheon club provision by OF be given publicity.

14.3 Cllr Watson mentioned that Darrington Quarries have donated the war memorial stone. Moving the stone and siting will cost about £160. He requested that this be considered for approval at the next meeting.

14.4 The Clerk reported that he had been informed by NYCC that at present, funds were not available for providing additional bus shelter.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.11 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**