

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 3/2014

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 25th March 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.37 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, F.Blackburn, J Watson, K Walton & J Davie. Also in attendance was D Cllr S Ryder.
3. **Apologies:** – Receive and Approved from: D Cllr G Ivey and Cllr P Gerrard – Business.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 11h February 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Condition of subway – Area 7 highways are unable to carry out any cleaning and maintenance unless there is a safety issue involved. There followed a short discussion and suggestions included getting estimates for painting and cleaning or seeking volunteers to do the work. SDC will be doing a litter pick in the area and the damage to the metal fencing is being repaired.
 - 6.2 Meeting with Monaghan management. – Cllrs reported that the meeting was very positive and the manager said that drivers are aware that they are able to park overnight on the site and use Monaghan facilities. Litter position has improved. The manager suggested that residents make a note of the name and time where a carrier is breaching the route conditions.
 - 6.3 Planned use of Section 106 maintenance fund. Carried forward to a future meeting. A short discussion took place about enhancement of playareas, annual safety check that might form the basis for a planned use of the funds.
 - 6.4 Notice Board for Daffodil Park. – Cllr Watson said that we need a sub-committee to decide on design and what is required. A short discussion took place about the size of the notice and style. Cllr Watson showed the meeting a mock-up of the design, which would use the 1885 OS map as the background. The original map is in bad condition and the hope is that pictures of the map can be used for the notice board background. Fund available for board and associated work is £1,250. Cllr Watson agreed to progress the work on the notice board and report to a future meeting.
 - 6.5 Bus Shelter. - The clerk reported that NYCC does not have the funds to provide a bus shelter on the A19 near the end of Whitefield Lane. The clerk asked them for estimated costs if the parish council paid for the shelter. If the council were to buy a shelter of an approved design,

the estimated cost would be £3000 for the shelter and £2000 for installation. The NYCC would adopt the shelter and carry out all future maintenance on the shelter. Cllr Davie said he would write to his MP about the situation. It was agreed that a shelter would be desirable and a commitment was made to start a fund for the purchase of a bus shelter. I was suggested that the spare Speed Matrix fund could be used with additional funds sought from CEF and sponsorship by local businesses.

- 6.6 The clerk reported the response from Julia Mulligan about the withdrawal of police camera vans from Whitley and noted in the reply the reference to 95 Alive Partnership. D Cllr McCartney has written to all NYCC members about this and it will on be on the agenda at a future NYCC meeting. John White handed out 95 Alive forms and urged all members to complete these and send them in. He also mentioned the 30 mph stickers for wheely bins and any thoughts about press publicity for these.

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

- ❖ D Cllr Ryder mentioned that there is now school crossing patrol and lights on the A19 near Learning Lane.
- ❖ **John White** raised the following points:
 1. He suggested a petition should be started about the provision of bus shelters.
 2. Regarding the Section 106 maintenance funds – He stated that in his opinion this could be used to enhance existing playareas, buy additional land and generally improve the infrastructure in Whitley. He stated that there did not seem to be a plan about how to spend the money.
 3. Allotments – AGM has been held, paths are now nearly completed and there will be Easter event on Sunday 13th April.

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

7.1 There were no items for this meeting since most correspondence is now arriving by email, which is then forwarded to councillors.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 25/3/2014 as being **Current Accounts**. – Santander PLC £10,306.11 Co-op Bank - £5,336.08. **Total Current Accounts is £15,642.19**
(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 –
Santander PLC £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: - Moxon & Barker Legal Fees £251, W & E School Room Hire £71.25, David Bracey – Playarea inspections £216

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 Daffodil Field Maintenance Contract – Cllr Watson explained the issues involved and where we are at present. Of the three quotes that have been obtained the Scoffins was the lowest with Jim Taylor’s quote being substantially higher. The matter was subject to a short discussion and Cllr White proposed that subject to references, Scoffins be awarded the contract for the Daffodil Field in 2014/15. Jim Taylor will be asked to continue to do the grass cutting and other maintenance work at the Bovis and Barratt playareas plus the paths at Whitley Common. This proposal was seconded by the chairman and was agreed by a show of hands.
- 9.2 The clerk reported that David Bracey had inspected all three playareas and this report has already been circulated to councillors via email. The report is very comprehensive and listed all the items that might need attention each with risk factor score. Those areas with a risk factor of 5 and over need immediate attention and included in this category were fences, gates, ownership signs and the tree at Blackthorn Close. The clerk will get quotes for some of the work and Cllr White will request Marcus Taperell to examine the condition of the tree.

10 Planing Matters.

- 10.1 Joe O’Sullivan from SDC has emailed the clerk about the outline planning application for “Rosslyn”. He wants the council to consider the options for recreational open space connected with this application. i.e. on-site or a commuted sum for off-site provision. Following a short discussion it was agreed that a commuted sum was appropriate in this case. The clerk will write to Mr O’Sullivan informing him of the councillors’ decision.
- 10.2 The clerk has already circulated the email for CC John McCartney about the new planning application for new gas fired power station on the site of the old chemical works in Knottingley.

11 Roadside Planters

11.1 There was a short discussion about this and the following facts need to be established before the council commits to providing these:

1. Where they will be situated.
2. Cost of construction.
3. How and who will maintain the plants.
4. Licences required from NYCC highways.

John White volunteered to investigate all the above points and report back to the council.

12 Chairman’s & Members Reports.

There were no reports.

13 AOB

- 13.1 Cllr White reported that the shrubs and plants that she had purchased have now been planted in the Daffodil Field.
- 13.2 Cllr Blackburn reported on the amount of leaves in the entrance to the underpass on Templar Close. Also parking in the area is still a problem.
- 13.3 Cllr White thought that more residents ought to be asked to volunteer to help out in the village. Formation of Whitley volunteers group. Could this be put in the Spring Newsletter?
- 13.4 The chairman to prepare maintenance logs for each recreational area.
- 13.5 The clerk reported that the school had informed him about the increasing amount of dog mess on Learning Lane. Also parking and congestion on Learning Lane is worsening.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.