

Whitley Parish Council

1. The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm by the Chair Cllr Walton.
2. **Open Public Forum(OPF) 26th April 2022**
 - 2.1. There were three members of the public present at the meeting who were in attendance to observe the proceedings and had no specific matters to discuss.
 - 2.2. The Chair closed the public forum and proceeded to the conduct of the Parish meeting.

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 26th April 2022 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School Annex Building Ref – 11/22

3. **Present:** Cllr Walton (Chair) Cllr White (Vice Chair), Cllr Cole, Cllr Blackburn, Cllr Humphrey. Cllr Woodhead, and Clerk to the Council J Hunter.
4. **Apologies for absence:**
 - 4.1. All Councillors were present at the meeting.
5. **Disclosure of interest:**
 - 5.1. Cllr Cole and Cllr Blackburn are resident on Whitefield Lane and as such would be directly impacted by the HGV movements from the Gale Common site.
 - 5.2. There were no other interests registered.
6. **Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 15th April 2022:**
 - 6.1. It was resolved the minutes of the meeting were a true record of the meeting.

Action: The Clerk to deliver a copy of the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th April 2022 for signature by the Chair.
7. **Opening matters for information and action as required:**
 - 7.1. **M62 Underpass:** Cllr Humphrey reported on the state of the M62 Underpass. There had been no further graffiti added to the walls since the last meeting. A quote from a commercial supplier of anti-graffiti paint recommended by Selby District & North Yorkshire County (SD&NYC) Cllr McCartney has been requested. This product is a clear paint that would be coated over the top of the walls being an impervious barrier that would facilitate the removal of any further application of offensive or inappropriate artwork. The existing surface of the walls are poorly finished it was considered that it would be sensible to make good the deficiency in the quality of the paint work. Once this is completed and the Council have had opportunity to review the cost of the anti-graffiti paint and the labour cost for its application a decision can be made whether to proceed with the protective coating. The nature of the toxicity of the anti-graffiti paint and how it is to be applied will need to be considered commensurate with health and safety legislation.

Action: Cllr Humphrey to obtain a quotation for paint and report back to the next council meeting.

7.2. **Queens Jubilee:** Cllr Humphrey advised that he has examined the beacon that is stored in his property. It seems to be in order subject to checking the gas cylinder. He confirmed he had been in touch with the landlords of the George and Dragon offering use of the beacon in support of their Jubilee Events. It was also, agreed that the Parish Council's PA system be offered to the pub.

Proposed: By Cllr White, seconded Cllr Woodhead that a gas cylinder be purchased as required. Carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr Humphrey to liaise with the landlords of the George and Dragon in support of the deployment of the beacon and PA system.

The Councillors discussed the notion of a tree planting event to be conducted at some time during the weekend of the Jubilee celebrations to mark the occasion. It was agreed the appropriate location would be within Daffodil Park with a tree planning event being conducted on Sunday 5th June at 11.00pm.

Proposed: By Cllr White, seconded Cllr Cole, that a budget of £150 be set aside to cover the cost of the purchase of a tree, stake and plaque to be planted in Daffodil Park. Carried unanimously.

Action: Cllr White to arrange order / purchase of the tree. Cllr Humphrey to post details of the tree planning event on the Parish Facebook pages. Detailed arrangements of the event to be finalised during the next Parish Council meeting in May.

7.3. **All Saints Notice Board:** Cllr White confirmed that formal permission had been granted by the Leeds Diocese for the removal of the Notice Board from within the grounds of All Saints land. Cllr Humphrey reported that following enquiries the landlords of the George and Dragon have indicated they would be happy to host a Parish notice board on their land that runs parallel to the public pathway. It was recognised there is an alternative location on the triangle of land at the junction of Whitefield Lane and Doncaster Road owned by Selby District Council. In addition, the landlords had also indicated they could entertain the notion of a notice board being placed inside within the entrance porch of the pub.

The comparative merits of the alternative locations were considered with the conclusion that further enquiries were necessary before a final decision can be made, in particular:

- Is planning permission required for the installation of a notice board?
- Will permission from Selby District Council be required to locate the notice board on their land on Whitefield Lane?
- Are the landlords of the pub happy to accommodate an internal notice board?
- Are the landlords happy with locating the Church notice board somewhere on their land?

Cllr White tabled a quotation of £210 from a resident for the removal and relocation of the notice board from the All-Saints site. The quote was noted, and it agreed the removal would be placed on hold until completion of the enquiries.

Action: Cllr Blackburn to make enquiries with Selby District Council concerning requirements for planning permission and the notice board location on Whitefield Lane. Cllr Humphrey to consult with the landlords of the George and Dragon concerning the provision of an internal notice board and the siting of old Church notice board on their land.

7.4. **Parish Elections:** The Clerk advised that following the closing date for the receipt of nominations for Parish Councillors within the deadline of the 5th April 2022, given that 6 applications were received of that is below the number of Parish Councillor vacancies set for Whitley of 7 the elections on the 5th May will not be contested. As such we have been advised by Democratic Services that all Councillors nominated have been accepted and

will be duly elected to take up office from Monday 9th May 2022. A declaration of interest and return of election expenses will need to be completed for submission to Selby District Council by 3rd June 2022.

Action: Clerk to received declaration forms from Democratic Services of Selby District Council and present for completion and signature by Councillors during the May 2022 Parish Council meeting.

7.5. **Parish Insurance:** The Clerk presented the renewal quotation and details of cover for Parish Council insurance from BHIB at £751.46. Noted

Action: Clerk to seek alternative quotations from other brokers.

7.6. **Gale Common Legal Action:** The Clerk update Councillors on the status of the appeal. The legal papers requesting right to appeal the judgement have been submitted to the High Court and copied to the Plaintiff (North Yorkshire County Council, NYCC) and the interested party (Peel Investments holding company of EP UK Ltd). Following the submissions, the plaintiff and interest party have lodged objections to the appeal asserting that the original case was sound, the decision being made by a competent judge. Further objections have been raised regarding the quantum of the Protective Cost Order (PCO) being limited to £5,000 given the original case was set with an order of £10,000. NYCC also are requesting that the current suspension of the settlement of the PCO for the original matter be lifted.

The Clerk and Cllr Humphrey reported on a video conference meeting with the Chair of Cridling Stubbs Parish Council, and Chair and private resident of Heck Parish Council in which a contribution from Cridling Stubbs of £2,700 was agreed. The settlement remains outstanding.

Action: Clerk to chase up settlement of the contribution from Cridling Stubbs

Councillors refreshed their understanding of the strategy going forward if the appeal were within terms and arrangements within the scope of the Parish Councils financial capability. It was also noted that notwithstanding the decision of the High Court their remains outstanding the issue of the original PCO and the undertakings from Cridling Stubbs and Womersley.

8. **Correspondence received:** The Clerk summarised the details of correspondence received by email or post.

8.1. Emails and postage.

8.1.1 An email from the Yorkshire Local Council Association notifying and providing a video link of a forthcoming "Councillors Discussion Forum" scheduled for 27th April 2022. Noted.

8.1.2 An email from a resident of the village requesting a supply of Wheelie Bin stickers. Noted.

8.1.3 An email from an individual who is interest in purchasing the All-Saints property to develop it as a personal family home. Noted.

8.1.4 An email from Zoe Metcalfe the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner extending an invitation to join an online meeting on the 26th May 2022 at 6:30pm. The session will provide her the opportunity to introduce herself and her work including the Police and Crime Plan together with the Fire and Service Plan.

Action: Clerk to circulate a copy of the email including the link for registration to attend.

8.2. Social Media

8.2.1 Cllr Humphrey reported on the comments and postings of social media pages.

Reference has been made on the social media pages noting of the sale of the All-Saints property. Some acrimonious comments were shared concerning the pathway from Lee Lane to Heck. Questions were raised about the presence or adequacy of the sign posting of the public right of way. Cllr White observed that there were indeed way markers staked along the route, directing walkers to turn right at the gate at the end of Lee Lane parallel to the drainage channel with a left turn marked after several metres across the farmers field and a final right turn at the boundary of the farmers field ending at the Heck basin.

Action: Cllr White agreed to walk the public pathway to confirm and assess the adequacy of the signage.

9. Planning matters: The Clerk provided a summary of the planning applications made in the month for review and consideration by the Council.

- 9.1. 2022/0164/TPO – Lime Tree Drive, Whitley. Application to remove branches and deadwood from No 2 Lime Tree covered by TPO 1/1999. Noted no comments.
- 9.2. 2022/0361/PAS – Mushroom Farm, Gravel Hill Lane. Notification for prior approval for the installation of 120kW Solar Photovoltaic equipment on the roof of a non-domestic building. Noted no comments.
- 9.3. 2021/0268/FUL- Land off Larth Close. Erection of 6 dwellings and garages. No further progress towards a decision apart from comments from statutory consultees; Yorkshire Water responding they have no objection and North Yorkshire Highways have no objections subject to the imposition of specific conditions.

10. Council Finance & Administration:

10.1. RFO Report as at 26/04/2022:

Bank/Account	Income since 1 st April 2022	Expenditure since 1 st April 2022		Current Balance	Notes/Comment
Santander Deposit	0.40			15,213.52	Interest paid monthly
Santander Current Account (Cash Book)		1,174.46		12,655.11	No interest
Total Bank Balances				27,868.63	
Less following funds:					
Allocated Funds					
Allocated Funds		Drainage Daffodil Park Crossing		8,700.00 5,000.00	

Total Allocated funds			13,700.00	
Parish Council Bank Funds		Legal Action and Complaints against the Council. Future Development and Facility Provision –Buildings. Future Development and Facility Provision – ROS. Future Development and Facility Provision -Nature Reserve. Unexpected/unforeseeable expenditure.	14,168.63	
VAT due for reclaim			14.17	
Total Unallocated Parish Funds			14,182.80	

The Clerk presented his report on the financial position of the Parish Council referring to income and expenditure statements providing details of receipts and payments for the period from 1st April 2021 to 26th April 2022. The 1st tranche of precept will be remitted by Selby District Council on 29th April 2022. To date after settlement of the payments presented for approval at this meeting to the Yorkshire Local Council Association the balance remaining in the Current and Deposit Account of the Parish Council is £27,863 from which will be paid the cost of installation of the pedestrian crossing estimated to be £5,000. This will leave a little over £22,000 available for future expenditure including the capital cost of the provision of drainage in Daffodil Field budgeted to be £8,700.

10.2. Accounts Payable: The following payments were approved for settlement by cheque.

Cheque No.	Payable to:	Amount: £
22507	Yorkshire Local Council Association	423.00

10.3. Accounts Payable retrospectively: The following retrospective payments made by bank transfer since the last council meeting were approved.

Cheque No.	Payable to:	Amount: £

10.4. Bank Transfer:.

Transfer	Payable to:	Amount: £

11. Recreational Open Space in Whitley:

11.1. Parks and Verges:he

11.1.1 Parks & Playground Maintenance: Councillors considered various items in connection with maintenance within the park and playgrounds.

- Daffodil Park Drainage; Cllr White commented on the state of the park, the drainage remains a problem, there is work that needs doing to tidy up the path edging, and

sections of the Dog Wood need cutting back. Ideally a schedule and programme of regular maintenance needs to be produced and quotations invited from professional contractors. It was noted the annual inspection of the Play Areas is now due for completion.

Action: Clerk to approach play area inspectors for date to attend and produce health and safety report. Cllr White to reapproach Sweeting's drainage contractors for update on their original quotation for the review of the Parish Council during their next meeting in May 2022.

- **Management of Tree at rear of Blackthorn Close:** Cllr White advised that the resident on Blackthorn Close following the removal of the Oak tree has also requested permission to fell the Ash tree. Councillors discussed the request and agreed to removal of the tree.

Action: Cllr White to inform the resident of the Councils decision granting permission to remove the tree at the sole expense and risk of the resident.

- **Community Payback:** Cllr White reported on his communication with the Yorkshire Managers of the Teams. The problem has been that the transport vans currently available for use by the Payback Teams are not Covid compliant. Solutions to the issue are being considered including the hire of suitable vans to meet Health & Safety requirements.

11.1.2 **Verge cutting:** Cllr White reported on the commencement of the new season of verge cutting. The quality of the first cut is satisfactory will all areas being maintained as agreed.

12. A19 Safety:

- 12.1. **Pedestrian Crossing on A19:** Cllr White reported that the pedestrian crossing on the A19 has been satisfactorily completed. It was observed that the crossing does seem to have some effect on the speed of cars passing that section of the road encouraging the slowdown of vehicles.
- 12.2. **Update on Vehicle Speeds in the Village:** Cllr White advised that data from the VAS sign has been downloaded and published with copies sent to the North Yorkshire police. Cllr White suggested that he locate the VAS sign on Gravel Hill Lane.
- 12.3. **Community Speed Watch:** Cllr White reported that given the poor response to the speed watch little progress can be made in the establishment of a speed watch team.

13. A.O.B.

- Cllr Humphrey pointed out that the annual parish accounts for the year 2021-22 have yet to be published on the Whitley Parish website.
Action: Clerk to forward a full set of annual parish accounts and statutory documents to Cllr Humphrey to be uploaded onto the Whitley Parish website.

Cllr Humphrey enquired whether a newsletter is to be prepared as in previous years that would include a Chair's report.

Action: Cllr Walton and Cllr White to consider the content of the newsletter and produce a Chair's report.

- Cllr White made comment on a posting in the social media pages from a resident who expressed some concern about the stretch of pavement by the hedge that extends out encroaching on the pathway.
- Cllr White enquired into progress in approaching the Leeds Diocese and PCC seeking refund of sums originally donated by the Parish Council to cover the cost of the fencing at the rear of All-Saints Church. **Action:** Cllr White draft an email to the relevant ecclesiastical authorities to request refund.
- Cllr White commented on the notion of the concept of the installation of a wind turbine located in the Nature Reserve for consideration by the Parish Council.
- Cllr White reported that the Hawthorn Trees to be located at the corner of Daffodil Park are available for planting. Councillors should consider request be made for volunteers to assist in the planting.

14. Confirm the date, time and place of next meeting:

14.1. Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7pm at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

15. Closure of meeting: 9.05 pm