

# Whitley Parish Council

The meeting was opened at 7.20 p.m. by the Chairman.

## **1. Open Public Forum (OPF).**

Notes from the OPF:

Mr. JW raised the following points:

- A log next to the war memorial was rotting / infested for information.
- The public footpath has been closed between Blackthorn Lane and Great Heck because of the bridge. Local residents would like this opened.
- Are the wages being split between the RFO and Parish Clerk
- Has planning permission been granted for the land next to the George and Dragon
- Raise his concerns over the level of precept and that consideration was not given to it not being raised. (NB. Later Cllr. Humphreys agreed to discuss outside the meeting)
- Could a copy of the Parish Council Complaints Policy be sent to him?

County Cllr. J McCartney informed the council on the following items:

- Heron Homes, Whitley Lodge will be resurfaced
- There are to be yellow lines placed on Whitefield Lane to address the parking issue
- Outline planning permission has been granted for the Gravelhill Lane affordable houses site.
- There is to be a weight restriction placed on Gravelhill Lane
- He was pleased with the outcome of the path clearing that had been undertaken he hoped that the parish council would undertake to spray it to keep it under control.
- Cathcart central grass area he is supporting the provision of play equipment on this area which should be funded from environment funding. The area is owned by Selby District Council.
- There is to be a meeting at 6pm 13<sup>th</sup> June of the NYCC Area Committee where Chair of 95 Alive Partnership and Mr Steve Burrell will be attending at Eggborough Methodist Chapel this is an opportunity to discuss the deployment of Camera safety Vans.

With no more comments the OPF was close.

# **Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.**

## **Ref 05/2016**

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

### **2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chair.**

- Proposed by Cllr. Blackburn that Cllr. Humphrey be voted Chairman. Seconded by Cllr. Watson. Vote: Unanimous. Proposed by Cllr Humphrey that Cllr Walton be voted as Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr. Watson. Vote: Unanimous.
- **Resolved:** Cllr. Humphrey to be Chairman and Cllr Walton to be Vice Chair for 2016-2017.

### **3. Signing and acceptance of office.**

- Cllr. Humphrey to be Chairman and Cllr Walton then both signed acceptance of office documents which were then witnessed.

### **4. Present.** Cllrs. S. Humphrey, K. Walton, S. Cole, F. Blackburn, P. Broadhurst, A. Coney & J. Watson.

Also in attendance was County Cllr. J. McCartney

### **5. Apologies: – Cllr. Debbie White.**

### **6. Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr. Blackburn informed the council that he had resigned from Osgoldcross forum

### **7. Minutes of the last meeting**

1. The minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the Chairman.

### **8. Ongoing Matters for information and action as required.**

8.1 Pelican crossing – The Clerk informed the council this matter had been raised with Area 7 and the reply received from them only covered the area of the school crossing not the rest of the village. Mr Peter Horne who reported on this had indicated that they would not place a crossing here based on his assessment. If the council wanted to they could do so at cost of £50,000 and that there would be £1,200 p.a. maintenance cost which would also have to be funded by the Parish Council. The Clerk would write back to Area 7 asking for a survey of the rest of the village to identify a suitable location.

8.2 Poo Fairy Stickers – more had been obtained and will be distributed around the village.

8.3 Police attendance at meeting- The reply on this matter had been circulated previously to councillors indicating that the police would not attend PC meetings.

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

- 9.1 Circular for Hags play equipment for public play areas; for Information only.

### **10.0 Council Finance & Administration.**

10.1 The RFO reports as of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016:

<b>Deposit Accounts</b>	
Santander PLC	£24,070.28
Co-operative Bank	£50,000.00
<b>Total Deposit Accounts</b>	<b>£74,070.28</b>
<b>Current Accounts</b>	
Santander PLC	£15,661.80
Co-operative Bank	£ 3,112.85
<b>Total Current Account Balances</b>	<b>£18,774.65</b>
<b>Total Cash Balances</b>	<b>£92,844.93</b>
<b>Total Funds Ring-fenced for Play area Maintenance – Section 106</b>	£71,799.66
<b>A19 Ring-fenced Funds –</b>	£ 3,499.65
<b>Total Ring-fenced Funds</b>	<b>£75,299.31</b>

Note: The Santander Current Account balance includes the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of the 2016/17 precept and this is the reason for the increase when compared to April.

10.2 **Accounts Payable** – Payments for approval: Retrospective approval – Subs to YLCA £291.00. JR&L Taylor – 260.00. Streetscape Products - £216.00. Others for approval: Aon Insurance £618.29\*. Mary Farman – Audit Fee £20, Danum Drainage Commission £14.80. Huw Forestry -£250.00. J Dickens – Stickers £20.00. The following are for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> celebration costs: Mark Ash £30.00p, Phill Broadhurst £72.26p, Sarah Cole £30.00p, Amanda Coney £66.35p, Kathleen Walton £52.44p. John Watson £153.42p.

\*Note: Aon Insurance; this is the premium for a new 3 year Long Term Agreement representing a 5% reduction on the premium for this agreement.

3. 2015/16 Audit Report from Mrs Mary Farman – Already distributed to all councillors.
4. Annual Return all sections of A/R were completed and signed by the Chairman

## 11.0 Recreational Open Spaces in Whitley

11.1 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) the Clerk outlined the details of these orders which could place restrictions on dogs and exclude dogs from public spaces. A discussion on the effectiveness and the practical implications was had with concern from some councillors over the ability to enforce this legislation when there are current difficulties in enforcing the existing dog fouling legislation. As the main problem to be addressed was a dog fouling Cllr. Watson suggested placing additional signs up in the POS indicating the parish council's commitment to enforce the current legislation.

- Resolved to:**
- a) Establish the cost of implementing PSPO
  - b) Establish how long it would take to enact the legislation
  - c) It will be an agenda item on the next meeting.

11.2 Open waste bin Blackthorn Close ROS following a discussion it was agreed that the open bin would be replaced with a more restrictive bin and a dog poo bin would be placed inside of the fence of the ROS but so it could be accessed from outside.

**Resolved to:** Replace the old bin and purchase new dog poo bin.

11.3 Table and Bench unit Blackthorn Close ROS follow a discussion it was agreed to get a quote for it to be refurbished and compare this with the cost of replacement.

**Resolved to:** a) To get a quote to refurbish  
b) To look at cost for replacement.

## **12.0 Community Emergency Plan (CEP)**

12.1 Cllr. Humphreys has had a look into this and feels that the village does not have the infrastructure to support a CEP. Following a discussion about this and previous attempts to put in place a CEP it was decided not to proceed with this.

**Resolved:** The Parish council would not implement a CEP

## **13.0 Community Bus**

13.1 Cllr. Cole lead the discussion on this matter and issues such a volunteer drivers, insurance and accessibility were considered. There was also the issue of demand which was unknown. The Osgoldcross forum had two buses but it's unsure if they are active at the moment. Following further discussion it was felt that residents should be asked about this.

**Resolved:** The subject will be placed in the annual newsletter to gather resident's responses.

## **14.0 The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations**

14.1 Cllr Watson gave a update on the outcome of the Beacon event and a discussion followed around the official event on the weekend 11<sup>th</sup> June. It was felt that it would be too late to organise this and other options were discussed such as a bench or a planter on the corner of Blackthorn Close and A19. These options should be looked into.

**Resolved:** a) Costs of bench and planter to be obtained  
b) Contact SDC to see if planning permission is required for the planter.  
c) There will be not official event the weekend 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## **15.0 A.O.B**

15.1 Cllr. Blackburn raised the following point:

- a) The fence leading up to the old Whitley Bridge on the South side had been broken. It presents a potential fall hazard.
- b) There has been a tree cutting and other garden materials dumped on the grassland area on the South side of the entrance of Learning Lane.
- c) He believed that the boundary to the South of Lea Lane had been encroached on and requested that Area 7 be informed as this was SDC land.

15.2 Cllr. Humphrey raised the matter of the Clerk being absent for the next two meetings, June and July. There was also the matter of formally appointing the

Clerk after his probationary period. Following a discussion the following was proposed:

a) That the Clerk be appointed

b) That the meeting in June is cancelled and that Cllr Watson would take the Minutes at the July meeting. This was agreed and it was noted that these decisions would be retrospectively ratified at the July meeting.

#### **16.0 Confirm time and date of next meeting**

16.1 The next Parish Meeting will be at 7.30pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

#### **17.0 Closure of meeting**

17.1 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48 pm.

**Signed as a true record:**

**Chairman:**

**Date:**