

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 4/2015

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 21st April 2015 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. K Walton, S. White, J Davie & J Watson.
3. **Apologies:** – No apologies received.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 24th March 2015 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Cutting of Grass verges. –Cllr Watson reported that he is meeting Jim Taylor and Jim will start cutting the verges this week. He added that he consider that the cutting area quoted by NYCC is too large. Jim will cut the grass down the A19 and looking at the time this takes, he will be able to assess the total costs for the whole of the village. Cllr Watson said that Selby DC cuts grass adjacent to the old peoples' bungalows on Whitefield Lane. Total cost for the cutting of the verges by Jim Taylor will be based on the time it takes to do 6 cuts per year (as NYCC).
 - 6.2 The auditor will again be Mary Farman and it will take place on 15th May 2015.
 - 6.3 Spring Newsletter. The Chairman said that he will produce this along with the “end of year” report. He will produce these to coincide with the formation of the new parish council in May 2015.
 - 6.4 Litter - Councillors are unsure as to whether or not we are getting a litter-pick by Selby DC. If we are not then the options are volunteer workers or pay for the work to be done. The chairman will highlight the litter problem on the website and in the newsletter in order to get volunteers to come forward. Cllr Walton thinks that SDC have a linesman who visits each week on Tuesday and Friday.

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

John White. Raised the following points:

- ❖ Note from PCC about speedwatch. When is this going to start and will there be any feedback from the speedwatch group? Cllr Walton will check this with Bryan Crossdale
- ❖ £10 claim from PCC re flyer costs. Any result.
- ❖ Are there any assets that the PC can sell?

- ❖ Burn Village and the apparent extra camera van presence. Cllr Watson spoke about his views on this after looking at the minutes of Burn PC. Burn has received extra visits from camera vans in April 2015.
- ❖ 30 mph stickers for wheely bins. He asked why the stickers had not been purchased. Short discussion about this.
- ❖ Old notices in Notice Boards – Luncheon club phone details is no longer relevant.
- ❖ Communications – Number of hits on website.
- ❖ Land for sale in Whitley – Mentioned by Cllr Davie at the last meeting. Short discussion.

Andrea Watson.

- ❖ Mrs Watson asked about plans for village fair, summer fair and other community events in Whitley.

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

7.1 Three items of correspondence have been received within the last few days:

- ❖ Planning decision re green belt land adjacent to Firs Court – Application refused.
- ❖ YLCA Service Agreement 2015/2016 – Clerk to confirm agreement and return to YLCA

8. Finance & Administration

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 21/4/2015 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £33,833.52, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,701.17 - **Total Deposit Accounts £84,534.69.**

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £591.98, Co-op Bank £ 3,111.81. **Total Current Accounts £3,703.29**

Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance = **£76,487.97.** Other ring-fenced and reserved funds = **£3,709.65.** Total is **£80,197.62**

8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: David Bracey – Playarea inspection £216.00, YLCA subscription £365.00, K Leppingwell – Salary & travel Expenses 6mths to 31/3/2015 £1,391.11, HMRC – PAYE Quarter to 31/3/2015 £114.72.

8.3 Approval of annual accounts and annual return 2014/2015. – The clerk had previously circulated the accounts by email and explained that the accounts would form the basis for completion of the annual return. The clerk gave information about the detail within the accounts and also gave replies to questions from councillors.

9 Agree Date of the Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting.

9.1 The clerk reported that the possible dates in May are 19th and 26th. Following a short discussion it was resolved that the date for the meetings would be 19th May 2015 to start at 7.15 p.m.

10 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 10.1 Both Cllr White and Walton reported that there were no matters that require immediate attention at any of the playareas in Whitley. Since Cllr White is not seeking re-election to the new council, Cllr Humphrey agreed to take over the regular inspection of both The Oaks and the Bovis playareas previously carried out by Cllr White.
- 10.2 The Daffodil playarea is in good condition. It was resolved that a “no dogs” notice be placed in this children’s playarea. The clerk will arrange to have one supplied & fitted.
- 10.3 Playarea safety report. The clerk said that the report by David Bracey did not highlight any high-risk areas and the clerk will examine the report in detail and arrange for any necessary repairs/replacement to be done.

11 A19 Safety.

- 11.1 Cllr White reported that there had been no further meetings since her last report. There has been no news from Graham Flack at Tunstall but we are hoping that he will get back to the group in the near future. There are no positive responses from other organisations that have been contacted with regard to help with fund raising. These include W & E School, Rigal Bennett, Eggborough Power, WREN, Selby AVS and NYCC. I was suggested that the next meeting of the group would take place in late May or early June.
- 11.2 The identified source of funding is £25,000 loan from the ringfenced playarea funds plus the balance remaining in the A19 Safety fund. The repayment of the loan will be agreed at a later date but the clerk reminded councillors that loan repayments will be made from a combination of parish reserves and precept increases. A final decision on this detail will be made when it is clear how much third party funding can be raised. There followed a short discussion and in particular reference was made to how the project details can be communicated to Whitley residents.

12 Christmas Lights in the Village-

- 12.1 It was resolved that this matter be carried over to a future meeting and the new parish council.

13 A O B

- 13.1 Cllr Watson & Walton are deciding on the location for the new information board in the Daffodil Park. They are also hoping that the local school will be involved in the unveiling of the board in May 2015.
- 13.2 Proceeds of crime funding and PCSO movements in the village. Noted that there is a lack of presence in the village.

13.3

13.4 Cllr Watson said that he is putting “ Keeping in Touch” notices in the parish notice boards.

Before closing the meeting, the chairman thanked Cllr White for her work as a parish councillor. He and other councillors will miss the commitment and enthusiasm she has brought to the council meetings and community projects. He also thanked Cllr Davie, in his absence, for his long service on the parish council.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.55 p.m.

Chairman

Date.