

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 1/2015

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 13th January 2015 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.31 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr K Walton – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, F Blackburn & J Watson. Also in attendance was D Cllr S Ryder (for part of the meeting).
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Humphrey - Holidays. The apologies were approved.
4. **Declaration of Interests** – None
5. **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1. The minutes of the meeting on 25th November 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
6. **Matters Arising**
 1. Information board. – Cllr Watson reported that a letter authorising supply of the board to be sent, at an agreed price of £681. The installation will take place in spring 2015.
 2. Waste Bins – These have now been ordered and Jim Taylor has agreed to install them at the agreed locations in the Daffodil Park.
 3. Cutting of Grass verges. – Cllr Watson has agreed to walk the village with Jim Taylor and identify areas that will require cutting and the likely cost. NYCC will continue with the maintenance of the verges until 31/3/2015.
 4. Community Work Placement. – There was a short discussion about this and it was agreed that Whitley was not in a position take a placement. All councillors voted in favour of not requesting a placement.
 5. Councillor casual vacancy. After receiving advice from Richard Besley of SDC, the clerk and chairman discussed the position prior to this meeting. In view of the short period left before the council elections in May 2015, it was decided not to appoint to the casual vacancy.
 6. Garmsway – The clerk read out to the meeting a response from Selby DC to our letter of complaint. Our complaint on behalf of Mr & Mrs Walker referred to the way in which the planners had dealt with this matter and completely ignored the issue of the loss of residential amenity. After a short discussion it was suggested that the matter be raised at the next CEF meeting. D Cllr Ryder agreed to raise this at the CEF meeting on the 15th January 2015.
 7. Christmas Tree Contribution. – Mr Howard Rimmer agreed to pay for the tree in full and waived any contribution from the parish council.
 8. Pedestrian Crossing on the A19 – Information on likely costs has already been circulated. A small sub committee has been formed to discuss the matter and seek ways of raising funds. A meeting has already taken place and Cllr White will report on the progress at future meetings.

9. Whitley Common – The clerk reported that he had met the solicitor at the common to discuss having it registered with the Land Registry in the name of Whitley Parish Council. The cost will be £130 and after a short discussion it was agreed that registration process should proceed. Cllr Watson also suggested that we look into the ownership of the triangle opposite the common and perhaps have the ownership registered to the parish council.

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

Sarah Cole.

- ❖ Her main concern was about traffic and parking around Whitefield Bungalows with cars and parking from the Sunday market being her main concern. Could we ask the police to monitor the situation? D Cllr Ryder spoke about the police involvement in connection with the traffic generated by the Sunday market. After a short discussion it was suggested that NYCC could be asked to provide no parking signs in the area around Whitefield Bungalows.

Joy Flavell

- ❖ Once again she highlighted the recurrence of problems connected with Monaghan Mushrooms such as: 1.) HGVs ignoring the signs and coming down Gravelhill Lane at all hours. 2.) Lorry drivers leaving bottles of urine and other matter at the roadside outside the mushroom farm. The clerk will write to the manager about this.
- ❖ She also mentioned the planing application for housing on green belt land submitted by local landowners. The chairman assured her that applications to build on greenbelt land had been opposed by the parish council but it was felt that parish council views on planning applications were often ignored by the planners at Selby DC

John White.

- ❖ Cutting of grass verges. –He said that he objected to the increase in the 2015/16 precept to cover the cost of this work.
- ❖ He reported on the activity and the latest oil co-operative order.
- ❖ Lack of police cameras in Whitley – He requested that we again write to the PCC requesting a presence in Whitley. Other nearby villages seem to be getting cameras deployed on the A19 but none in Whitley.

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

- 7.1. No items. All correspondence by email is circulated to all councillors.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1. The clerk reported the bank balances at 13/1/2015 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £33,782.44, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,701.17 - **Total Deposit Accounts £84,483.61.**

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £2,127.48 Co-op Bank - £ 5,341.01 **Total Current Accounts £7,468.49**

Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance = £81,567. Other ring-fenced and reserved funds = £4,605

2. The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval: Cllr K Walton – Balance of over 80s parcels £80, Vision ICT Ltd - Web hosting £228. **Other payments:** HMRC – PAYE quarter to 31/12/2014 £229, SLCC Subs for 2015 £77, B Crossdale – Printing £50, Jim Taylor – Grass cutting £1200.

9. Plan Selby Consultation

- 9.1. Cllr Watson reported on his attendance at the SDC seminar/workshop concerning the Plan Selby process and the response forms that are available on the SDC website. Plan Selby calculates that 7200 new houses will be required in the district to cater for growth and population increases. The plan will set the housing policy for the next fifteen years. Three major sites within the Selby area will provide most of the development sites because they already have the infrastructure in place to support growth.
- 9.2. He continued by saying the process for submitting comments is extremely complex mainly because the online documents run into hundreds of pages. Local landowners have been invited to put forward possible development sites but in Whitley, most of the sites suggested are outside the village envelope on greenbelt land. Councillors will be aware that substantial housing growth has taken place in Whitley with the number of houses increased from 233 in 2000 to 455 in 2014.
- 9.3. The parish council must send in it's response by the 19th January and Cllr Watson and the clerk will now collate all the views submitted by parish councillors and work together on a parish council response. Howard Ferguson has provided information on key issues in process and identifying the relevant parts of the mass of documents.

10. Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 10.1. Cllr Walton reported that the sites she has looked at are in order.
- 10.2. Cllr White reported that the moss problem on the Bovis site seems to under control following the treatment by Jim Taylor. Some of the trees within the buffer zone require pruning and she will get an estimate for this work. She added that the buffer zone trees would require a regular inspection and pruning.

11.A19 Safety.

- 11.1. The speed data on A19 – Interpretation of this data and what action can be taken. It was noted that speeds recorded were up to 60m.p.h. It was felt that the results obtained in the monitoring period might have been skewed due to the road works/ traffic lights around the Harron Homes estate. Cllr White suggested that we request another period of traffic monitoring as soon as possible. The clerk will write to NYCC Area 7 about this matter with a request that a further period of traffic monitoring.
- 11.2. The response from Gary Lumb to the list of action/update points attached to the November 2014 minutes was received by email shortly before this meeting and circulated to members. The response covers most of the matters raised including A19 safety matters; 20mph speed limit, VAS sign and pedestrian crossing.

12.Chairman's & Members Report

- 12.1. The A19 safety sub committee will report n due course.
- 12.2. Plan Selby – Cllr Watson reported on the workshop that he attended

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- 13.1. No items were raised.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 p.m.

Chairman

Date.