

Whitley Parish Council

The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Open Public Forum (OPF).

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM (7.30 pm - 8.15 pm)

* Concerns were raised by residents about HGV Traffic on Gravel Hill Lane, also that Blow Hill Lane, having a temporary closure order and that this would further exacerbate the traffic issues in the vicinity.

Joy Flavell, Lesley Holmes

CC Cllr McCartney confirmed that HGV Weight Restrictions would be in place by the end of the year.

* The grass verges up to the Mushroom Farm on Gravel Hill lane were overgrown and had not been cut has due to brambles, pedestrians could not get off the road easily when vehicles passed. This area had not been cut by NYCC or the Landowner.

Joy Flavell, Malcolm Walker

*Opposite College Farm Close the Trees are now overhanging the Pavement and causing an obstruction -

Malcolm Walker

NYCC Highways / Landowner to be contacted to cut back.

* A resident raised some concerns Cathcart "Play Area" in particular that the whole area would be "Fenced off"

Neil Harrison

As this was an agenda item it was left for later debate.

* Silver Street up to Millfield Verge not cut.

Farmer who had agreed to cut same twice per year to be contacted again.

John White

This would be followed up by the Parish Clerk on his return.

*Poplar Farm Verge - not cut in front of Site perimeter fence?

John White

SH pointed out that this is not a verge but a rubble strewn area after the demolition of the farm. When a development takes place the council would then review same.

* Questions to the Council's former Parish Clerk and R.F.O had still not being answered - will wait a further week or so, and if not answered he is determined to continue to investigate this further, and he will then contact the Council's Auditor Direct for information. He reiterated that he considered that the Council was at "Risk" because of this.

John White

*Rent of £10 re Bus stop near George and Dragon - are we still paying this?

John White

It was thought not but this would be looked into.

*Spraying of verges re weed control encroaching onto footpaths?

John White

This has now been done at a cost of £150 to the PC.

A Marquee has been bought by the Parish Council- will it be made available to residents?

John White

It was explained that a Gazebo was purchased to be used in the QE2 90 Event in April, and that it had been funded jointly by the PC and the Allotment Association (£120 split 50%). It would be available for further PC and WVAA events but NOT for private use.

At 8.20pm the OPF was close.

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 26th July 2016 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School. Ref 07/2016

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

1) **Present:** Cllr Simon Humphrey- Chair, Cllrs K Walton,-Vice Chair, Cllr F Blackburn, Cllr P Broadhurst, Cllr A Coney , Cllr J Watson,
Also present:
County Cllr John McCartney - NYCC Area Councillor.

2) **Apologies:-** Cllr Sarah Cole – Holiday

3) **Declaration of Interests** - None Declared

4) **Minutes of last Meeting**

4.1 The Minutes of the Meeting on the 24th May 2016 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record. The Chairman then signed the Minutes.

5) **Council Finance & Administration**

5.1 There was no report due to the absence of the Parish Clerk and R.F.O. The Council Finance Report update would take place at the next Council Meeting on 20th September 2016.

5.2 **Accounts Payable approved** -

Bryan Crossdale printing Newsletter £75, Jim Taylor, Grass Cutting £1455, Jim Taylor - Table, Bench & Waste Bin painting at Blackthorn Close £180, Verge Cutting £200, Herbicide spray on verge hedges where required £150. PAYE £202.

6) **Response to Parish Newsletter**

SH said he had received *10 replies in total on a number of topics, 5 supported the outdoor Gym proposal - one had objections, 2 supported the defibrillator in principle. Councillors agreed, in principle to continue to move these items forward. County Cllr McCartney was confident that grants would be available to fund same, however the PC would have to budget for and cover ongoing revenue and maintenance costs.

A debate took place as to the location, and it was agreed that this would be an agenda item for further discussion at the next meeting.

* see in appendix to minutes.

7) **Recreational Open Space in Whitley**

7.1 Cathcart Play Area.

KW reported that she and SC and visited and viewed the site. Doors were knocked on and opinions of residents sought. Overall those consulted were generally in favour. As four residents of Cathcart Close were at the meeting (3 for and 1 against) it was felt that a Consultation Survey needed to be undertaken to gauge the views of all the residents. This would likely to be achieved by using a Leaflet drop detailing the outline of the proposal coupled with a response slip, either to be collected or by using the Business Reply Service. If the PC was to take this "Green Area " on a Peppercorn Rent Lease basis from S.D.C then we would have to maintain it. It was thought that grass cutting was currently done 3 or 4 times per growing season.

KW to get a quote from Jim Taylor re same to enable a cost of ownership profile to be made. It was thought that the Play Area would be security fenced and would not cover more than 10% of what is quite a large area, leaving the rest free and green for other open space use. Cllr McCartney remained confident that funding for a Play Area would be forthcoming from a range of sources.

7.2 Cllr SH confirmed that he had received positive feedback from Tim Grogan, the Environmental Officer SDC, re the prosecution (after warning) of those dog owners who did not clean up their dog mess.

The key is to identify the culprits and have witnesses of these incidents.

The effect of the new Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) did not apply in this case as current Dog Fouling legislation covers this.

Cllr AC described a recent occurrence where a dog owner was challenged on the Daffodil Field Park and reacted aggressively.

Proactive observation, and reporting now needs to occur to progress this, and if this led to Official Warnings and/or Prosecution this would send out a strong message.

7.3 The purchase of a Dog Bin £225.58 and a Waste Bin £387.00 was approved for BlackThorn Close.

7.4 Concerns were raised about all six wooden steps being loose on Climbing Frame in the Children's Play area on the Daffodil Field Park. Cllr SH was surprised this had not been identified at the recent safety inspection. Cllr SH to deal with this.

8) **A19 Safety Matters**

Selby Area Committee Meeting 12.6.16.

Cllr KW & Cllr JW had attended this meeting on behalf of the PC. A note on this had previously been circulated by JW. Whilst there was general support from County Councillors, in particular John McCartney and Steve Shaw Wright for further action and enforcement, however, Highways Traffic Officer Steve Burrell reiterated that the last speed data for Whitley indicated "average speeds" of around 33 mph, and this was acceptable and therefore did not warrant mobile camera deployment.

The only outcome then was that a further collection of Traffic Data would be arranged to

occur “as and when”, for further assessment.

The option of the PC arranging for collection of its own Traffic Data, using an independent consultant now needs to be explored and costed.

Cllr JW said he was left with the feeling “Where to we go from here”

another petition? Cllr McCartney suggested that one option would be to get our MP - Nigel Adams down to Whitley & Eggborough School - after the school Term starts, but before the recall of Parliament at the end of September. This to be explored after consultation with the school.

9) **QE2 90 Planter (South end of village)**

It was decided that if the council was to proceed on this then the planter should be of a the same style and construction as the two already in existence. Cllr SH to approach Starbuck (who has similar stone readily available) to cost construction of same (Budget £1000?) this to be confirmed by next PC meeting.

John White said that if this did go ahead then he and Sue White would be willing to undertake planting and maintenance.

10) **Parish Clerk Position**

It was agreed unanimously that John Dickens, the acting Parish Clerk be now confirmed in the role.

11) **Revised Meeting Dates**

It was agreed that the revised dates for the next 3 PC Meetings would be;-
Tuesday 20th September 2016, Tuesday 18th October 2016, and Tuesday 22nd November 2016. SH to update website and Notice Boards

12) **A.O.B**

* Cllr FB expressed concerns that when the yellow lines are introduced at the Junction of the A19 and Whitefield Lane, the vehicles currently parking there (primarily those of the Care Home workers) would be looking to park elsewhere - where would that be?
To be an Agenda item at next meeting

*Cllr JW confirmed that a closing balance cheque (£11.06p) from the Account of the Whitley Historical Society was raised in favour of the Parish Council. The Society has now ceased its activities.

*Cllr JW reported that he had been in contact with Calor re the lack of maintenance of the Sunken LPG Tank area on the Daffodil Field Park. This is now completely overgrown and is a fire hazard. The Watch Manager of Selby Fire Station (Tony Walker) is coming to view same and assess on Thursday 28th July, and he will then report back to the Parish Council.

Cllr Coney reported that a Defeibultor had been installed at nearby Cowick and that the installation of one in Whitley should be an agenda item at our next meeting.

*Cllr SH confirmed a Cheque for £12 had been received from the WVAA in respect of leftover “ Bucks Fizz from the QE2 90 event.

13) **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 20th September 2016 - 7.30 pm

14) The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.27 pm

Minutes taken by Cllr John Watson in the absence of the Parish Clerk.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Date: