

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 11/2014

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 25th November 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.31 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, J Davie, & K Walton. Also in attendance was D Cllr G Ivey and C Cllr J McCartney.
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Watson – Holiday, . The apologies were approved.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 21st October 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Information Board. Because Cllr Watson was on holiday it was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting
 - 6.2 Waste Bins for Daffodil Park. – It had already been agreed that two waste bins were required for the park but they had to be in a position that afforded easy access for emptying. It was agreed that the clerk would order two bins – Plastic Sherwood was the preferred type.
 - 6.3 Cutting of grass verges in 2015/16. Cllr Watson has been calculating the area of grass that will not be cut by NYCC and it is hoped that Jim Taylor will be able to do the work. Cllr Watson will walk the village in January 2015 and decide which areas will need to be cut by the parish council and the likely cost.. A decision on this will be made in January 2015 and because the cost will have to be funded via a precept increase, this information will be included in the next newsletter.
 - 6.4 Over 80s parcels. – There were 23 people on the list this year and Cllr Walton requested a further £60 to cover the costs. It was suggested that the amount donated should be increased next year. Delivery of the parcels will be on 8th December 2014.
 - 6.5 Resignation of Cllr Gerrard – The clerk produced the letter of resignation from Mr Gerrard and this was read out to the meeting. There was a short discussion about the vacancy and whether or not this should be filled given that elections of new councillors will take place in May 2015. The clerk and chairman will discuss the position after the meeting and come to a decision on whether or not to fill the position with a co-option. The clerk will also discuss the situation with Richard Besley at Selby DC and seek his advice.

Open Public Forum. The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public to give their views and ask questions. The session started at 7.55 p.m.

John White.

- ❖ A19 Traffic – Seems to be a lack of progress by NY highways and police. Asked about plan for pedestrian crossing and road markings. Comments noted and chairman will respond.
- ❖ Wheely Bin Stickers. – Any progress on this. The chairman will consult with Cllr Watson on this matter.
- ❖ Planters – Has any progress been made on these. Cllr White said that this should be put on hold pending the outcome of the extra costs to be incurred on verge grass cutting.
- ❖ Communications – Should not be confined to website. What alternatives are there?
- ❖ Meeting with Osgoldcross Forum. John Vause suggested that any queries about their activities should be put to Cllr Blackburn. He will respond to the parish council.
- ❖ He commented on publicity with regard to Barkstone Ash roads and traffic.

Cllr John McCartney.

- ❖ Commented about the areas of verges that will continue to be cut by NYCC.
- ❖ Noted Gary Lumb's list of projects for Traffic Control. Feasible or not?
- ❖ Pedestrian crossing funds – He suggested approaching Tunstalls since the changes around their entrance is the main cause of the problems. He suggested we push hard on this and see where we get to.

Mr & Mrs Walker.

- ❖ They raised the matter of the planning application to change Garmsway from a residence into a care home. He was not pleased with the way that SDC planners had ignored the parish council comments. Why was a change of use planning application not required? The clerk explained the council's planning comments sent to SDC and we were also puzzled as to why there had been no "change of use" application. Mr & Mrs Walker felt that the planners had not carried out proper procedures in this case. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the chief executive of Selby DC with a complaint about the actions of the planners in this case.

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

- 7.1 Two Items: Plan Selby consultation document already distributed by email and the resignation letter from Mr Gerrard referred to at 6.5.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 2511/2014 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £33,782.52, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,701.17 - **Total Deposit Accounts £84,483.69.**

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £4,860.24 Co-op Bank - £ 5,340.11 **Total Current Accounts £10,200.35**

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

- 8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval: Cllr K Walton - Float for over 80s parcels £400. Other payments approved: Clerks net salary – 6

months to 30/9/2014 £1575.70, Andrea Hall - Graphics for Info. Board £300, Donations – Chairman's Charity Appeal £100, Selby Dial £50, Selby CAB £250, Selby District Vision £50, Kellington & Whitley PCC £100.

9 Precept Request 2015/2016

- 9.1 The clerk opened the discussion by referring members to the estimates paper that he had circulated by email. Members were invited to ask questions about the figures and comment. The only item that was significantly changed from the previous year was the inclusion of £1700 to cover the grass cutting of the verges in Whitley, previously covered by NYCC.
- 9.2 After a short discussion when the clerk stated that PC precepts were not capped, the councillors voted by a majority to approve the precept request of £12,500. The appropriate request document was signed by the chairman and clerk to be submitted to Selby DC by the due date.

10 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 10.1 Cllr Walton reported that the sites she has looked at are in order.
- 10.2 The clerk has inspected Bovis site following the report of moss on some surfaces. He reported that he has ordered some moss killer and Jim Taylor will spray the areas affected.
- 10.3 From the previous meeting it was noted that the figures on the individual sites indicated a mismatch of funding between required spend and funds available. Cllr White asked if there was any flexibility to transfer funds between sites. The clerk said that this is not possible since the funds were provided by different developers and were for the maintenance of specific sites.

11 A19 Safety

- 11.1 The matters raised at the Whitley Forum on 19th November 2014 and with Gary Lumb at the last meeting were discussed. See appendix to these minutes. The clerk to write to Gary Lumb with the item listed and our views and comments on each item on the list.
- 11.2 In order to ensure that the listed priority items are dealt with, it was agreed that a sub committee is formed with the following members: Cllr S White, Cllr J Davie, D Cllr J McCartney and Mr. John White.

12 Gas Initiative Funding

- 12.1 Cllr White reported that for mains gas to be brought to Whitley the Northern Gas Network has quote the following: 120 residents must sign up, cost will be £3000 per household with an additional connection fee of £532. It was suggested that the council seeks comments from residents and asks NGN to attend a future council meeting to discuss the initial costs and how these might be reduced. This information on numbers and costs can be included in the next newsletter

13 Contribution – Christmas tree at George & Dragon

13.1 The parish council normally contribute to the cost of the tree provided by Howard Rimmer. It was resolved that the contribution this year will be up to £100.

14 Chairman's & Members Report

14.1 Cllr Davie reported on the change of ownership of Eggborough Power Station.

14.2 Cllr Walton reported that the Templar Close bus shelter had been damaged, Hard standing for bus stop, and fly tipping on Whitefield Lane. Will Area 7 provide a grit bin for Templar Close? Clerk will action the above.

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15.1 No items raised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Appendix to the Minutes 25th November 2014

Item 11 - A19 Safety

Log of Action/Updates from the Whitley Forum – Dated 19th November 2014

Dear Sharon,

I refer to the above document included in your email of 19th November 2014.

At the parish council meeting on 25th November 2014 all the items listed were discussed and will you please note the following responses agreed by the parish council. Some points will require a response from you.

1. School VAS – This is wanted and funding will be made available through a combination of third party contributions.
2. Speed restriction 20mph at school times only. – We do not agree with your proposal to restrict this to Learning Lane only. The PC wants this speed limit applied to an appropriate section of the A19 near the school. What is the likely timescale for the DFT to complete their review?
3. Education – The PC is not able to become involved in this. We suggest liaison with local school or road safety groups on this.
4. Speed data – The PC consider this to be a priority but progress on this always seems to be halted because of faulty or inadequate equipment. Please make every effort to get the equipment installed so that data can be used to reinforce our case for a police presence for speed enforcement.
5. Planning applications. – Our planning responses to Selby DC always highlight possible traffic issues but over the past few years the planners seem not to have noted our comments. In the case of the Harron Homes development, funding should have been provided as part of the developer contribution to install a light controlled crossing. This and other developments along the A19 have created traffic “pinch points” and the planners and highways should recognise this and take appropriate action. Local people know what the situation is on the A19 but our views are ignored.
6. VAS not Working – Noted your comments.
7. Mushroom Farm Signs. Noted your proposals and given approval.

8. Controlled crossing. It was agreed in principle that a crossing be installed. The parish council will contribute towards the cost and a working party will be set up to seek funding from local businesses and national funding sources. Suggested funding sources might be Tunstalls, Eggborough Power, NYCC, school etc.

9. Obscured speed limit signs. - Comments noted.

10. Silver St. – Comments noted.

11. Additional speed limit signs on A19. – We would like to challenge this view. Will you explain what the protocol is and why it cannot be ignored if it improves safety on the A19 in Whitley?

12. Road White Lining. We understood from Glen Donaldson that all the white lining on the A19 would be renewed. Is this in the maintenance programme to be carried out shortly?

I will be grateful if you will let me have your comments on the above for consideration by the councillors.

Yours sincerely,

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26th November 2014

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