

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 10/2015

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Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 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. Cole, F Blackburn, P Broadhurst (from 8.04 p.m.), A Coney & J Watson.
3. **Apologies:** – None
- 4 Declaration of Interests – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 15th September 2015 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Recruitment of parish clerk – The discussion was in closed session at the end of this meeting. Following a short discussion an applicant was chosen.
 - 6.2 Public Right of Way – The clerk has already forwarded details of the changes to the route of the footpath from Lee Lane to Heck. The changes are acceptable to the landowners and councillors all agreed to the changes to route.
 - 6.3 Tree Pruning – Cllr Humphrey has obtained a quote of £240 to prune the willow trees in the Daffodil Park. Councillors voted to accept this quote and for the work to go ahead.
 - 6.4 Dog Fouling – Cllr Watson has obtained a quantity of leaflets from Selby DC but he said that the heading “Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1966” is incorrect. The act has now been replaced by a new act “2005 Environment Act”. The leaflets will be distributed door to door to residents in Whitley. The pavement marking, using the stencil provided by Cllr John McCartney, has already been completed.
 - 6.5 NYCC Hire of Mobile VAS Units from NYCC. – This matter has already been discussed at a previous meeting and there was a short discussion about costs and likely effectiveness in reducing speeds on the A19 through Whitley. The clerk to enquire about costs and availability. The clerk will also contact VAS suppliers to get quotes for the latest VAS units that may be install in the A19 in Whitley.
 - 6.6 Wheelie Bin Stickers – Samples were handed round and it was resolved to purchase 100 of the two designs at a total cost of £140.
 - 6.7 Possible Closure of Eggborough Police Station. – There was a short discussion about the effects of the cuts to the police budgets. Cllr Watson said he has visited the local police station

and discussed with Bryan Crossdale the role of the volunteer patrols. Long-term position is uncertain and there is the need for all parish councils to oppose closures.

- 6.8 Wind Turbine application re contact from Miles Crossley. – The clerk reported that there has been no further contact or information about this proposal.

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

❖ **Gemma Burton**

1. Raised the issue of dogs not on the lead when in Daffodil Park.

❖ **Mrs Andrea Watson.**

1. She suggested spraying dog mess with luminous spray paint, providing plastic bags at park entrance, stencil spray on gate and footpath. Another idea might be award £50 to anyone who provides details of offenders – photos and any other evidence. Short discussion on this matter.
2. She mentioned that six local residents have attended a first responders course. Might it be possible to obtain defibrillator for the village, which would be mounted in a public place? Grants are available from charitable trusts to cover most of the cost of purchase.

❖ **Mr John White asked the councillors about the following:**

1. Cleaning of Bus Shelter – Frequency - Details of cleaning dates are attached to each shelter and they indicate schedule is four times per year.
2. Verge cutting on Silver St and Gravelhill Lane area. Cllr Watson to report to meeting in November.
3. – Bench at end of Silver St – Paint is peeling off and needs it needs to be repainted.
4. Meeting with Police C & C – Cllrs Watson & Humphrey. It is recognised that the days of profile policing are over and APNR and new technology will replace it. Systems are being re-jigged to put more people on the front line.
5. Will Templar Close be included in the verge cutting schedule? Report in November 2015.

❖ **Mr Bob Brown**

1. He reported fly tipping near to Blowell House. To report to Selby DC for them to deal with this.

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

- ❖ No items.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 20/10/2015 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £23,990.28, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,000. -

Total Deposit Accounts £73,990.28

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £17,168.74 Co-op Bank £ 3,112.85. **Total Current**

Accounts £20,281.59.

Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance = £73,775.00 Other ring-fenced and reserved funds = £3,709.65. Total is **£77,484.65**

8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: YLCA Advert £15, HMRC – PAYE for quarter to 30/9/2015 £150, YLCA – Course Fees £90. JR & L Taylor Grass Cutting £1950.

9 Recreational Open Space in Whitley.

9.1 The clerk reported that Cllr Broadhurst has successfully completed the YLCA playarea inspection course. The chairman present him with the YLCA certificate.

9.2 There were no major problems with playarea equipment and grounds at the three village sites. It was noted that the step bolts on the climbing frame at Whitley Farm need tightening.

10 A19 Safety Matters

10.1 A19 Sub Group – Cllr Huphrey reported that group will not be meeting and he has prepared and circulated a report on the future of the group. No other comments were made about A19 safety matters.

11 Increase in Local Crime.

11.1 The matter was raised by Cllr Coney and short discussion took place on what could be done.

Ideas put forward were:

- ❖ Awareness of the scale of crime and getting residents involved.
- ❖ Neighbour watch schemes – setting up new schemes in all areas of Whitley.
- ❖ Log crimes on Facebook page. – This is the obvious choice and Cllr Coney agreed to co-ordinate.
- ❖ All the above detail to be promoted on the next newsletter.
- ❖ Get the local Crime Prevention officer involved.

11.2 All of the above points were discussed and it was resolved that every effort should be made by the parish council to help reduce the levels of crime in Whitley.

12 A.O.B.

12.1 Cllr Blackburn reported that Osgoldcross Forum has received a grant of £4000 from the office of the NY Police and Crime Commissioner.

12.2 Cllr Walton mentioned the over 80s Christmas parcels. There are now 21 residents eligible to receive the parcels.

12.3 Christmas Tree – Cllr Broadhurst to comment on this. Agenda item for November meeting.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.58 p.m.

Chairman

Date.