

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 9/2014

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2014 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, J Davie, J. Watson. & F. Blackburn.
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Humhprey – Holiday, Cllr Gerrard – Business. The apologies were approved. D Cllr S Ryder is unable to attend because of holiday arrangements.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 22 July 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Bus Shelter A19. – The clerk reported that the order has been placed and installation would be in late September. The net cost after taking into account the CEF grant of £1500, will be £2,222 excl. VAT
 - 6.2 Information Board for Daffodil Park – Cllr Watson handed out a paper that detailed all the costs for this project. The lectern will be manufactured from recycled plastic waste and the size will be A1 and this is the minimum size required too accommodate the artwork and other information. Cllr White asked about the text on the history trail. Cllr Watson made reference to the stables on Richard Dixon's land and this part of the trail will be removed.
 - 6.3 Software Upgrades for VAS units. The clerk reported that the NYCC highways will not agree to any software upgrades to the two VAS units. An email explaining the reasons for this decision was read out to the meeting – Darren Griffiths NYCC Highways. A short discussion followed and the clerk will ask C Cllr McCartney to make enquires with David Bowe about the decision made by his department.
 - 6.4 Sign for the Daffodil Park. – Gary Hodgson addressed the meeting about the sign that he has offered to provide at the park. There was a short discussion about design, size and the lettering on the sign. Cllr Watson suggested that the graphic designer providing the content of the information board might assist with the design. Th clerk agreed to check about the planning regulations concerning a sign on our land. It was agreed that the final layout and design of the sign would be delayed until the information board is finished and installed.
 - 6.5 Road Condition – Whitefield Lane. The clerk reported that he has emailed Area 7 about the defects in the road surface adjacent to the entrance to the allotments requesting that some repairs be carried out.

- 6.6 Additional Wheely Bin Signs – Cllr Watson said that he had been quoted £300 to supply 500 stick-on signs. Cllr Humphrey has received a counter quote but, In his absence, no one is sure what this is. **Resolved:** Councillors agreed in principle to purchase signs within a £300 budget.
- 6.7 Allotments - This matter concerns additional land for new allotments within Whitley. There was a short discussion about the common land and whether or not allotments were located there. Cllr White suggested that we need to know the demand that exists for allotments. It was agreed to accept Cllr White's offer to research what suitable land for allotments is available in Whitley
- 6.8 Cllr Gerrard – Short discussion about Cllr Gerrard's lack of regular attendance at parish council meetings. In the period April 2011 to date there have been 35 meetings and Cllr Gerrard has been present at only 11 of those meetings.

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

Mark Ash

- ❖ Whitley Care Home – Problems are pavement parking, Waste bins left outside the property at all times. Clerk agreed to contact the manager

Jim Taylor

- ❖ Litter was being dropped in the park. Is it possible to have two litter bins close to the benches.

John White

- ❖ Dog Fouling in Daffodil Park. He suggested highlighting with fluorescent spray paint.
- ❖ The sign at Whitley Common is partially obscured by the undergrowth.
- ❖ Noted bench on Silver St has been repaired but how can recurrence be avoided.
- ❖ Phone Box at end of Gravelhill Lane has been vandalised.
- ❖ Speed awareness in Whitley. What is the parish council doing about this? There was a short discussion about the positioning of the VAS units and why residents are not allowed to influence the positioning of these units. Can we invite PCSOs to a meeting? He also reported that NY police have purchased a further 3 camera vans.
- ❖ Request writing to Deputy Chief Constable of NY police about speeding in Whitley.
- ❖ New bus shelter – Queried ownership.
- ❖ Mains Gas in Whitley – Will cost £3000 per household. Can bringing mains gas to Whitley be investigated?
- ❖ Reported defects in street lighting, road markings and lights in bollards. Cllr Walton said that Glen Donaldson has confirmed that NYCC highways will provide a double sign for school together with twin amber lights. He will also arrange to get the lining and signing paid for by NYCC. It was agreed to request an assessment of all the road markings in Whitley.

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

- 7.1 No items for this meeting

8. Finance & Administration

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 16/9/2014 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £33,765.70, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,000
- **Total Deposit Accounts £83,765.70.** The clerk reported that the £50,000 with the Co-op bank has been re-invested for a further 12 months at 1.5 % interest rate.

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £4,504.06 Co-op Bank - £ 5,339.21 **Total Current Accounts £9,843.27**

Total cash balances held = £93,608.97. Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance and other ring-fenced and reserved funds £87,660.37.

8.2 : The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval:
Streetscape Products Ltd £6,270, JR & L Taylor £1608, W & E School £78.

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

9.1 Cllrs Walton and White reported that all the playareas are in good condition with no obvious defects or items requiring repair.

9.2 Cllr White reported on her work on the scheduling of maintenance work at each site and requested that this be an agenda item for October.

10 A19 Traffic Management

10.1 Cllr Walton reported the proposed improved white lining on the A19 near Learning Lane. She requested that additional warning lights are provided near the school and it was resolved to purchase these at a cost of £684.

11 Planning Application – Garmsway

11.1 The clerk reported that a revised drawing has been received for this planning application. It was agreed that these did not alter the council's decision to oppose the planning application. The clerk was authorised to re-submit the objections to the application listing all the points submitted in the original objection letter.

11.2 The clerk reminded members that SDC CIL consultation closes on 18/9/2014. After a short discussion it was agreed that the two-tier system CIL levy was not acceptable and it disadvantaged all villages in the southern part of Selby District. The clerk will send a consultation response setting out the council's views.

12 Cutting of Grass Verges 2015/16

12.1 Cllr Watson reported that he had obtained data about the actual area cut and the number of cuts per year. There are 6 cuts per year and the area cut is 7421 sq. m. and he will try to obtain the following additional information:

- ❖ How much NYCC are paying for this work

- ❖ Source a list of contractors.
- ❖ Community action
- ❖ Photos of the results of the next cut.
- ❖ Calculate the actual area that is cut

A short discussion followed and it was agreed that cost estimates should be made available for before the 2015/2016 precept request is approved at the November meeting.

13 Chairman's & Members Report

There were no reports.

14 A O B

14.1 Cllr Blackburn mentioned the shrubs at the southern end of Templar Close are blocking the pavement. Also a lamp leading to the subway is defective.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.