

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 9/2015

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 15th September 2015 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr K Walton– Chair, Cllrs. S. Cole, F Blackburn, P Broadhurst, A Coney & J Watson.
Also present was D Cllr White and C Cllr McCartney
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Humphrey – Holidays - Accepted
- 4 Declaration of Interests – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 21st July 2015 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the chairman.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Co-option of parish councillor. Mrs Amanda Coney was accepted as a co-opted councillor and signed the acceptance of office document. The clerk witnessed the signing.
 - 6.2 The clerk reminded councillors about the importance of quickly circulating planning applications and returning to the clerk by the date specified. Documents that are returned late means that any comments/views on a planning application will miss the SDC deadline.
 - 6.3 The £50,000 invested in the Co-op Bank Ltd has been re-invested at 1.125% for a further year to 8th August 2016. This was approved at the council meeting in July 2015.
 - 6.4 Temporary VAS units for hire from NYCC. The clerk provided information about these and there was a short discussion about cost and availability. It was agreed to seek more information on the hire and discuss again at a future meeting.
 - 6.5 Cleaning of bus shelter in Whitley – The work is carried out by contractors engaged by NYCC. Inside each shelter there is a note with the dates of the last cleaning and next cleaning. The Whitefield Lane shelter was last cleaned on 10/8/2015 with the next cleaning due on 30/10/2015 – i.e. 80-day interval. This indicates that there are four to five cleaning visits per year.
 - 6.6 Completion of Audit 2014/15 – The clerk reported the satisfactory completion of the audit by external auditors PKF Littlejohn. The annual return and associated papers have now been returned for archiving.

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

❖ **Mr Bob Brown**

1. Mr Brown noted the publication of Whitley events in the Selby Post.

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

1. Police camera presence in Whitley. He has discussed with Julia Mulligan and he does not think any action will take place. He feels that Speedwatch programme may produce results.
2. Wheely Bin Stickers – What progress on these?
3. Dog Fouling in Daffodil Park – Eggborough PC has distributed SDC leaflets about dog fouling. Distribution to all local residents and local ByeLaw?
4. Cutting of verges – listed areas of verges that have been missed and field banking encroaching onto footpaths. He also suggested some areas that need cutting were not on the NYCC cutting schedule.
5. Advert for parish clerk – Where were adverts placed?
6. Planning application for a roadside advertising sign on the A19.
7. Spending on grass verges – Will this be within budget?

❖ **Mr John McCartney:**

1. He spoke about Miles Crossley and the proposed Wind Turbine. He said that he does not think that the application will be submitted.
2. John said that he might have access to funds for clearing and maintenance of footpaths. – Details to be emailed.

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

- ❖ Telephone call from Miles Crossley re Wind Turbine application on site to the west of Templar Close. He said that he might attend this meeting to talk about the application.

8. Finance & Administration

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 15/9/2015 as being;

Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £23,980.10, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,000. -

Total Deposit Accounts £73,980.10

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £12,136.08 Co-op Bank £ 3,113.19. **Total Current Accounts £15,249.27.**

Funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance = **£76,307.97.** Other ring-fenced and reserved funds = **£3,709.65.** Total is **£80,017.62**

8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: Retrospective approval JR & L Taylor - Grass Cutting £1,300. Other – Selby DC - election expenses £52.82, Glasdon UK Ltd – Waste bins £567.62, B Crossdale – Printing £75, Moxon & Barker - Legal costs £152, JR & L Taylor – verge cutting £500, PFK Littlejohn – External audit fee £120.

9 Recreational Open Space in Whitley.

9.1 Councillors reported that they were not aware of any problems at the three playarea sites. Noted that waste bins have been replaced at Whitley Farm and The Oaks playareas.

- 9.2 Tree Pruning in Daffodil Park – requested by local resident. Cllr Walton reported that Jim Taylor has cleared self-seeded saplings below the mature trees. Cllr Walton will speak to resident about required amount by which trees need to be reduced. Estimates will be obtained before any pruning work is done.
- 9.3 Jim Taylor has installed two replacement plastic waste bins at two of our play areas.

10 A19 Safety Matters

- 10.1 A19 Sub Group – It was thought that no further meetings are planned and it was felt that the provision of a crossing on the A19 was unlikely. Cllr Humphrey will provide further information and clarification at the next meeting of the parish council.
- 10.2 Speedwatch – Mr John White gave a summary of the work that had been done and details are available on the Whitley website. Cllr Watson added that no police camera vans have been allocated to Whitley on a regular basis and he wondered why this is the case.
- 10.3 It was rumoured that the Eggborough police station is to be closed. It was agreed that information about the future of the police station should be sought.

11 Planning Application

- 11.1 Free standing Sign on A19 - Councillor comments have been received and the clerk will submit these to SDC planners before closing date. The clerk said that all councillors objected to this application.

12 Recruitment of new parish clerk.

- 12.1 The clerk report that the closing date for applications is 25th September and adverts have been placed on YLCA, SDC and Whitley websites plus the notice board in Whitley. At present there are two applicants.

13 A.O.B.

- 13.1 Cllr Blackburn mentioned overgrown vegetation on Templar Close and parking on Whitefield Lane.
- 13.2 Cllr Cole said she might be able to get parking restrictions put in place by getting yellow lines on the road. Parking is mainly by care home employees. There was a short discussion about care home parking and HGVs using Whitefield Lane.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman

Date.