

# Whitley Parish Council

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Walton.

## Open Public Forum (OPF).

### 2. Notes from the OPF:

- Mrs AW Asked if the Council would consider purchasing a large rooted (8' to 10') Christmas tree to be placed in Daffodil Field rather than purchasing one each year. The meeting was informed that a small one had been purchased but it had died. Suggestions these could be sourced from the Brotherhood Church, Womersley or an outlet at Riccall.
- Mrs AW proposed that the Allotment Association and the Parish Council worked together to promote the establishment of a group of residents to look at the up-keep, maintenance and development of the Common Land, Daffodil Field, other parks and open spaces in the village. This suggestion was received very positively by councillors and residents.
- Cllr. McCartney informed the meeting that a new Lollypop Lady would soon be in place and that the two street lights near the junction with All Saint's and A19 would soon be working again.
- Mr. JW stated he had been in Daffodil Field and dog poo is a major issue. He had previously mentioned and it had been discussed by councillors about placing stronger worded signs in the park. He had examples of such signs which he would share, would the council consider placing the signs in the park again.
- Mr. JW noted that there had been no notice placed in the Selby Times about the meeting. He was informed that an advert had been sent to the paper in time.
- Mr. JW asked about the planting of bulbs and if other parts of the village could be planted. Mrs. AW informed him that one sack had been planted in Daffodil Field. Once in bloom photos would be taken to record the locations. If her suggestion of a group was taken up maybe then they could plant other areas and include the school in the planting.
- Mr. JW asked about the hedge cutting of the Daffodil Field hedge. Informed it was due, waiting for weather and availability of the tractor.
- Mr. JW felt that the verges in Silver Street had not been sprayed with herbicide as he could see no impact. He was informed that as far as the council were aware the contractor had completed the spraying.
- Mr. JW raised the matter of the council not raising its donation to the church at the last meeting and he felt it was not right, would the council considered its decision again. He was informed that he had received a written reply on this matter outlining that the correct process had been followed. Mr. JW said he would write to the Chairman as he was not present.

At 7.53 pm with no further comments from the public the Vice Chairman closed the OPF

**Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary  
School.  
Ref 01/2017**

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

3. **Present.** Cllrs. K Walton, J Watson, S. Cole, F Blackburn.

4. **Apologies:** – Cllr. S Humphrey, P Broadhurst, A. Coney.

All apologies accepted.

5. **Declaration of Interests:**

5.1 None declared.

6. **Minutes of the last meeting**

6.1 The minutes of the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the Vice Chairman.

**7.0 Gale Common MOTOX, Whitefield Lane**

7.1 Mr. Miles Crossley, Investment Director, George F. White, Durham. Present a presentation on the proposed development of the existing Motox site. Some of the main points were:

- ✓ At this time it is at least 6 weeks away from a planning application and he was present to receive comment in a genuine attempt to take in local opinion.
- ✓ The tenant was looking to have practice sessions most weekends on Saturdays and Sundays with an increase to 12 Race days a year approx 1 per month.
- ✓ There is a new tenant which is also a new company.
- ✓ There are buildings proposed for shop, restaurant and maintenance areas. Final design have not been agreed
- ✓ For the planning application noise sound readings would be submitted
- ✓ Part of the sound reduction and visuals would be three earth bunds. These would be made up of inert waste such as rubble from building sites. It was estimated that it would take 13 Lorries with 26 movements a day between 2.5 years to 3 years to complete all of the bunds. These would be phased with the East bund (nearest the village) being completed in the first year.
- ✓ Miles Crossley, when presenting the outline case for the Moto X expansion said (when questioned) that their calculations for the “Bund” construction were made using the figures from the original Planning Application made on behalf of the

previous operators of the site by Carter Jones Land Agents and Surveyors. This application said that it would require 17095 Load Movements to complete the "Bunds". Miles Crossley said that they would be around 13 vehicle movements in each day ( 26 in and out) and given that scenario then the number of days for construction would be 17095 ÷ 13 = 1315 working days, or the equivalent of 263 x 5 day working weeks. This would then equate to a "construction" period of more than 5 years.

Mr Crossley was asked a number of points by residents and councillors, which covered issues relating to increases in noise, increased traffic, parking at the site, the quality of the materiel being used for the bunds. The previous failures of the site to comply with the time scales and the historic failure to comply with planning regulations going all the way back to when the site first started. He said that he had noted the comments and would supply more details and plans to the council and anyone who wished to get in-touch with him.

### **8.0 Ongoing Matters for information and action as required.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that:

8.1 Static Caravan, Doncaster Road. The Clerk has been informed that the owner of the site had been issued with a notice to submit a planning application or remove the static caravan. The deadline of that had been the 9<sup>th</sup> January so he was waiting for a further up-date. **Resolved:** Clerk to follow up on enforcement action.

### **9.0 Correspondence received.** (Items for comment / information)

9.1 The Clerk informed the members that he had received; thank you letter/card from two residents for the over 80's Christmas hamper. Cllr. Walton stated there had been 23 over 80's 4 of which are couples. They had also received biscuits donated by Ringtons Ltd, Pontefract. The council had written to Ringtons Ltd. to thank them for the donation.

9.2 Cllr. Walton had received notification that Mr Jim Taylor had given notice of his retirement and would not be undertaking verge cutting or garden services for the parish this year but would be available for adhoc maintenance work if required. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **10.0 Finance & Administration**

10.1 RFO Report: As of: 31/12/2016

#### **Deposit Accounts:**

Santander PLC	£24,133.50
Co-operative Bank	£50,560.96

<b>Total Deposit Accounts:</b>	<b>£74,694.46</b>
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<b>Current Accounts:</b>	
Santander PLC	£ 9,060.08
Co-operative Bank	£ 3,112.85
<b>Total Current Account</b>	<b>£12,172.93</b>
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<b>Total Cash balances; deposit accounts and current accounts</b>	<b>£86,867.39</b>
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<b>Total Funds Ring-fenced for Play area Maintenance – Section 106</b> (includes current account ring fenced funds)	£66,552.07
A19/WHS Ring-fenced Funds –	£ 3,499.65
<b>Total Ring-fenced Funds</b>	<b><u>£70,051.72</u></b>
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**10.1.1 Accounts Payable:** ALCC £10.00p-Membership, SLCC £67.00p-Membership, CommuniCorp £100.00p-Membership, Whitley & Eggborough CP School £97.50p-Room rental May to Nov.2016, K & W PCC Churches £100.00p –Donation, Selby DC Chairman's Charity Appeal £150.00p–Donation, Selby CAB £300.00p–Donation, Selby Dial £100.00–Donation, Selby District Vision £100.00p–Donation, John Dickens –Clerk pay & Office costs £1,112.60p, HMRC – PAYE J Dickens £183.00p, Unique Pub Properties Ltd- Ground rent Bus Stop £12.00p.

**10.1.2 Retrospectively:** JR&L Taylor £1,295.00- Garden Services.

## 11.0 Recreational Open Spaces in Whitley

11.1 Cathcart Play Area Working Group: The Clerk informed the council that he had contacted both SDC and the Lead resident to get up-dates on the suggestion of the 'Open Green Spaces' option but had not received any information back. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

11.2 The Clerk informed the council that he had met a contractor to obtain a quote and advice in relation the tree belt from Lee View to Blackthorn Close once the written quote is received he would use this as a template to obtain others. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

11.3 Whitley Common Maintenance, Cllr Walton stated she had not been able to get in touch with the Grounds Manager at Gale Common but would pursue this. The option proposed in the Open Forum by Mrs. AW may be a way to progress the management of the Common Land and ROS and she proposed it be an item on the agenda at the next meeting. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

## 12.0 Defibrillator for the village

12.1 In the absence of Cllr. Coney the Clerk informed the council that he had submitted invoices to two of the companies who had offered donations and had emailed the third to keep them up-dated. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **13.0 Village Signs.**

13.1 A proposal has been received from a resident to replace the name signs of the village as they had been damaged and has suggested adding the words 'Please Drive Carefully' under the village name. Following a discussion it was agreed that a quote would be obtained from a local company and the matter would be an item on the agenda of the next meeting. **Resolved:** To obtain a quote and be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **14.0 A.O.B**

14.1 Cllr. Cole informed the council had attended a recent meeting of the Southern CEF where Hambleton PC had presented and informed the CEF on how they had engaged with the residents of the Parish and proposed activities. Cllr Cole suggested that they be invited to a Parish Council meeting to share these suggestions. **Resolved:** Cllr. Cole to contact Hambleton Parish Council and invite them to a parish council meeting.

14.2 Cllr. Cole asked if she could attend a SLCC course in relation to aspect of planning for Councillors. It was agreed that this would be helpful to the council.

14.3 The Clerk raised the matter of a recently launched campaign by SDC in relation to litter, 'Don't Be A Waster' where residents are encouraged to pick up one piece of litter. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the matter will be an agenda item at the next meeting. **Resolved:** To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **15.0 Confirm time and date of next meeting**

15.1 The next meeting was confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30 pm, Whitley and Eggborough School.

### **16.0 Closure of meeting**

16.1 The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.11 pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Date: