

Whitley Parish Council

The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Open Public Forum (OPF).

The Clerk gave an explanation as to the change of format and highlight the guidance which was printed at the beginning of the Agenda for the meeting.

Notes from the OPF:

Mr JW raised a number of points:

- Should there be dog poo bins in the play areas of Blackthorn Close and Lee View
- Are there plans to change the contact details for the Clerk on the signs at the play areas?
- There appears to be an increase in litter, can etc. and dog poo in the parks
- PC Budget has nearly 16K; guidance that he has seen indicates that a PC should not have more than 1 year's precept in reserve. He has concerns that this may lead to impulse spending. Should the excess be passed back to residents?
- In relation to the Grass cutting is the PC going out to competitive tender as it's over £500.00?
- A19 ring fenced budget, should this be identified as "A19" on the RFO's report to be clear what it is for and if the PC has no plans to use it should it be returned to contributors?
- All Saints estate verges, at the last meeting the PC commented that this was clearly not the responsibility of the PC but that of the management company. JW suspect this was not the case as it had not been adopted by SDC. Are WPC sure about the position on this?
- JW drew to the attention of Councillors to the Community Café held each week in Eggborough and suggested that they may wish to attend. He handed out leaflets with the details on.
- He noted that on the Agenda there were items in relation to changes of the agreement between the PC and the Allotment Association. He felt that the Allotment Association had not followed the correct procedure in drafting these changes.

Mr MW raised the Following issues:

- The Speed camera van not being in the village and the poor response from the Chief Constables office to the email sent by the Chairman of the PC. He noted that the precept for the police had increased by 2% should we not get a fair share of the camera van. Mr JW stated that the same response had been sent to NYCC Selby Area Committee (SAC) and they were not pleased with it. The SAC had asked the Chairman of 95 Alive and Mr Steve Burrell to attend at the next meeting to explain why it's not deployed in certain areas.
- Mr MW mentioned the matter of potential flooding between Whitefield Lane and Whitley Farm Close. Mr JW enquired whether the drains could be investigated for blockages. Cllr Watson put some historical context on this identifying that the main concern is that with the increase in the village size there has been no upgrading of the main drainage system which could leave it liable to 'flash' flooding in the future.

With no further comments from the public the Public Open Forum was closed.

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on
15th March 2016 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary
School.
Ref 02/2016

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

1. **Present.** Cllrs. S Humphrey, K Walton, S. Cole, F Blackburn, P Broadhurst, A Coney & J Watson.

2. **Apologies:** – Cllr. Debbie White and Cllr. John McCartney

4 Declaration of Interests
None declared.

5 Minutes of the last meeting

5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 9th February 2016 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the Chairman.

6. Ongoing Matters for information and action as required.

6.1 Cllr. Cole informed members that she had met with the Dog Warden and it had been suggested that an extra dog poo bin was placed at the rear exit of Daffodil Park leading onto the estate. The Dog Warden had provided a template and one can of “Temp Mark” to mark the paths. The Dog Warden had also suggested a further spray for highlighting indiscriminate dog poo on paths which would later be collected by SDC. Unfortunately he could not provide this spray and it would have to be purchased. Cllr. Cole also informed members that she had been unable to find the ‘Poo Fairy’ stickers on the web site. Cllr. Cole said that she was happy to undertake template signing the North part of the village; the Clerk said he would cover the South. There was then a discussion on the legality and practicality of implementing a local bylaw and if raising the profile of the issue and education rather than spending money on implementing a bylaw would be the better way to proceed. The Dog Sanctuary, Leeds Road, could provide talks at the school.

It was resolved that:

- Clerk would source and purchase the minimum bulk order of both sprays.
- Clerk would contact both the dog sanctuary and the school business manager to try to arrange an education session at the school.
- The Parish Council would **NOT** purchase any more dog poo bins for the Recreational Open Spaces (ROS)

6.2 The clerk informed members that he had telephone a number of local tradesmen advertised in ‘Local Eyes’ but none had come back to him with a quote to refurbish the community bench at the

junction A19/Silver Street. It was suggested that Mr Jim Taylor had previously undertaken similar work and he may quote on it. **Resolved:** Clerk to contact Mr Taylor.

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

7.1 The Clerk informed the members that he had received an email from Cllr. McCartney reporting that the clearing back of pavements had been delayed. He also highlighted the matter of speed camera vans being discussed at the SAC as mentioned by Mr. JW in the OPF.

7.2 The Chairman had received an email from a resident in relation to increased dog fouling in the village which the Chairman had responded to.

8. Finance & Administration

8.1 The RFO had reported the bank balances at 15th March 2016 as being;

Deposit Accounts:

Santander PLC	£24,040.57
Co-operative Bank	£50,000.00
Total Deposit Accounts:	£74,040.57

Current Accounts:

Santander PLC	£13,241.82
Co-operative Bank	£ 3,112.85
Total Current Account Balances:	£16,354.67
Total Cash Balances:	£90,395.24
Total Funds Ring-fenced for Play area Maintenance – Section 106:	£71,945.04
Other Ring-fenced Funds:	£ 3,569.65
Total Ring-fenced Funds:	£75,514.69

8.2 Accounts Payable:

Payments approved: 2015/16 Councillor allowance of £54.61 each to Cllrs Humphrey, Cole, Watson, Walton, Broadhurst and Coney. 2015/16 Chairman's Allowance to Cllr Humphrey £300.00, Bullfinch (Gas Equipment) Limited £358.80 for Queens 90th Beacon, Kevin Isaaks £70.00 for 100 Wheelie bin 30MPH stickers. Cheques signed.

8.3 The Chairman, Cllr. Humphrey agreed with the point made in the OPF by Mr JW that in future the 'Other Ring-fenced Funds' should be identified as 'A19 Ring-Fenced funds' in the RFO's report. Following a discussion by members it was **resolved** that these funds would remain ring-fenced and that there was no need to contact or return these funds to contributors as there may well be future projects that these funds are need for.

9.0 Parks and Grass Maintenance Report 2015

9.1 Cllr. Watson summarised his report which had previously be circulated to all Cllrs. He highlighted that this report included all the maintenance work required to keep the ROS and the Nature Reserve maintained and not just the cutting of the grass verges. Cllr. Watson stated that the Nature Reserve was a big asset and the responsibility of the PC to maintain. The Nature Reserve could do with some additional work on it, maybe some more pathways cut. He identified that a question had been raised as to the need to 'market test' the current provider although his current performance and quality of work was more than acceptable. Eggborough has had the same contractor for a number of years and Cllr. Watson felt that it was unnecessary to undertake a full tendering process with all the costs and work that would incur. He suggested that there should be a meeting between the current contractor, himself, Cllr. Humphrey and Cllr. Walton the outcome of which will be reported at the next meeting. There was then a discussion about various aspects of tendering. The matter will be on the next meeting agenda.

10. Recreational Open Spaces in Whitley

10.1 The Clerk confirmed that the slide in Blackthorn Close play area had been repaired and that the cost of £6.64 had been paid by the RFO from the Clerk's petty cash fund.

10.2 **Resolved** to undertake the repair to the Wet Pour Surface at Blackthorn Close play area by Streetscape and to pay £216.00 incl. VAT on completion.

10.3 **Resolved** to crown reduce the tree in the Blackthorn Close play area by Huw Forestry and to pay £250.00 on completion.

10.4 Cllr. Walton reported that she had had no response from Kompan to her calls she would continue to try and contact them. The matter will be brought back on the agenda for the next meeting.

10.5 A discussion took place in relation to the proposal to provide out door gym equipment in one of the ROS. It was agreed that this should be taken forward with a consultation of the residents and an application for the grant funding. The Clerk is to work with Streetscape on the funding application. The matter should be kept on the agenda until further notice.

11. The Queens 90th Birthday celebrations

11.1 Cllr. Watson reported as agreed at the last meeting that the gas beacon had been ordered. He had received notification from the Pageant Master that we were registered for the lighting event on Tuesday 21st April 2016. In order to progress the event he had put together some suggested cost areas such as: Banners, Leaflets, Poster's, Flags and bunting, balloons. Possibly 9 rocket's one for each of her 9 decades. He had informed the Fire Brigade who had advised in relation to a cordon and safety issues and he had contacted the school. There had been an offer in relation to the baking of cakes and consideration of a tent with tea and coffee being provided. A wider discussion then took place with some concern being raised by Cllr Cole that the sub-committee meeting had not taken place or that other Councillors had not been involved in these suggestions as per the last Parish Council meeting. During the discussions it was established that the event would be weather dependent but should plan/expect up to 100 people. A further event could be considered on the weekend 11th/12th June based on the success of this beacon event. Such a follow-up event would require further planning.

Cllr Coney and Mr J White (Resident) volunteered to join Cllr. Cole, Cllr. Walton, Cllr. Watson, Mrs A Watson (Allotment Association) and Ms J Kirk (Resident) as the sub-committee.

- It was **resolved** that the above sub-committee meeting would take place at the George and Dragon on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm.
- The budget for the Beacon event would not exceed £1000.00 (including the purchase of the beacon and associated items).
- The sub-committee would also investigate the possibility of a celebratory brick planter similar to those already in the village being built on the corner of the A19 and Blackthorn Close.

12. A19 Safety Matters

12.1 Cllr. Humphrey referred to the response that he had received from the office of the Chief Constable in relation to the lack of speed camera van in the village. It was the opinion of the members that the response was poor and very negative, concentrating on only on the number of deaths or seriously injured and the presences of the VAS as a basis for none deployment in the village. There was no evidence that education as described in the letter was taking place and there was no reference to part of the protocol which related to public concern. A discussion took place over historical action in relation to this, traffic monitoring, and a 2010 survey. It was felt that a response should be sent back to the Chief Constable outlining the disappointment in the content and the negative response of this letter.

13. Whitley Village Allotment Association (WVAA)

13.1 Cllr. Broadhurst gave an explanation to members of the two changes in the agreement between the WVAA and Whitley Parish Council (WPC) which were proposed.

- The first was to extend the time of notice given from the existing period to one growing season (1 year).

- The second was that the WVAA had its own public liability insurance and therefore did not need to be covered by WPC public liability insurance. They therefore proposed that any liability by the WVAA to WPC be removed.

Following a brief discussion it was identified that only Cllr's Humphrey, Walton and Blackburn did not have an interest in the WVAA. On their vote it was **resolved** that the two changes would be accepted. WVAA agreed to lodge a copy of their insurance with WPC.

14.0 Public Defibrillator

14.1 Following a discussion around the benefits, costs, location it was suggested that further research was needed including contacting surrounding villages that had these to try and understand how they had funded it and how they manage its implementation. Cllr. Coney agreed to lead on this and the Clerk offered his help if required. The matter should be on the agenda at the next meeting.

15.0 AOB.

15.1 Cllr. Blackburn stated that he had seen a number of HGV travelling up and down Gravelhill Lane in contravention of the agreement with the Mushroom Factory in particular a white 6 wheeled HGV.

15.2 Cllr Blackburn also reported that the parking of Whitefield Lane at the junction with the A19 was getting worse with cars parking right on the junction and then in a line nearly to the speed limit signs as you leave the village. He requested that the PC wrote to the Mushroom Factory and to Area 7 to highlight these issues.

16.0 Training Course for Clerk

16.1 **Resolved** to pay the costs of this training.

17.0 Confirm time and date of next meeting

17.1 The next meeting will be at 7.30pm Tuesday 26th April 2016 same location.

18.0 Closure of meeting

18.1 The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.06pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Date: