

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 4/2014

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd April 2014 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.40 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. S. White, F.Blackburn, J Watson, & K Walton. Also in attendance was D Cllr J McCartney.
3. **Apologies:** – None Received
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 25th March 2014 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record subject to the following changes: Public Forum item 1 Deleted, Minute 9.2 amended. The chairman signed the amended minutes.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - .1 Bus Shelter on the A19 – Michael Hind from Area 7 will inspect the position as notified by the clerk. He will report his findings and advise about the suitability of the site. John White said that the quote from Queensbury Shelters was about £3,750 fully installed. He volunteered to try to raise grants for this project.
 - .2 The clerk reported that he has received quotes for a new two-swing unit at the Lee View site. Both suppliers said that mushrooms and climbing frame could be removed and be replaced with more usable equipment. It was agreed that the spring mounted chicken and aeroplane should remain. The quotes received were higher than anticipated and it was agreed that the clerk should seek additional quotes from RSS in Selby and other local companies.
 - .3 Cllr Watson will request quotes for the artwork for the Daffodil Park information board and the contact details for the artwork can probably be obtained from Groundwork North Yorkshire. He had also looked at the possible digitisation of the original a map but the cost is likely to be very high. Cllr Watson went on to explain the various issues involved and the dimensions required for the information board.
 - .4 Roadside Planters. John White has volunteered his help in this matter. He will look at costs, design, location, regular maintenance and licences required. He agreed to report back at a future meeting of the parish council.

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

❖ **D Cllr McCartney** raised the following points:

1. The potential pollution likely in the Aire valley due to the number of incinerators planned. He said that the local environmental department are not interested. He stated that if the Kellingley incinerator is approved Nigel Adams MP will request that the application is called in for examination at a higher level. If passed, the PC needs to email Nigel Adams with comments and objections about the likely increased air pollution in the area.

❖ John White raised the following points:

1. The police have washed their hands of Whitley and will not restart traffic monitoring in the village. Cllr Walton mentioned that that Bryan Crossdale has a speed gun to be used in an official speedwatch group to be set up in the area. Volunteers will need to be vetted by the police and he offered to attend our next meeting to explain the scheme. John said that 255 vehicles had been stopped in Whitley and the drivers given a fixed penalty. There followed a short discussion about previous vehicle speed monitoring in the village. Cllr McCartney stated that the police are not taking any follow-up action on complaints about parking problems.
2. John White also mentioned the failure of to complete various works on the A19 such as the road on to Harron Homes estate and the flooding at the entrance to Lee Lane.

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

7.1 There were no items for this meeting since most correspondence is now arriving by email, which is then forwarded to councillors.

8. Finance & Administration

The clerk reported the bank balances at 22/4/2014 as being **Current Accounts. – Deposit Accounts – Santander PLC £33,765.70, Co-op Bank PLC Deposit Account £50,000 - Total Deposit Accounts £83,765.70.**

Current Accounts. – Santander PLC £8,919.86 Co-op Bank - £ 5,336.97 Total Current Accounts £14,256.83.

Total cash balances held = £98,022.53 less funds held in reserve for future playarea maintenance and other ring-fenced and reserved funds £90,022.23.

Free funds = £8,000.30 is available to fund 2014/15 general parish council expenditure

- .2 : The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval HMRC PAYE Quarter to 31/3/2014 £134.40 ,– Other accounts approved – W & E School – Room Hire £54.63, YLCA Subscription for year to 31/3/2015 £360.00, Chairman's Allowance 2013/2014 £300, Clerks Salary and Expenses 6 mths to 31/3/2014 £1,551.48.
- .3 The clerk referred to the parish council annual accounts for the year to 31st March that had been circulated earlier. The accounts were discussed and the clerk said that they would

form the basis for the completion of the 2013/2014 Annual Return. This will be need to be approved and signed for submission to the external auditor before 30th June 2014.

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 Cllr Humphrey has prepared an inspection log document to be used by the nominated councillors for a monthly inspection of the three playareas.
- 9.2 Cllr Watson explained the position about the 2014/15 maintenance contract for the Daffodil Field. Scoffins were awarded the contract on the basis of price and recommendation. Despite being advised by email to contact Cllr Watson before their first visit, they arrived without notice and they were unable to get the key for the field. After a discussion with Cllr Watson Scoffins decided that they will not carry out the contract work for Whitley PC. In view of the urgent need for work to be carried out on the Daffodil Field, Cllr Walton contacted Jim Taylor and he has now agreed to do the work on the park for the same contract price as in 2013/14. Cllr Walton suggested that the Daffodil Field contract could be for a three-year term with uplifts each year for inflation.
- 9.3 Remedial work following safety inspection. – Cllr White said that the tree on the Bovis site has been inspected by Marcus Taperell and he recommended that work be carried out. He will send a written estimate to the council detailing the work required. The Poplar tree in the Daffodil Park requires work to remove dead branches and this will cost about £50. Cllr White has also received an estimate of £1367 plus VAT from RSS for repairs and remedial work as listed by the playarea inspector. The clerk will examine this list and seek alternative quotes for some items on the list. Also, it was thought that some of the items listed did not relate to safety issues in the playareas.

10 The parish and annual meetings – May 2014.

- 10.1 The two meetings will be held on the same night and after a short discussion it was resolved that the date be 27th May 2014 with the parish meeting to start at 7.15 p.m. followed by the annual meeting.

11 Chairman's & Members Reports.

There were no reports.

12. AOB

- 12.1 The clerk asked which members requested the 2013/2014 allowance - Cllrs Davie, Watson, Walton and Humphrey will accept payment.
- 12.2 The clerk reported that the bench at the end of Silver St. had been damaged. Jim Taylor has been asked to repair and paint the bench.
- 12.3 Cllr Humphrey reported that the newsletter would be out by the end of the week. He has also received correspondence about the footpath Heck to Lee Lane that is no longer passable. Cllr Watson will look at this and other local footpaths that are in poor condition.
- 12.4 The Easter egg hunt proved to be a successful event, well supported and organised. There was a short discussion about the possibility of buying a marquee for village functions. Need

to research the costs involved and where and how the marquee might be stored when not in use.

12.5 Cllr Watson mention reports that had been received about dog fouling in the Daffodil Park. He has not found any evidence of this. He suggested that a local bye-law might be introduced to help counter this problem.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.