

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 11/2013

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 26th November 2013 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.34 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr S Humphrey– Chair, Cllrs. K Walton, F Blackburn & J Davie.
3. **Apologies:** – Receive and Approved from Cllrs White, Watson & Gerrard.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 15th October 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Daffodil Bulbs & Plants for Daffodil Park. Email received re plants. The bulk of the plants and bulbs have been received. Bulb planting is ongoing with some plants/shrubs for planting in the spring. Cllr Watson will liaise with Jim Taylor about planting positions.
 - 6.2 Over 80s Christmas parcels. Cllr Walton reported that parcels will be delivered on time and she has had a lot of help from Bev Goodwin who lives in Templar Close. This lady has also offered her assistance in the area of working with older residents in Whitley and will liaise with AVS Services in Selby. 22 resident in Whitley are now aged over 80.
 - 6.3 War Memorial Plaque. Cllr Watson assisted by John Dickens will look into the background and history of the named servicemen from this area that died in the two world wars.
 - 6.4 Christmas Tree/Lights – Cllr Humphrey reported that Howard Rimmer has agreed to put a tree in the usual place using the lights belonging to the parish council. The parish council will pay 50% of the costs for the tree.
 - 6.5 Subway Lighting –The clerk reported that all the subway lights are now working but the subway walls need cleaning and repainting. See further comments in item 14.

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

◆ John White raised the following points:

- 1) The provision of a school crossing/crossing patrol has now been approved by NYCC. The location will be on the A19 near to the entrances to Learning Lane and Tunstalls.
- 2) Calor Gas Ltd have donated £500 for the new notice board due to be installed in the Daffodil Park

- 3) The Oil Buying Co-operative has now got over 70 members . Next order/delivery is scheduled for January 2014.
- 4) Next CEF meeting is in December.
- 5) Jim Taylor will construct the central path on the allotments in January 2014 with funding provided by donations to WVAA from CEF £1000 and the Co-op £2000.
- 6) Lee Lane/Blackthorn Close – The flooding of the road after heavy rain has been an ongoing problem since 2007. It is anticipated that work to solve the problem will start shortly.

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

7.1 A flyer has been received from C Cllr J McCartney about the proposed new Incinerator at Knottingley and the effect that this might have on the air quality in the area. There was a short discussion about this and the clerk will write to Selby DC seeking information on the monitoring of air quality and pollution in this area.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 26/11/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £15,064.15. Co-op Bank - £5,333.88. **Total Current Accounts is £20,398.03**
(Approx. £10,100 of this is now earmarked for the Bovis Playarea and other ring fenced funds).
Deposit Accounts - Reserved as ringfenced funds for future play-area maintenance – A & L £33,748.69, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,748.69.**
- 8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: - Retrospective approval – Stax – Daffodil Bulbs £60.53 J Rotherham Ltd – Deposit re memorial plaque £365.00, Cllr K Walton – Float for over 80s parcels £400. Other Accounts JR & L Taylor Grass cutting Lee View & Blackthorn £312, SLCC Membership 2014 £76, J Rotherham Ltd – Balance due re plaque £363.40, JR & L Taylor – Daffodil Field Contract – Sept & Oct cuts £840. Vision ICT – Web hosting & support – Year to 31/12/2014 £228, B Crossdale – Printing Newsletter £45, K Leppingwell – Parish clerk salary – 6 months to 30/9/2013 £1,263.91 plus Office Equip. & Accommodation expenses for half year £550, Travel Expenses £9.62, Donations: Chairman's Charity Appeal £120, Selby DIAL £50, Selby CAB £250, Selby District Vision £50, Kellington & All Saints Churches £100, Petty cash imprest £95.55.
- 8.2 Estimates & Precept Request 2014/15. The clerk had previously distributed by email, his budget estimates for 2014/2015. Theses figures were then the subject of discussion and it was resolved that the precept request for the next financial year will be £11,000. This is an increase of £500 over the 2013/2014 precept and the appropriate request documents were signed by the chairman and one other councillor prior to submission to Selby DC before January 2014.

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 Cllr Walton mentioned the link path through the Bovis tree belt. This requires some maintenance and Jim Taylor will carry out the work required.

- 9.2 Jim will also mark-out and clear the areas for shrub planting in the Daffodil Park.
- 9.3 There was a short discussion about regular inspection of the play equipment on the three playareas. Originally, councillors intended to check and log the condition of the equipment but it was thought that this was not being carried out on a regular basis. The clerk will check with insurance company about the need for an annual inspection by professional firm. For further discussion at a future meeting.

10 Planning Applications.

- 10.1 The clerk reported that the Harron Homes planning application to fell a poplar tree has not been returned to the clerk by the due date and no one is quite sure where the circulation folder is. Comments therefore were not submitted to SDC.

11. No Speeding Signs for Wheely Bins. To be carried over to next meeting.

12. **Neighbourhood Plan For Whitley -** Cllr White to lead on this and to be carried over to January 2014 meeting

13. **Notice board and sign for Daffodil Park.** Cllr Watson to report on this and the matter is to be carried over to the January 2014 meeting.

14. Litter & General Condition of Subways

- 14.1 The clerk reported that the subway walls and ceiling need cleaning and repainting. There is also a problem with litter. The clerk will write to NYCC area 7 about the condition and request that some work is done to improve the appearance of the area.

15 Chairman's & Members Reports.

15.1 Cllr Humphrey reported on his attendance at the SDC planning committee. He addressed the committee setting out the parish council objections to the fish ponds application.

The application for planning permission was refused with the voting 9 against and 1 for.

15.2 Cllr Davie attended the Eggborough Power station meeting and he reported on matters raised, including environmental and air quality.

16. A.O.B No Items

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.