

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 10/2013

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 15th October 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, S White & J Watson.
Also in attendance D. Cllr G. Ivey.
3. **Apologies:** – *None received.*
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
- 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 10th September 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
- 6.1 The chairman reported that the autumn newsletter would be published by the end of the current week. He thanked councillors for their input and short discussion followed about the various items that are to be included in the newsletter.
- 6.2 No Speeding signs for Wheely Bins – John White showed the meeting a sample of the sign. He has obtained a quote for the signs as follows - £310 for 500 and £400 for 1000. Councillors agreed to discuss at a later meeting and it was agreed that this matter be included on the agenda for November.
- 6.3 The clerk reported the position on the Whitley Common boundary. Our solicitor has been unable to get any response from Monaghan’s solicitors with regard to the ownership of an area of land considered to be common land, but was purchased by Monaghan in the 1940s and is now registered with the Land Registry. He recommended that the council observe any further site development by Monaghan that encroaches on to land that is considered to be part of Whitley Common. The clerk has asked the senior partner at Moxon & Barker to send their account for the work done to date.
- 6.4 War Memorial Plaque – Cllr Watson distributed a report on costs and estimates. The preferred supplier is J Rotherham Ltd who will require a 50% deposit of £365 payable in advance. The councillors confirmed their agreement to the wording to be inscribed on the plaque.
- 6.5 Terms of reference for Public Forum – The two versions of the T of R document had been circulated and it was resolved that the version as amended by Cllr Humphrey be adopted for use at future council meetings.
- 6.6 Playarea Maintenance Section 106 - Using the record of expenditure by location over the past few years Cllr Watson & Walton agreed to work on scheduling future expenditure estimates. Cllr White spoke about the changes to Section 106 with introduction of the replacement CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). CIL requires that towns & villages must

have an approved neighbourhood plan (NP) in place. Should Whitley have a neighbourhood plan? Our existing parish plan might be the starting point of a NP but local residents will be required to vote for approval. This subject was approved for further discussion at next 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.

◆ John White raised the following points:

- 1) Harron homes plan to widen the entrance to the estate and in addition removing and pruning the trees near the entrance. Why is entrance being widened and D Cllr Gillian Ivey agreed to investigate.
- 2) Noted that volunteers have now cleaned village signs.
- 3) Allotment bonfire party will be on 2nd November 2013.
- 4) He reported positive news from NYCC about the provision of a new crossing near the school.
- 5) The Oil Co-operative has now 50 plus members.

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

- 7.1 The clerk reported that two items had been received for the notice board or circulation. These were Healthwatch North Yorkshire poster and a SDC notice concerning recycling.

8. Finance & Administration

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 15/10/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £16,392.74. Co-op Bank - £5,333.55. **Total Current Accounts is £21,726.29.**
(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 £33,748.50, Co-op Bank Deposit Account £50,000 - **Total Deposit Accounts £83,748.50.**
- 8.2 The following accounts were approved for payment: - PKF Littlejohn – External Audit Fee £120, JR & L Taylor – Hedge Cutting £240, HMRC – PAYE quarter to 30/9/2013 £144.

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 It was reported that all sites are in good condition and no problems were apparent. All play equipment has been inspected.
- 9.2 Additional Planting In Daffodil Park. - Some of the planting can be delayed until the spring 2014. Volunteers and possibly a school group will carry out the bulb planting in November but the plants for the two planters will be purchased when there is a reduction in price.

10 Planning Applications.

- 10.1 Fairwinds, Whitley. The clerk reported that the planning comments by the councillors had been submitted by the due date, to SDC planning.

10.2 Bungalow on Rhubarb Sheds Site. The planning application has been approved and the planning decision papers will be circulated in due course.

11. Notice Board for Daffodil Park.

11.1 Cllr Watson reported that a notice board cost about £420 to £450 excluding installation costs. It was resolved that the council purchase this additional notice board – 4 votes to 1 in favour.

11.2 Cllr Walton mentioned that Gary Hodgson wished to provide a sign for the entrance to the park. After a short discussion members agreed to accept the offer and the matter will be subject to further discussion at a later date.

12. Donations.

12.1 . The clerk raised that matter of annual donations and produced a list of donations in 2012. It was resolved to donate to the same organisation and at the same amount as in 2012. The approved donations were: Chairman's Charity Appeal £120, Selby DIAL £50, Selby CAB £250, Selby District Vision £50 and Kellingley & All Saints Churches £100.

13. Christmas Parcels and Christmas Lights.

13.1 Cllr Walton said that the estimated number of over 80s was 21 and it was agreed that the value of the parcels should be about £20. It was agreed to provide Cllr Walton with a float of £400 to enable the purchase of supplies. The clerk will arrange for a cheque for £400 to be given to Cllr Walton.

13.2 Cllrs agreed that at some point the council should plant a tree for permanent use by the council. It was agreed that for 2013 the council would provide 50% of the cost of the tree provided by Howard Rimmer at the George & Dragon. Cllr Humphrey agreed to liaise with Howard on this matter.

14. Chairman's & Members Reports.

14.1 There were no councillor reports for this meeting.

15 A.O.B.

14.2 Cllr Blackburn reported that the lighting in the subways was in poor condition and in need of attention. The clerk will email NYCC about the matter and request that repairs are carried out.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.14 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.