

Whitley Parish Council - Ref 10 - 2014

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on
21st October 2014, at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

- 1) The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by the Chairman.
- 2) **Present** :- Cllr Simon Humphrey- Chair, Cllrs K Walton,-Vice Chair, Cllr J Davie, Cllr J Watson, Cllr S White.

Also present:

Phill Broadhurst - Chairman Whitley Village Allotment Association.
Gary Lumb - NYCC Highways Area 7

- 3) **Apologies**:- Cllr's P Gerrard - Business Matters.
Cllr F Blackburn -Holiday.

- 4) **Declaration of Interests** - None Declared

- 5) **Minutes of last Meeting**

5.1) The Minutes of the Meeting on the 16th September 2012 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record. The Chairman then signed the Minutes.

- 6) **Matters Arising**

- 6.1 **Bus Shelter**

Following the successful installation of the new southbound Bus Shelter at the **Church Row Bus Stop**, the Chairman confirmed that the Parish Councils' application for same to be adopted by NYCC had been approved.

- 6.2 **Daffodil Park Board**

Cllr Watson presented the revised version of the origination. Cllr's Walton and White each took A3 colour copies for a "Final Proof" read through. After this (and after any further revision) It was decided that the Whitley "logo" on the credit strap line to be

changed to the one used on previous publications .

Following the origination “sign off” then the order to proceed would be raised by The Parish Clerk

The location on the Park had previously been agreed as near the bend in the path, as it comes down from the wooden gate and near the War Memorial.

6.3 Waste Bins for Daffodil Field Park

A location plan of where it is intended to locate the bins to be made by Cllr Walton and forwarded to SDC Environmental to confirm that it this will be acceptable to them in terms of ease of emptying. If this is subsequently approved then it was agreed that the Council should then proceed with the purchase of same.

6.4 Condition Road Surface - Whitefield Lane

This matter was included in the discussion with Gary Lumb NYCC Highways.

6.5 Allotments

The current demand for Allotments in the village was discussed and Phill Broadhurst (Chairman WVAA) indicted that the current waiting list was for allotments was standing at two. With the imminent provision of 2 “Micro-Plots” and some other changes by current plot holders to reduce their plot size from full to half this would therefore satisfy this immediate demand.

Cllr White suggested that consideration might be given, in the future, to the site of the former Parish Poor houses which had been situated on Gravelhill Lane (now just a wide grass verge) as this is Parish Land.

6.6 Councillor Attendance Record.

This was discussed briefly, together with the recent e mail to the Chairman by Councillor Gerrard intimating his future intention to resign from the Council.

6.7 VAS Upgrades

6.8 NYCC Highways - Estimate for Twin amber flashing Lights and Sign £684

OPEN FORUM
No Discussion took place

7 Correspondence

No correspondence received other than that previously circulated by e mail.

8) Council Finance & Administration

8.1

The Bank balances indicated in the Agenda by the Clerk as at 21.10.2014 were as follows;-

Deposit Accounts -Santander - £33,765.70,Co-op Bank £50,701.17

-Total Deposit Accounts £84,466.87

Current Accounts - Santander £9859.00, Co-op Bank £5339.66

Total Current Accounts £15,198.59

Total cash balances held- £99.665.53 . Funds held in reserve for future play area maintenance and other ring-fenced and reserved funds £87,660.37

8.2 Accounts for payment to be approved :-

Retrospective approval HMRC quarter to 9/2014 £146,, other accounts due for payment- Queensbury Shelters £4466.40, W&E School - Room Hire £ 58.50, PFK Littlejohn-Audit Fee, JR&L Taylor - Grass cutting etc £1368.00, Petty Cash Imprest £85.86.

9 Gary Lumb NYCC Highways

A wide ranging discussion took place involving all Councillors, this included:-

* **Update** on road markings issue on both roundabout and through the village. This had been delayed due to time conflicts with the Motorway Maintenance Authority. Councillors were assured however that this work would be undertaken in the next few weeks.

* **Traffic Congestion** during Term Time around the School was discussed. Road Safety Team to visit School and in particular to discuss

the “Walk To School” initiative . Cllr Walton stated her concerns at lack of PCSO involvement with the Traffic issue at the school and indeed the absence of the regular presence of patrolling PCSO’s down through the village which might have a positive effect on vehicle speeding and a general of feeling of security for our residents.

* **Schools 20mph Limit** - Councillor White raised the issue of the expected mandatory 20 MPH Speed Limit near Schools . GL confirmed that this was currently being reviewed by Government and NYCC would act accordingly if and when this was given the go ahead.

***Traffic Lights** at the staggered junction between Learning Lane and the entrance to Tunstalls/Woodberry Grange was discussed and GL confirmed that due to these junctions proximity to the M62 Roundabout, this could not be considered.

***Puffin Crossing** - GL said that a crossing would cost around £50,000. A feasibility study would be carried out by GL and Peter Orme of Traffic Signals office. GL stated that any crossing would have to be located between Whitefield lane and Church Row as any further up would cause congestion to traffic coming down from the roundabout. Cllr White requested that how we go about the raising of the money to do this should be an agenda item at the next PC Meeting.

***VAS Units** - The logic re the location of the Vas units being in the centre of the village was again reiterated by GL. This being that the entrance markers indicated at the north and south entrances clearly define to vehicles the 30 MPH limit and the road through the Village being 2000 metres in length the VAS units being sited centrally remind vehicles this. Councillors were adamant of the need for two further signs at the entrances to village perhaps of the type in use in South Yorkshire, and other areas. These being the “Your Speed” type with Green numeric indicators for vehicles progressing under the relevant speed limit and Red for those going above the limit .

* **Speed Data Capture** - GL confirmed that “Black Boxes” or “Road Tubes”, would be installed (by NYCC Fire & Rescue) in the village for a 7 day period in early November to update the average speed information. It was requested and agreed that this updated information would be forwarded to the Parish Clerk for subsequent discussion by the PC. There would be a cost of £150 associated with this.

* **Freight Partnership** - GL confirmed that NYCC Highways recommended that Hauliers (where possible) do not use A19 through Whitley as a primary route.

In conclusion Gary Lumb agreed to update Councillors on progress on all these matters for discussion at the January 2015 meeting of the PC (13th January 2015)

10. Recreational Open Space in Whitley

10.1 Reports on maintenance and current condition of play areas and ROS.

Cllr White reported that further problems with the play mushrooms were a concern. The tops come off leaving a dangerous metal stump. Jim to be asked to remove.

Cllr White confirmed the following replacement costs associated with the replacement of equipment.:-

	£		£
Lea Farm	5000	available	45,500
Blackthorn	35,000	“	9,751
Daff Field	55,000	“	35,000

It was agreed that guidance be sought by the Parish Clerk as to the flexibility of 106 funding allocations.

11. Planning Applications.

11.2 The Larth House adjacent land applications (2) seemed contradictory and confusing, Unsurprisingly all Councillors are left none the wiser in what actually is being applied for.

12 Cutting Grass Verges - 2015 Provision

Now that NYCC have withdrawn the provision of verge cutting County wide, the Parish Council have the following options:-

- 1) Do nothing.
- 2) Engage with local people adjacent to the road verges and arrange for them to undertake the work on a Voluntary basis.
- 3) Arrange for a Contractor to do the work and be paid for from the PC precept. The amount of cutting to be defined by the PC and not adhering to the NYCC Cutting Plan - which after investigation has only actually been done to around one third of the "Plan".

The information provided by NYCC Highways - Cutting Plan Map and Schedule confirmed the following:-

Number of cuts in Growing season (April-September) = 6

Contractor - Ringways (NYCC Main Contractor who in turn sub contract the work out to one or two other parties).

Area indicated as cut on the "Cutting Plan "- 7200 sq metres

Cost in current year (2014) £1400

Cllr Watson confirmed that Jim Taylor had declined to quote for the work, sighting equipment and insurance reasons.

The sub contractors have been contacted but have thus far failed to respond

Ian Oades (who lives in Whitley) has also been contacted and as indicated that he would be prepared to do the work for £30 per hour.?

If we, as a Parish Council decide to proceed on option 3, then it seems likely we should make provision in the precept for around £2000 to completely cover this, although it was expected that the actual cost should be significantly less than this-

(5 hrs Cutting at £30 per hour = £150 x 6 Cuts pa - £900.)

Liaison with other adjacent councils may be useful in going forward on this. Cllr Humphrey agreed to contact Howard Rimmer to confirm who was doing the cutting on the G&D forecourt area.

12 Chairman and Members Reports

12.1 The Chairman indicated he had nothing to report.

13 AOB

13.1 Cllr Walton agreed again to organise the Christmas parcels for over 80's, a PC cheque would be raised to cover this expenditure when the final numbers are finalised.

Cllr White requested the Gas Initiative Funding issue should be made an agenda item for the next PC meeting.

13.2 After the success of last October's Daffodil Field planting and the resultant excellent spring display it was decided to confirm the allocation £40 to buy around 800 further bulbs. These would be planted in clumps on verges down through the village by Cllr S White and Andrea Watson (on behalf of the WVAA) over the next few weeks. KW had previously agreed to procure same.

13.3 It was resolved to make the following donations :-

	£
Chairman's Charity	100
Selby Dial	50
Selby CAB	250
Selby District Vision	50
Kellington&Whitley PCC	100

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date

NB. These Minutes were taken by Cllr Watson in the absence of the Parish Clerk & RFO (Holiday)