

Whitley Parish Council – Ref 9/2013

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

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 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. F Blackburn, S White & J Watson. – Cllr Gerrard from 8.50 p.m. Also in attendance D. Cllrs J. McCartney, S Ryder and G. Ivey
3. **Apologies:** – Cllr Davie – Illness, Cllr Walton – Family commitments.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – None
- 5 **Minutes of the last meeting**
 - 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 23rd July 2013 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record.
- 6 **Matters Arising**
 - 6.1 Co-op Deposit Account – The clerk reported that the interest received on the first year deposit was £1246.58 and has been added to the current account. As resolved at a previous meeting, the £50,000 has been invested for a further fixed term of one year.
 - 6.2 Groundwork NY. The clerk reported that the Contingency Fund refund due to the parish council has now been received from the GW Wakefield Finance section - £3207.73. This follows two reminder letters and several telephone calls to GW.
 - 6.3 Common Land Boundary. No response received from Monaghan solicitors and the clerk will speak to Mike Scott, the senior partner at Moxon & Barker, about resolving this dispute.
 - 6.4 War Memorial Plaque. – Funding for new memorials is not available unless it is project organised by a school or other educational establishment. Cllr Wtason reported that the cost would be in the region of £700. Will seek funding via CEF or NYCC small grants. Cllr Watson agreed to take the lead on this matter and will contact the school to see if they are able to start a project that might result in the eligibility to received funding. The plaque will take about 4 weeks to deliver and it was resolved that Cllr Watson be authorised to place the order.
 - 6.5 Planting In Daffodil Field. Cllr White reported that a planting scheme had been agreed and suitable plants have been listed and the quote from Selby Garden Centre is £700 with a further £70 required for bulbs. The planting will be carried out by volunteers and following a short discussion it was resolved that the planting scheme be carried out at an estimated cost of £770 for materials.

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

- ◆ **Cllr J McCartney** reported that NYCC have asked for further information about the Southmoor Energy Centre application and this will delay the whole process. There will be a further consultation on the fishing ponds application because of highways have recommended refusal and there are also negative responses from Environmental Health. Comments to be returned by 20th September 2013.
- ◆ **Richard Lee** said that residents on the Bovis estate have now taken over the management of the site of the gas tanks. This will include arranging the insurance, grass cutting and maintenance.
- ◆ **John White** raised the following points:
 - What words would be on the war memorial plaque?
 - Communications – Could the PC consider putting a notice board in the Daffodil Park?
 - Traffic speeding – He is concerned that a lot of traffic in the village is still exceeding the speed limit. He has spoken to Gary Lumb at NYCC highways about this but they are not prepared to install any further matrix signs. The traffic police have a presence in the village and this will help to deter speeding.
 - Could the PC consider 30 m.p.h. speed limit reminder stickers to be displayed on the wheely bins?
 - Heritage Lottery Funding is available for projects run by various groups.
 - The Oil Syndicate – £70 saving achieved on first order.
 - Section 106 – How is this money spent and why can't it be spent on buying land in the village for community use.
 - The “Whitley” signs at the entrance to the village need cleaning.
- ◆ **Cllr S Ryder** said that there are no immediate plans for a road crossing on the A19 outside the Harron Homes development. Her opinion on speeding is that the signs have made a difference.

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

7.1 There were no items for consideration at this meeting.

8. Finance & Administration

8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 10/9/2013 as being **Current Accounts**. - A & L £9,543.01. Co-op Bank - £5,333.55. **Total Current Accounts is £14,876.56**

(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: - Retrospective approval – JR & L Taylor – Painting Fence £456.00, Other: JR & L Taylor - Grass Cutting £1152.00.

9 Recreational Open Space In Whitley

- 9.1 Cllr White reported that the Bovis and Barratt sites are in good order but a new “dog waste” sign is required at the Bovis site. She also reported that the plastic goal post is broken. This is not one of the playarea pieces of equipment and must belong to a resident. I was resolved that she will speak to residents about permanent goal posts being provided by the parish council.
- 9.2 Verges alongside the Bovis playarea are in a poor state but at present she thought that at present they are not worth replanting. Cllr White to re-visit the site and report back with her views on replanting.
- 9.3 Tender for Daffodil Park hedge cutting. Jim Taylor has submitted a tender of £200 plus Vat for this work. Resolved – To accept this tender and request that the work be carried out within the next few weeks.

10 Planning Applications.

- 10.1 Fishing Ponds – The clerk said that further planning consultation papers had not yet been received, but on arrival, these will be circulated. It is anticipated that the application will not be considered by SDC planning committee until October or November but there is the need for a parish councillor to speak at the meeting. Following a short discussion it was resolved that Cllr Humphrey will speak at the meeting highlighting the loss of residential amenity for local residents likely during the construction phase and also road safety at the A19 junction. Concerns have been raised about traffic by both NYCC highways and SDC environmental health.
- 10.2 Rhubarb sheds.- The clerk reported that the application to convert one of the derelict buildings into and detached bungalow has been refused. The reasons for refusal are detailed on the refusal notice, which will be circulated in the normal way. A short discussion followed about the proposed use for the remainder of the site, which was not made clear in the application papers.

11. Southmoor Energy Centre.

- 11.1 Cllr Humphrey reported that the NYCC planners have requested further technical information about this project. He said that looking at the comments made by other parish councils, they all seem to agree with the objections/comments listed in our submission. The application is now out for further consultation.

12. Autumn Newsletter

12.1 .Cllr Humphrey will produce the Autumn Newsletter in the near future and asked that all items for inclusion should be forwarded to him by email. Cllr White suggested that the newsletter might include some sort of questionnaire to get feedback from residents.

13. Chairman's and Members' Reports

13.1 Cllr Blackburn said that Osgoldcoss Forum is now a charitable limited company and they will now be responsible for employing the youth workers.

14. A.O.B.

14.1 The clerk mentioned the recently circulated draft "Terms of reference for the Open Forum at council meetings" document. Views/comments on the wording and content should be submitted to the chairman and the clerk.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.22 p.m.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date.