

# Whitley Parish Council

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Walton.

## Open Public Forum (OPF). 21/03/2017

### 2. Notes from the OPF:

- ❖ Mr JW opened with thanking the council for the hedge at Daffodil Field being cut and offering his and his wife Sue services to help out on anything in the village.
- ❖ JW mentioned that he had been around the park with Cllr. Cole and he was appalled by the amount of dog poo and asked for the council to take positive action in try to stop/reduce this as they stopped counting after seeing 16 piles.
- ❖ JW asked if there was a date for the damaged planter to be repaired. He was informed by Cllr. Walton it was planned to be completed before the next meeting.
- ❖ JW asked if the Parish Council had heard anything about the church being closed. None of the councillors had.
- ❖ JW stated that he had been informed by email that a camera Safety Motorbike would be deployed in the village and ask if the council had been informed. The Clerk as him to pass the email contact to him so he could follow up on this.
- ❖ JW asked if there had been any further information about the removal of the phone box. The Clerk informed there hadn't.
- ❖ JW asked if the council had responded to the withdrawal of bus services on Sunday.
- ❖ JW asked if the council had a policy for attending planning meetings where the council had submitted objections. He had attended the one about the Garth Close, application as he felt the planning committee tended to just follow the planning officer recommendation unless they heard verbal representation from objectors. He would be happy to represent the council at such meetings if councillors were unavailable.
- ❖ JW asked about the Friends of Whitley being a joint enterprise between WPC and WVAA as this had not been mentioned at the WVAA AGM. The Clerk apologised for stating this on the Agenda which was a misunderstanding by him. The Friends of Whitley is wholly a WPC enterprise.
- ❖ JW asked if there were regular check of the park for safety issues as he noticed that there was a damaged fence near to the kissing gate entrance.
- ❖ JW noted that there was an agenda item about the purchasing a projector and he looked forward to hearing the arguments for this.

2.1 At 7.48 pm with no further comments from the public the Vice Chairman closed the OPF.

**Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary**  
**School.**  
**Ref 03/2017**

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

3. **Present:** Cllr. K Walton, J Watson, S. Cole, F Blackburn, P Broadhurst, A. Coney.

4. **Apologies:** Cllr. S Humphrey.

4.1 Apology accepted.

5. **Declaration of Interests:**

5.1 None declared.

**6.0 Minutes of the last meeting**

6.1 The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were taken as read and agreed as being a true record and were then signed by the Vice Chairman.

**7.0 Ongoing Matters for information and action as required.**

7.1 Static Caravan, Doncaster Road. It was still in situ and the Clerk had contacted SDC but they had not got back to him so he was waiting for a further up-date. **Resolved:** To record that Councillor's are disappointed about the lack of action on this and the level of communication. The Clerk is to follow up on this.

7.2 Village Signs, Clerk had contacted the firm in Castleford who had provided a quote which to supply and fit 3 new signs would be £362.00 plus VAT (£434.40p) and the company had advised that the sizes of the signs make it unsuitable to have the words 'please drive carefully' added to it. **Resolved:** That these 3 new signs will not be purchased.

7.3 Cllr Cole had contacted Hambleton Parish Council email but had nothing formal back but had been in touch with the lady who manages the village hall and she was willing to attend and talk about event and village engagement. **Resolved:** Cllr.Cole to follow up by offering Whitley PC meeting dates for her to attend.

7.4 Lee View Tree Belt; the Clerk informed councillor that the work on this area was due to start on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and would finish on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Clerk would deliver letters to the residents of local houses to inform them of this. Cllr. Cole mentioned that when she had been along this path there were wooden posts on council land propping up some of the garden fences which she thought was a health and safety issue and should be moved. Cllr. Watson agreed. **Resolved:** Cllr. Cole and Watson to identify which houses this related to and to contact the owners to have the post removed.

7.5 Defibrillator for the village: The Clerk informed councillors that he had been in touch with FloGas and they have sent their logo which had been accepted by the providers. The clerk requested permission to go ahead and order the defibrillator and cabinet once the donation from FloGas was in the bank. **Resolved:** Once the donation money was in the bank the Clerk would order the Defibrillator and cabinet.

7.6 New Planter Blackthorn Close: The Clerk informed councillors that he had contacted Area 7, Highways to try and have the requirement to use one of the approved contractors removed because of the costs of using them but this had been refused. Councillors discussed the costs previously quoted at £2,595.00 plus VAT and voted. **Resolved:** That the costs of this could not be justified and therefore the planter would not be built. Other options could be considered for this site.

7.7 Meeting with the Manager Monaghan Mushrooms: The Clerk informed councillors that he had seen the manager Mr. Gavin Coventry on the 14<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting had been very good and Mr. Coventry had ask about support from the Parish Council to have pedestrian road signs place on Gravelhill Lane as not only did his employees walk from the Factory to the main road it was also used by resident walkers and dog walkers. He said that the factory would be happy to make a contribution to any costs. He also said the as a company they were keen to support local projects where they could (Friends of Whitley mentioned) and would be happy for a visit from the school if that would help any of the school lessons. Issues around litter were discussed and he confirmed that they were still doing the litter picks in the area. **Resolved:** Councillor agreed that the Clerk could contact Area 7 to make enquiries about the signs and should make contact with the school about the offer for a visit.

7.8 The Battle's Over – A National Tribute 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Cllr. Watson informed the council that he had registered the council's interest in this event which would be an evening event. More details will come closer to the time.

## **8.0 Correspondence received.** (Items for comment / information)

8.1 Nil.

## **9.0 Finance & Administration**

9.1 RFO Report: As of: 10/03/2017

### **Deposit Accounts:**

Santander PLC	£24,143.75
Co-operative Bank	£50,560.96
<b>Total Deposit Accounts:</b>	<b>£74,704.71</b>

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### **Current Accounts:**

Santander PLC	£ 7,193.98
Co-operative Bank	£ 3,112.85

<b>Total Current Account</b>	<b>£10,306.83</b>
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<b>Total Cash balances; deposit accounts and current accounts</b>	<b>£85,011.54</b>
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<b>Total Funds Ring-fenced for Play area Maintenance – Section 106</b> (includes current account ring fenced funds)	£66,342.07
A19/WHS Ring-fenced Funds –	£ 3,499.65
<b>Total Ring-fenced Funds</b>	<b><u>£69,841.72</u></b>
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**9.2 Accounts Payable:** NYCC Whitley & Eggborough School –Room hire £58.50p, JR&L Taylor - Garden Services £300.00, B Crossdale – Printing £8.00.

## 10.0 Recreational Open Spaces in Whitley

10.1 Friends of Whitley: Cllr. Coney confirmed that this was not a joint venture as mentioned earlier. Flyers had been delivered to house but to-date response had been limited. A meeting of those that had responded would take place at the George and Dragon at 7pm 6<sup>th</sup> April. **Resolved:** Meeting to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> April Cllr. Coney would report back and this would be a standing item on the agenda until further notice.

10.2 State of ROS Play Areas: The Chairman, Cllr. Humphrey had raised the matter with the Clerk of the play areas being inspected on a regular basis by Councillors and reported to each meeting as an audit requirement, this had seemed to have stopped, it needed to be re-introduced. **Resolved:** Cllr. Cole would inspect the Daffodil Field play area and Cllr. Walton would inspect both Lee View and Blackthorn play areas. The previous report sheet would be used.

## 11.0 Park and Verge Maintenance - 2017 Season.

11.1 Cllr. Watson outlined that he, other Councillors and the Clerk had onsite meetings with three contractors who had responded to the tender bid. One had declined to quote after the visit the other two had submitted tenders which the Clerk outlined the details of. Following a discussion and a vote proposed by Cllr. Watson and seconded by Cllr. Cole to offer the work to Bedford Mowing Services. The vote was unanimous. **Resolved:** Bedford Mowing Services would be offered the work.

## 12.0 Flag Pole(s) for the village.

12.1 The Clerk had previously circulated information to Councillors from the Planning officer which stated a planning application needed to be applied for. Cllr. Watson felt that this was in contradiction to the advice given by the UK Flag Institute. Following a discussion on the subject councillors felt that further clarification was required and that the Clerk should contact YLCA. **Resolved:** Further enquires to be made and the matter to be an agenda item at the next meeting.

### **13.0 Dog Fouling**

13.1 The Clerk displayed the poster that had been previously circulated and a discussion took place about quantity and materials to be used and potential other action that could be taken. The issue of dog bins being provided at Whitley Common was also raised. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire about materials and would have 30 poster printed and laminated in the first instance. These would then be distributed around the village. The matter would remain as an agenda item. **Resolved:** Clerk to have 30 poster printed and laminated and enquire about other materials.

### **14.0 Purchasing a projector.**

14.1 The Clerk had previously circulated details of 4 projectors as examples, a discussion took place about the various qualities of each one. The benefits of the projector in the meeting were addressed, engaging the public more, display of detailed information and photographs, the savings on printing documents including the agenda. Following further discussion Cllr. Watson proposed the purchase of the Epson EB –SO-4 Projector this was seconded by Cllr. Broadhurst, vote all Councillors in favour of the purchase. **Resolved:** Epson EB –SO-4 Projector to be purchased.

### **15.0 A.O.B.**

15.1 Cllr. Blackburn raised the issue of turning the triangle opposite Whitley Common into a picnic area. A discussion around the ownership of the land and the safety aspect of the junction was had with no final outcome decided.

15.2 Cllr. Walton raised the matter of noise from the MotoX become more frequent and louder and asked if people were interested that should record dates and time of this disturbance.

15.3 The Clerk informed the councillors that he had distributed the letter to resident in Cathcart Close. He had a discussion with the lady who had originally raised the issue of the play area. She was pleased that the area was protected but a bit disappointed that other residents had not fully support the proposal.

### **16.0 Confirm time and date of next meeting**

16.1 Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm, Whitley & Eggborough School.

### **17.0 Closure of meeting**

17.1 The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 9.37pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman:

Date: