

# Whitley Parish Council – Ref 4/2010

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## Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2010 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.30 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. **Present.** Cllr Humphrey – Chair, Cllrs. F Blackburn, S White, K Walton, J Davie, P Gerrard and J Watson.
3. **Apologies:** D Cllrs Ivey and Ryder – Other council engagements.
- 4 **Declaration of Interests** – Item on allotments – Cllrs White, Blackburn and Watson declared an interest.

### 5 Minutes of the last meeting

- 5.1 The minutes of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 were agreed as being a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Davie, seconded by Cllr. White and signed by the chairman.

### 6 Matters Arising.

- 6.1 Allotments – There was a general discussion about the current position on access and a suggestion that nearby residents be consulted about using Whitefield Lane and possibly Whitefield bungalows for access. We are still awaiting a decision from UK Coal but Cllr White agreed to prepare a leaflet about the allotment proposals and distribute this to residents in the vicinity and also brief the allotment society members.
- 6.2 Litter Bins and Mushroom Farm – The clerk reported that two litterbins had been ordered and will be in place within the next few weeks. The clerk also reported that the litter from the mushroom farm had now been cleared following written complaints sent to both the local management and the head office in Ireland.
- 6.3 Gale Common Moto X – The clerk said that he had not received any response from Selby DC to a written request about planning conditions compliance at the site. Following a discussion on the subject the chairman agreed to write the chief executive and the council leader at SDC about the lack of any response to our request for information.
- 6.4 He clerk reported the latest position on the lamp in Whitefield Bungalows. Tarmac Ltd invoiced the council for repairs carried out in February but the lamp is still not working (as at 19/4/2010). The clerk has emailed the company requesting that they check the lamp once again.

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

- ◆ Howard Rimmer asked about the planning application to extend the Mushroom Farm. He was concerned about early morning noise from the site and whether this was likely to get worse. To date, the council has not received the planning approval notice.
- ◆ He also reported that dead deer have been found in the locality, probably as a result of lampers with dogs. The chairman will speak with local farmers to find out if any permission has been given for this activity on their land.

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

- 7.1 Letter from the Fire & Rescue Service on risk management - Cllr White read out the response that she had prepared. General discussion about response rates, road traffic collision reduction and the relationship between the F & R service and the police.

## **8. Finance & Administration**

- 8.1 The clerk reported the bank balances at 20/4/10 as being **Current Account** £4,615.18. **Deposit Accounts** - Ringfenced for play-area maintenance £87,365.08. Other earmarked funds – Land Purchase £2,021. 91.
- 8.2 The following accounts were presented for payment: E & W School – Room Hire - Meeting in March 2010. £19, Daffodil Field – Landfill Communities fund £3,850, Osgoldcross Forum – Printing £38. The above items were approved for payment.

## **9. Recreational Open Space in Whitley.**

- 9.1 Cllr Walton reported that she had emailed Peter Murphy, it appears that sickness and holidays are delaying progress. She suggests a meeting with PM to discuss the project and get things moving. Planning approval for change of use has been obtained. Regarding the request for volunteers to work on the field, including lifting the daffodil bulbs, there have been no volunteers. If the daffodil lifting is to go ahead, we will need to agree a time and date at the next meeting.
- 9.2 Councillors had received information about vandalism at the Persimmon playarea and the police have interviewed the youth responsible. There is no sign of any damage to the play equipment and it was agreed that the council does not need to take any further action.
- 9.3 Councillors were asked to give updates on the regular inspections of the two sites that are the responsibility of the parish council. Cllr Humphrey confirmed that he checks the Persimmon site and notes any problems. Cllr White has been checking the Barratt and the Bovis site and has noted the following: at the Barratt site one of the mushroom tops is loose and at the Bovis site one of the picnic table seats missing. Comments note and action to be taken. The clerk pointed out

that Bovis site is still owned and maintained by Bovis. Cllr Walton reported that Neil Dobson has been asked to cut the grass at the Barratt site and has arranged for surplus fencing from the Persimmon site to be used to on the Barratt site.

## **10. Councillor Training Courses.**

10.1 Following the circulation of the training course literature the following were approved: Cllr White – YLCA course on allotments 24/5/10 £35, Cllr Walton - Selby AVS 3 day course £30

## **11. A19 Traffic.**

11.1 Cllr Watson reported that there are now 35 signature on the petition and he will email petition forms to all those who wish to add their names. He said that Chapel Haddlesey now has a speed activated matrix sign on the A19 near the bridge over the Aire. There was a short discussion about this and effectiveness of this type of sign.

11.2 Cllr Watson went on to say that once the petition was complete he would arrange a presentation of the petition to officials. He said that the road safety group was hoping to obtain 4 speed activated matrix signs plus 30mph roundels on lampposts. He added that there had been a noticeable police presence in Whitley.

## **12. Date of the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.**

12.1 Following a short discussion it was agreed to hold the meetings on 25/5/2010 starting at 7.15 p.m. The clerk will post the appropriate notices.

## **13. Planning**

13.1 Section 106 Funds - Cllr Humphrey informed the council that the Church Project had successfully applied for a 50% share of the Bovis Phase 1 fund. Selby DC will send the funds to the parish council and funds will then be passed on to project group to cover the cost of the steel fencing to be installed at the rear of the church. Cllr Humphrey confirmed to the meeting that the project group was properly constituted, had it's own bank account and that he acted as the treasurer. All councillors agreed to this arrangement. Cllr Humphrey went on to update the meeting on the project's progress. There was now a new architect in place who has suggested new ideas for the conversion and estimated conversion costs are now £300K. There followed a general discussion about the project and changes to the design.

## **14. Chairman's and members' reports.**

14.1 Cllr Humphrey has attended a meeting of the church project group and the CEF meeting.

14.2 Cllr Walton has attended the final CIP meeting and the CEF meeting.

**15. A.O.B**

15.1 Letter from Whitley Bridge Cricket Club requesting a donation – Put on May agenda.

15.2 Cllrs Expenses for 2009/10 – Cllrs Humphrey, Davie and Walton to claim.

15.3 Cllr Walton will respond on the NYCC Minerals & Core strategy document being circulated.

15.4 Heritage Trail - The signs will be posted on the heritage trail and Cllr Watson will also raise the issue of the ploughed-up footpath to Whitley Lock.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.

**Chairman of the Parish Council**

**Date.**