



Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 12th April 2010 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Roland Diffey, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, Al Menzies, Pat Thew.

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, PCSO Owen Reeves, seven members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Mike Anthony (District Councillors), David Jenkins
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Resident Vic Hatch asked whether there would be a public consultation on the devolution of open spaces. ***Mr Hatch was advised that the issues surrounding devolution have been included in a number of editions of the Whiteley Voice over the last two years. Whiteley residents will be paying additional council tax whether the Parish Council or WCC manage the open spaces when the Whiteley Fund is exhausted.***

Resident Pat Wright requested that bollards be removed as they are not being maintained properly (***Cllr Brian Hughes is dealing with this.***) Work on the Caraway play area looks good; the HCC Yew Tree Drive questionnaire statistics are laughable and misleading.

Resident Geoff Rogers questioned who the Parish Council's Targeted Patrol Team were. ***It was explained that this referred to a letter sent by WCC to residents about damage to a new hedge which was copied (cc'd) to the Parish Council and Police Targeted Patrol Team rather than sent by them.***

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents PCSO Owen Reeves reported on recent incidents which remain low. Horses owned by a local traveller left to graze on the Bluebell Way development site caused considerable problems by regularly escaping. The horses have now been removed.

3.2 Report from County Councillor Report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Allgood hoped residents would respond to the Yew Tree Drive questionnaire to allow action to be taken to open the road. Cllr Allgood has requested highways officers to look again at the no left turn into Leafy Lane and no right turn out. Members advised Cllr Allgood that officers had promised to cost a temporary scheme at a recent meeting. The lack of HCC funding to help with the library proposal was greeted with disappointment by members.

Members expressed concerns that HCC's reply to the Council's letter regarding the SATURN study and Yew Tree Drive was overly dismissive; it is disappointing that the results of the Parish Plan questions, written by HCC officers, have been ignored; the Parish Council was not consulted on the questionnaire and its quality is poor and misleading. Residents have been unnecessarily frightened by the disadvantages stated eg increased lorry movements when this could be controlled by a TRO. Cllr Allgood's comment that without a certain (not stated) level of questionnaire return no action would be taken was questioned, this was not understood to be the case during discussions with HCC.

Cllr Allgood advised that the questionnaire was a compromise to allow the consultation to proceed.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

3.4 Chairman's announcements

NALC/Commission for Rural Communities is using Whiteley Parish Council as a case study for good practice in a new toolkit: *A Communications Toolkit for Local Councils - Getting Your Message Across* based on a paper delivered by the Chairman to NALC at a Leadership Academy event.

The Chairman has agreed to lead a meeting at Kingsclere Parish Council to provide an independent Chairman on a controversial issue in the parish.

4 Meeting resumed considering the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council 1st March 2010 **Minutes approved and signed.**

4.2 To co-opt councillor to fill vacancy **Lydia Newman was co-opted.**

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the Strategic Development and Policy Committee (Chairman) **Next meeting 21st April.**

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Thew)

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 17th March 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.4.2 Funding requests from meeting held 24th February for approval:
To increase catering budget for Parish Assembly from £300-£400
Resolved. Cllr Hatch wished it minuted that she voted against the increase.

Cllr Menzies was thanked for maintenance work on the map boards.

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Jenkins)

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 17th March 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee (Cllr Goves)

4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 17th March 2010 **Minutes received. Outcome of a meeting with HCC and WCC 1st April to discuss local highways issues to be reported to next committee meeting.**

4.7 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Bielckus)

4.7.1 Proposal (from meeting held 24th February) to make donation of £500 to Hampshire Air Ambulance using s.137 provisions. **Resolved.**

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Goves/Cllr Menzies) **Work has begun on the May edition.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **There have been 236 visits and 306 page visits during the last month.**

4.10 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended

4.11 Clerk's annual salary review: proposal to increase Clerk's salary and back date in line with NALC agreed National Final Salary Award for 2008.9 and 2009.10 **Resolved. (Public and Clerk asked to leave for this item)**

5. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting.

6. Accounts for payment It was resolved to pay accounts as shown on page 4.

Meeting closed 9.20pm

Signed.....

Date

April accounts for payment:

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	518	Mike Evans	£59.89	Expenses
2	519	Bespoke Landscapes	£1,351.25	Landscaping to bench& grasshopper
3	520	Brian Hughes	£33.15	Travelling / training
4	521	WCC	£129.60	February room hire
5	521	WCC	£28.38	Climate Change meeting room hire
6	521	WCC	£173.60	Empty dog bins Oct - Dec
7	522	Climate Outreach Information Network	£31.80	Travelling expenses for Climate Change meeting
8	523	HALC	£10.00	Clerks Forum
9	523	HALC	£460.00	Affiliation fee 2010/11
10	524	Aqua Cleaning	£123.37	Clean bus shelters
11	525	Viking Direct	£63.38	Stationery / ink for printer
11	526	Post Office	£24.18	*Postage
12	526	Nicki Oliver		*Clerk's salary April
		£926.64		Tax
		-£185.20		NI
		-£49.57		Pension contributions
		-£60.23		Total
		-	£631.64	
13	526	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses April
14	526	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses April
15	527	HCC	£176.99	Employee and employers pension contributions
Total			£3,349.15	