



# Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.15pm.

**Councillors present:** Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Roland Diffey, Peter Inman, Tasmin Smith, Pat Thew.

District Councillor Sam Newman-McKie, eight members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal.
2. **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Resident Chris Allery spoke against the proposal to convert the tennis courts to an all weather pitch for football. Mr Allery criticised the consultation process.

**The Chairman advised that the proposal is a commercial decision for DC Leisure who manage the leisure centre and acknowledged there was a very strong demand for football training facilities.**

Resident Pat Wright reported a damaged pavement in Sorrel Drive, Mr Wright also commented that the Yew Tree Drive survey should allow more than one response per household and asked why HCC did not consult with the Parish Council over the survey questions. Mr Wright asked how the costs of the parish rooms would be covered when the current tenant leaves as the costs do not appear to offer good value for money.

**The Chairman advised that the pavement would be reported to HCC, a letter was written to HCC Mel Kendal regarding consultation over the contents of the Yew Tree Drive survey and the reply was that HCC felt there was no need to consult. Regarding the parish rooms the Chairman advised the full cost had been included in the precept.**

**3.1 Report from the Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents** No report this month.

**3.2 Report from County Councillor** Report circulated prior to meeting.

**Residents and councillors raised questions and concerns regarding HCC's Yew Tree Drive survey: the survey was circulated in an envelope marked 'To The Occupier' and many people would have**

discarded it without opening assuming it was junk mail. The questionnaire only allows one view per household which is unreasonable.

Cllr Stallard suggested the Parish Council raise a formal complaint with HCC.

**3.3 Reports from District Councillors** Report circulated at meeting.

**3.4 Chairman's announcements** The Chairman thanked Cllr Stallard for the grant towards new notice boards.

**4. To resume the meeting to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To consider applications for co-option to fill a vacancy **Christopher Harper was co-opted to fill the vacancy, the Chairman welcomed Mr Harper to the Council.**

4.2 To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 **Minutes approved and signed.**

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the Strategic Development and Policy Committee (Chairman)

4.3.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 **Minutes received.**

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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 **Minutes received. Note item 4.11 Key objectives for 2013/14 alteration as follows:**

**To prepare a feasibility study for a replacement multi-use games area if there is sufficient demand**

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

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 **Minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Highways and Transport Committee (Cllr Bielckus) **Cllr Stallard was asked for an update on the opening of Marjoram Way.**

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 **Minutes received.**

4.7.2 Proposal to make a precept request of £112,484, this represents an annual payment of £86 for a Band D property with an increase of £12 for the year. The increase is in line with that advised to all residents in November 2010, required to pay the additional costs of taking ownership of open spaces and play areas. **Resolved.**

4.8 Report from The Whiteley Voice Editor (Cllr Inman) **The next edition is due for delivery in March, deadline for articles end February.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website and social networking sites (Clerk/ Cllr Inman) **There were 543 visitors to the website during the last month, the Voice 4 Whiteley Facebook site now has 190 members and there has been some lively discussion about the Yew Tree Drive issue. Twitter is also gaining momentum with 373 followers.**

4.10 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended **Cllr Thew and Clerk are meeting with the Leisure Centre over 50's group on 8<sup>th</sup> February to discuss future tennis provision.**

4.11 Reports and evaluation of training and development sessions attended by Councillors/Clerk **HALC training sessions for 2013 have been circulated to all councillors.**

**5. Recent correspondence** List circulated prior to meeting.

**6. Accounts for payment** It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

No	Chq no/Date	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	BACS	Steve Knight	£280.00	Delivery of tennis courts consultation recharge to DCL
2	905	Footprint	£313.20	Tennis courts consultation leaflet recharge to DCL
3	906	OCS	5,788.80	New bins as agreed
4	907	Aqua Cleaning	£132.00	Bus shelter cleaning
5	908	Peter Inman	£47.72	Whiteley Voice expenses
6	BACS	Nicki Oliver	£852.22	*Clerk's salary February
7	BACS	Home as office	£23.00	*Clerk's expenses February
8	BACS	Telephone and internet	£33.33	*Clerk's expenses February
9	BACS	Travelling	£41.09	Clerk's travelling 7.1 - 4.2.13
10	909	HCC	£305.72	Employer/employees pension Feb
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,817.08</b>	

Meeting closed 9.10pm

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