



Whiteley Town Council

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of the above Council held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Andy Baker, Colin Bielckus, Malcolm Butler, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Morene Pinder, Pat Thew.

District Councillor Roger Huxstep, three members of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Martin Neal, PCSO Gracie Weatherill, County Councillor Patricia Stallard, District Councillor Roger Bentote.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Resident Melanie Humphries raised concerns about dangerous and inconsiderate parking in Bluebell Way by shoppers and shopping centre staff. **The Chairman advised that requests for double yellow lines for Bluebell Way are ongoing but agreed that the delays in resolving the problems are unacceptable.**

It was suggested that residents complain directly to Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council (HCC) to back up the Town Council's ongoing campaign for safety improvements. Parking that obscures views at junctions should be reported to the Police.

British Land is in the early stages of planning additional car parking for the shopping centre. A hotel and additional retail outlets are proposed to make the project economically viable. The proposals could be dependent on the expected highways improvements required for North Whiteley starting in the near future.

The Town Council is liaising with the North Whiteley Consortium, Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council to ensure highways improvement works are started as quickly as possible.

Resident Brian Stubbington raised a question about street lights in Area K that are switched from and are the responsibility of private houses. **Cllr Thew advised that she had worked hard to ensure the streetlights were adopted by HCC, the four remaining lights are an anomaly which highlights the need to ensure North Whiteley has no privately managed developments and the unfair financial burden on residents that results from the arrangements.**

Resident Chris Hawksford asked whether the path from the cinema onto the recreation ground is due to be opened. The Chairman advised that much discussion has taken place over the last year which has been recorded in previous minutes of meetings: the Town Council did not want the path and it will not be opened.

General questions about Broadband availability were asked. HCC is upgrading some of the cabinets that BT has not found to be viable. The latest are No 55 Kingswood Close and No 117 Arbour Court. The Chairman confirmed that it has raised the necessity of fast Broadband for residents of North Whiteley with the developers, WCC and HCC.

3.1 Report from the Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents A report from PCSO Weatherill on recent incidents was circulated at the meeting.

3.2 Report from County Councillor No report this month. Cllr Stallard has advised there is no update on devolution.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Huxstep reported on current funding opportunities and also advised that the planned changes to recycling centre opening hours have been deferred. A report was circulated after the meeting.

3.4 Chairman's announcements No announcements.

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

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the Full Council meeting held 5th December 2016 **Minutes approved and signed.**

4.2 To receive a report and recommendations from the Strategic Development and Policy Committee (Chairman) **The Chairman is meeting with representatives from WCC and HCC on 12th January to discuss time scales for highways improvements.**

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Baker) **The Rotary Club of Whiteley has raised £6,000 towards the wheel chair swing from the community and local businesses. The Chairman thanked the Club through Cllr Thew.**

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Jenkins) **No report this month.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Highways and Transport Committee (Cllr Butler) **Cllr Butler advised that he is liaising with Lucketts regarding complaints about inconsiderate parking of coaches in Yew Tree Drive. The director has advised that parked coaches should not have engines running, he will ensure drivers are aware of this and the need to park considerately.**

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

4.6.1 To agree precept request for 2017/18 **It was resolved to make a precept request of £127,002 which represents a 4% increase, total of £95 /year for a Band D household. See page 4 for details.**

4.6.2 **Receipt of signed bank reconciliations for the end of June, September and December 2016 checked by Cllr Butler were noted.**

4.7 Report from The Whiteley Voice Editor (Clerk) **Next edition is due to be delivered in February.**

4.8 Report on the Town Council website and social networking sites (Cllr Jenkins /Clerk) **There are currently 6,676 members of the Voice 4 Whiteley Facebook Group.**

4.9 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended
6th December WDALC AGM (Chairman, Cllr Butler, Clerk)
7th December WCC Leader budget briefing (Chairman, Cllr Bielckus, Clerk) **The Leader advised that the Council Tax Support Grant to Parish and Town Councils will be halved next year and there will be no grant the following year. This is £4,262 for the current year for Whiteley TC.**

4.10 Reports and evaluation of training and development sessions attended by Councillors/Clerk **Clerk is attending training on the Transparency Code on 30th January.**

5. Recent correspondence The Yew Tree Drive Co-op has chosen Meadowside Extraordinary Park as its fund raising project for 2017.

6. To note current bank balances

Bank balances 9th January 2017	
Current ac	£5,014
Instant ac	£216,996
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	£222,010

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

Whiteley Town Council January 2017 accounts for payment

No	Paid by:	Recipient	Amount	VAT inc	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	BACS	Winchester City Council	£504.00	√	Service charge for Council rooms
2	BACS	Caraway Building and Fencing Contractors	£5,340.00	√	Replace Caraway play area fence
3	BACS	Miracle Design & Play	£7,334.54	√	Wheelchair swing - supply
4	BACS	Aqua Cleaning	£144.00	√	Clean bus shelters
5	BACS	Biffa	£156.24	√	Waste disposal
6	BACS	Information Commissioner	£35.00		Data protection registration
7	BACS	Rotary Club of Whiteley	£2,500.00		Agreed contribution from Fireworks takings
8	BACS	Post Office	£64.00		*Postage
9	BACS	SLCC/ILCM	£98.00		*Subscription
10	BACS	Nicki Oliver	£893.59		*Clerk's salary January
11	BACS	Home as office	£29.25		*Clerk's expenses January
12	BACS	Telephone and internet	£41.66		*Clerk's expenses January
13	BACS	Travelling & exp	£180.18		*Clerk's travelling/expenses / Christmas gifts for groundsmen
14	BACS	HCC	£334.09		Employer/employee pension
		Total	£17,654.55		

		2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	inc/dec on last year
		Precept	Precept	Precept	DRAFT	
1	Employment Clerk's salary/ employers NI conts	16,060	16,408	16,408	16,408	0
1a				328	328	0
1b		157	146	0	0	0
2	Clerk's SLCC / ICLM subs	200	200	200	200	0
3	Clerk's pension	2,823	2,967	2,967	2,967	0
	Administration					
4	Clerk's home as office	318	334	351	369	18
5	Clerk's travelling expenses	600	1,000	1,200	1,200	0
6	Telephone and internet	500	500	500	500	0
7	Stationery/ printing/ web server	500	500	500	500	0
8	Office equipment	500	500	500	500	0
9	Postage	200	200	200	200	0
10	Elections	0	1,200	0	0	0
11	Council rooms: running costs	12,600	12,600	12,600	7,550	-5,050
12	Annual parish assembly	1,550	1,550	1,590	1,606	16
	Subscriptions					
13	WDALC	20	20	20	20	0
14	HALC	560	560	580	460	-120
	NALC				140	140
15	Local Council Review/Info Commissioner	45	45	45	45	0
16	Hampshire Playing Fields Asc	40	40	40	40	0
17	Insurance	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050	0
	Accounts					
18	Prepare accounts for audit	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
19	Audit fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
	Allowances and expenses					
20	Councillor/Clerk training	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
21	Cllr travelling expenses	600	600	600	600	0
22	Chairman's allowance	500	500	500	600	100
	Projects					
23	Committee budgets	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
24	Grants to community organisations	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
25	Events	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
26	Projects for young people	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
27	Whiteley Voice	4,000	4,000	4,400	4,400	0
28	Bus shelter maintenance	900	900	930	976	46
28a	Bus shelter refurbishment	0	0	10,000	0	-10,000
29	Empty dog bins	1,040	1,092	1,147	1,204	57
30	Parish Plan	4,000	0	0	0	0
31	Contingency for projects	4,000	0	0	0	0
	Grounds maintenance					
32	Grounds maintenance					
a	Contractor	43,040	43,040	43,040	43,900	860
b	Contingencies for extras	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
c	Contribution towards sinking fund	18,327	18,327	18,327	44,666	26,339

Whiteley Town Council Precept Request 2017/18 cont.

33	Whiteley Fund :					
a	Meadowside capital works	0	0	0	0	0
b	Meadowside maintenance	-2,993	-2,993	-2,993	0	2,993
c	Meadowside play area maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
c	Meadowside play area capital	0	0	0	0	0
e	Estate maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
f	Balance unallocated	-792	-792	0	0	0
34	Reserve	20,000	14,899	25,166	4,565	-20,601
35	Allowance for future WCC grant reduction 2018/19 onwards				0	0
	Total budget	151,345	137,393	158,196	152,994	-5,202
	Balance remaining from last year	-35,215	-19,068	-37,300	-25,992	11,308
	Precept request	116,130	118,325	120,896	127,002	3,541

Meeting closed 9pm

Signed.....

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