



Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Roland Diffey, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, Lydia Newman, Al Menzies, Pat Thew.

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

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

Resident Pat Wright understands that WCC is considering plans to increase the number of houses in North Whiteley from the original plan of 2,500 to 3,500. Mr Wright has concerns regarding the policy that 40% of these will be affordable and believes that WCC is pushing its homeless problem to Whiteley. Density and provision of the necessary infrastructure are also concerns. **The Chairman advised that these issues were raised in the Parish Council's response to the Blueprint consultation a copy of which is on the website.**

Resident Vic Hatch advised that WCC has carried out a consultation on a draft infrastructure study. **The Chairman advised that the Parish Council responded to an earlier draft of the study.**

Vic Hatch stated he does not agree with the Parish Council holding reserve funds in the precept. **The Chairman noted the comment.**

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.

3.2 Report from County Councillor Report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Allgood advised he had looked at grit bins in Whiteley and they appear to be being used successfully. A meeting is due to be held to discuss how best to let people know when Yew Tree Drive is open due to bad weather etc.

Cllr Menzies advised Cllr Allgood that the link to HCC's road fault reporting webpage will be included in the next Whiteley Voice together with how to sign up for updates on the opening of Yew Tree Drive.

Cllr Menzies also asked why Rookery Avenue is included as a primary gritting route when it serves so few houses and is a dead end.

Cllr Menzies asked what happened to the electricity generated through the energy recovery centres. Cllr Allgood advised it was sold back to the Nation Grid.

Cllr Diffey asked that the Yew Tree Drive bus gate be opened when there were accidents on the M27 blocking both lanes. During a recent incident this would have saved Whiteley commuters an hour and a half queuing in traffic.

The Chairman advised Cllr Allgood that a letter had been received from Whiteley Surgery supporting the Parish Council's campaign for Yew Tree Drive to be open to all traffic in view of the proposed closure of the Locks Road Surgery.

Resident Pat Wright questioned Cllr Allgood on the statement made by HCC Cllr Mel Kendal that the North Whiteley Consortium does not want Yew Tree Drive opened to all traffic when there is a copy of an email from the Consortium on the Parish Council's website saying that this is not the case. The survey shows that 65% of households and 80% of businesses want the road open but there is a statement from HCC to say that there is no overall requirement from the community for it to be open.

Pat Wright suggested that HCC was bullying the Parish Council with its threats of legal action over its Yew Tree Drive campaign and that Cllr Kendal should reconsider his statement.

Cllr Menzies asked why the Consortium's views were more important than residents'.

Cllr Allgood reaffirmed his view that the Traffic Consultants working for the North Whiteley Consortium do not want Yew Tree Drive opened. The Chairman disputed this as the Consultants had issued a letter stating that they had not been involved in the HCC consultation exercise and had not said that that the road should remain closed to all traffic. A copy of their letter has been placed on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Hughes suggested Localism should prevail.

Resident Moreen Pinder said that she understood that Yew Tree Drive is closed to all traffic because of a promise made by Fareham BC when Whiteley was originally planned.

Cllr Diffey and Cllr Thew asked Cllr Allgood to support the Parish Council in its campaign for Yew Tree Drive to be opened as the Parish Council is only supporting the views of residents.

The Chairman said the last consultation asked for views on a trial opening of Yew Tree Drive and HCC will not even agree to that. The Chairman also asked Cllr Allgood to support the Parish Council's views.

Cllr Allgood advised he followed the corporate view of HCC.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Achwal circulated a report at the meeting.

3.4 Chairman's announcements None.

4 Meeting resumed considering the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council meeting 6th December 2010.
Minutes approved and signed.

4.2 Proposal that the Parish Council adopts Meadowside Recreation Ground and play areas currently managed by Winchester City Council, paper dated January 2011 refers. **Resolved.** (All voted in favour except Cllr Brenda Hatch who voted against the proposal as she doesn't think it has been thought through properly. The Chairman disputed the suggestion that the proposal had not been properly considered.)

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 15th December 2010 **Minutes received. The Chairman will write to British Land asking that a pedestrian access to Tesco is maintained during the redevelopment work.**

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee (Cllr Thew) **Next meeting 19th January.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Jenkins) **Next meeting 19th January. Cllr Achwal to pursue complaints about A boards on verges with WCC.**

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

4.6.1 Proposal to adopt Whiteley Highways Strategy Paper November 2010. **Resolved. It was agreed emergency access should be a priority particularly in view of the Whiteley Village redevelopment.**

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 15th December 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.7.2 Proposal to make a grant of £400 to Home Start **Resolved.**

4.7.3 Proposal to make a precept request of £50,189 excluding management of open spaces **See agenda item 4.7.4.**

4.7.4 Proposal to make precept request of £20 per Band D household for management of open spaces total £25,740 - total precept request £75,929. **Resolved.**

4.8 Report from the Whiteley Voice Working Party (Cllr Goves/Cllr Menzies) **The February edition is being prepared.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **There were 212 visits and 310 page views during the last month.**

4.10 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended **None.**

5. Recent correspondence List circulated prior to meeting.

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

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	662	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Data protection registration
2	663	WCC	£260.00	Dog bin emptying July - September
3	664	Leisure and Community Partnership	£70.19	Room hire
4	665	Pat Thew	£13.70	Litter picking expenses
5	666	Aqua Cleaning	£123.37	Bus shelter cleaning
5	667	Staples	£26.28	Envelopes
6	667	Easily	£15.04	Disc space for website
7	667	Macro	£5.97	Paper cups
8	667	Nicki Oliver	£4.80	Refreshments
9	667	Nicki Oliver	£631.64	*Clerk's salary January
10	667	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses January
11	667	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses January
12	668	HCC	£237.22	Employee and employer's pension contributions
		Total	£1,475.13	

Meeting closed 9.34pm

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