

## **WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 in the Village Hall at 8pm**

#### **Present:**

C Straw (Chairman)  
J Cooper (Vice-Chairman)  
T Moore  
S Tolson  
C Ure  
J Critchley  
T Pitchford  
J Shaw (Clerk)  
District/County Councillor M Byram  
District Councillor N Wright

#### **1. Apologies:** None

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008:**

Were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **3. Matters arising:**

Cllr Critchley had obtained an alternative estimate of £915 plus vat for the Whitley School /Village Hall signs, which he considered too high. He will make further enquiries and report to the next meeting.  
People have been smoking in the bus shelter on the A49 despite the fact that notices had been placed in all the bus shelters. The Clerk reported that it had been necessary to replace the notice in the shelter on the A559 3 times.  
Mr A Thwaites has placed stone blocks on the verge at the corner of the A49 and Pillmoss Lane. Vale Royal is supplying posts for him to replace the blocks

#### **4: General correspondence to hand since 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008**

Notice of a meeting of the Rights of Way Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> April when the bridleway between Old Mill Lane and Scotch Hall Lane will be considered.  
The renewal of the Councils membership of the County Playing Fields Association at a cost of £12.00 was agreed.  
The renewal of the Councils membership of the Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society at a cost of £8.00 was agreed.  
The renewal of the Councils membership of Cheshire Association of Local Councils and County News Letters at a cost of £198.41 was agreed.  
The Insurance Renewal Notice has been received, details to be circulated to all Councillors, to ensure that cover is fully reviewed.  
Vale Royal Budget 2008/9 and Homelessness Review and Strategy Reports received and will be circulated.

## **5. Planning correspondence to hand since 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008:**

### **Appeal**

06-1881-FUL Hattonview Farm, Tarporley Road. Removal of condition 7. Requirement to remove building if agricultural use ceases. The hearing will take place at Wyvern House at 10.00am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2008. The Clerk to obtain a copy of the grounds of appeal.

### **Applications**

08-0573-FUL Gorse House, Brookhouse Lane. Loft conversion to include two new bedrooms and bathroom. Dormer window to rear and new external door to balcony. (To be considered at a later date)

### **Applications withdrawn**

08-0230-COU Land Adjacent Beaumont, Limes Lane. Construction of a new booster pumping station with layby and hedgerow screening.

### **Planning Applications approved by Vale Royal**

07-3380-FUL Ivy Cottage, Tarporley Road. Dormer window to rear.

08-0188-FUL Merriford, Street Lane. Single storey extension to rear and creation of first floor.

08-0233-FUL Rouge Farm, Normans Lane. Erection of 4 lighting columns.

## **6. CALC Report:**

No report

## **7. Affordable Housing**

Cllr Straw will draw up a questionnaire for discussion at the next meeting.

## **8. No.2 Pit - Update:**

The Clerk received an enquiry from Mr Russell Foulkes of Lymn Anglers about the possible use of the water and providing maintenance and security. There has been no information from Mr David Evans of the Cheshire County Council about the transfer of ownership so the enquiry was left in abeyance.

## **9. Lower Whitley Copse Project**

Work has now ended for this season however the path requires stoning and there is still a requirement for a chipper.

## **10. Community Pride Competition**

The entry for the Best Kept Village competition has been sent in and a notice asking for help in keeping the village tidy will be put in the Village News.

Cllr Critchley will inspect the drainage pond at the corner of Dark Lane with a view to the possible cleaning up of the area.

## **11. Finance including:**

A letter had been received from the Village School asking for support for the Community Garden project they are undertaking. The Council agreed to donate the sum of £150.00 to the project

The Clerk presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ending 30th March 2008. These had been circulated and it was agreed that they should be passed to Mr Frank Haslam as he had kindly agreed to carry out the internal audit.

The bank statements to the 30<sup>th</sup> March had been received and would be circulated to all Councillors.

### **Bills Approved and Paid:**

Vale Royal. Supply of trees	£ 183.20
Cheshire Community Council. BKV entry	£ 23.00
Clerks Salary. Half year	£ 499.01
Cost of postage paid by Clerk	£ 8.91

### **Bills Approved and to be Paid:**

County Playing Fields Association. Subscription	£ 12.00
Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society. Subscription	£ 8.00
CHALC. Subscription & Council Reviews	£ 198.41
Allianz. Insurance	£ 707.17

### **Items Received**

Chairman's Allowance. Part returned	£ 45.00
Bank Interest.	£ 48.24
Halifax Interest	£ 230.33
VAT Reclaim.	£ 2090.25

Balance of Current Account at 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	£100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	£3756.76
Balance of Halifax Account at 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2008	£4246.61

**12. Business for next meeting**

Affordable Housing.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....