

# **WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2008 in the Village Hall at 8pm**

**Present:** C. Straw (Chairman)  
J Cooper (Vice-Chairman)  
S Tolson  
C Ure  
T Pitchford  
J Critchley  
T Moore  
J Shaw (Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** District/County Councillor M.Byram

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

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Web site is now up and running and thanks were expressed for Mr Andrew Cairns work. Councillors were asked to pass on to him any information that they would like on the site. The Clerk was asked to contact organisations in the village that might be interested in having information on the site. A notice about the Web site would be put in the Village News. No information had been received regarding the costing for the Village Hall and School signage.

An estimate for work on the Councils bus shelters had been received from W.M.T Outdoor Services and the total cost is £282.00. The Council accepted this and the work is to be carried out in the spring.

The grass-cutting contract was confirmed at two cuts per month starting in April until the end of October 2008 making 14 cuts in all at £75 per cut.

The tree planting application form has been completed and submitted.

Three Councillors expressed an interest in attending the CALC Planning Training Course on the 20<sup>th</sup> February the Clerk will check availability.

### **4. General correspondence to hand since 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007:**

The Bridleway between Old Mill Lane and Scotch Lane. The Clerk was asked to reply to a request from Cheshire County Council Countryside for information about the condition and usage of the bridleway.

Insurance. Came & Company are offering quotations for Parish Council Insurance cover. It was agreed to give them limited details of our present cover excluding the premium paid.

Consultation received regarding Orders and Regulations Relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.

List of Grant Application Training Courses.

Renewal notice for membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. It was agreed to renew the membership at a cost of £28.

A questionnaire regarding the production of the Parish Plan has been passed to Peter Clayton for completion.

Validation of planning applications: Local List Consultation has been received and will be circulated.

Mr Brian Giles had expressed concerns about the safety of trees at Town Pit. The Clerk attended a meeting with Mr Giles, Mr Peter Derrick CCC Highways and Mr Mark Hayward CCC Tree Advisor. The advice was to pollard the 3 trees threatening the road and Mr Giles house and to prune the willow trees that had got out of hand. CCC Highways would instruct Vale Royal to carry out the work on their behalf. Mr Hayward would give on site advice when the work is carried out.

## **5. Planning correspondence to hand since 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007:**

### **Applications**

App/L0635/A/07/2061191/NFW. Hatton View Farm, Tarporley Road. Removal of condition 7 on application 06-1881-FUL requirement to remove building if agricultural use ceases. Objection as per previous application.

### **Planning applications approved by Vale Royal**

07-2708-FUL. 4 West View, Northwich Road. To widen driveway entrance.

07-2580-FUL. Grimsditch Hall, Grimsditch Lane. Removal of existing conservatory and erection of new conservatory.

07-2788-FUL. Barn Owl Cottage, Bentley's Farm Lane. New vehicular access and boundary wall.

### **Planning applications refused by Vale Royal**

07-2343-FUL. Land adjacent to the Limes, Limes Lane. Retention of three new stables, tack room and bulkhead lights on existing stable block and new stables and ménage lighting and change of use of land.

## **6. CALC Report:**

No report.

## **7. Affordable Housing:**

It was agreed to conduct a local survey to try and ascertain if there was a need in Whitley. The Chairman will produce a suitable letter and questionnaire for distribution to each household in the village.

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

Nothing has been heard from Cheshire County Council.

**9.Lower Whitley Copse Project:**

Further work to be done this year hopefully starting on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, weather permitting.

**10. Finance and Borrowing Agreement for the Village Hall Grant:**

Monthly Bank Statements for the Current and Reserve Account had been circulated to all Councillors

The Borrowing Approval application form for the Village Hall grant was approved.

The application to the Public Works Loan Board for a £40,000 loan over 15 years at a variable interest rate was approved.

The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign these documents.

Bills approved and paid:

Billington. Car Park ground work	£6777.40
Howard & Mc Namara. Structural Engineers fees	£1997.40
Brassington & Son. Stone supplies	£3285.22
Copy Centre. Village News	£ 51.00

Bills to be paid:

Fence & Fasteners. Copse	£ 78.26
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Bank Interest received	£ 166.05
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Balance of Current Account at 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2008	£ 100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2008	£8192.43
Balance of Halifax Account at 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2008	£8016.28

**11. Business for next meeting**

Nothing noted

**12. Date of Next Meeting:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Signed..... Chairman

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