

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 19th January 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies: District/County Councillor M.Byram, Cllr Cooper and Cllr Pitchford.

2. Smart Water Presentation by Mr Dave Betts:

The Councillors found the presentation very interesting and it was agreed that villagers should be informed of the benefits of using Smart Water to protect their belongings. A meeting of Home Watch Co-ordinators would be arranged to make them aware of the system and to encourage them to contact people in their area.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 1st December 2008:

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

4. Matters arising:

BT has removed the Lower Whitley phone box. The phone in the box on the A49 has not been working for many months and the box has been damaged. The Clerk to advise BT that if they are not prepared to repair the phone the box should be removed.

Vale Royal has advised that the Village School/Hall road signs will be installed in the near future.

Highways have agreed to reinstate the triangle of grass and erect verge master posts at the junction of Lake Lane and Old Mill Lane.

5. General correspondence to hand since 1st December 2008:

An invitation to the Mayors Ball has been received and a number of Councillors may attend. Chalc has sent a list of training courses for 2009 and Cllr Ure asked the Clerk to ascertain if the planning training course was similar to the course she had attended last year.

A letter from Vale Royal wishing to book the Village Hall for the June elections was passed to Cllr Ure as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee. Subscription due for The Campaign to Protect Rural England and it was agreed to continue membership at a cost of £29.

Notice of a meeting to Introduce Cheshire West and Chester in Winsford Civic Hall on the 28th January at 7pm. Four Parish Councillors will attend. Cheshire Fire and Rescue Draft Corporate Plan has been received and will be circulated to Councillors.

Information has been received regarding Cheshire West and Chester Local Development Framework and will be circulated to Councillors.
Details of the Community Pride Competition for Best Kept Village received and Cllr Critchley to be asked to deal with our application.
Invitation to attend a presentation by the Boundary Commission at Wyvern House, Winsford on Tuesday 3rd February at 6.30pm.

6. Planning Matters:

Applications

APP/2003/0987. Eatonfield Day Spa, Limes Lane. Appeal against refusal of variation of condition 5 to extend hours of operation.
Object for the same reasons as previously made against application 08-1035-FUL.

08-2748-FUL. Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane. Ground floor rear extension and new access. No objection.

08-2748-FUL. Amended Plans. Yew Tree Cottage, Greenhills Lane. Ground floor rear extension and new access. No objection.

08-2865-FUL. Two store extension to side. Holmside, Street Lane. No objection but concerns expressed about the size of the extension and the lack of a garage.

09-00025-FUL. Removal of condition 5 in planning permission 08-0233-FUL. Object due to the strength of the lighting that is causing substantial light pollution and the subject of complaints.

Planning applications approved by Vale Royal

08-2440-COU. Grimsditch House, Grimsditch Lane. Change of use from residential to residential care home.

08-2422-FUL. Spring View Cottage, Tarporley Road. Alterations to existing road access.

078-2604-FUL. Grove House, Village Lane. Two storey side extension..

7. CALC Report:

No report.

8. Affordable Housing:

The Council accepted the Affordable Housing Need Survey Analysis Report, prepared by the Clerk, which did not include a conclusion. It was agreed that the Report should be sent to Mr Addison for him to consider the results and produce a conclusion. Councillor Critchley wished to record that he was unhappy that the information being sent as he considered it should remain confidential to the Parish Council.

9. No.2 Pit - Update:

Nothing has been heard from Cheshire County Council.

10.Lower Whitley Copse Project:

Further work to be done this year hopefully starting on Saturday 24th January, weather permitting.

11. 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 Clerk reported that the exterior Auditor had not yet agreed the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008.

It was agreed that the VAT reclaim of £2279.86 for the period April 1st 2008 to December 31st 2008 should be made.

Bills approved and paid:

Copy Centre. Village News £102.00

Bills to be paid:

CPRE Subscription £ 29.00

Bank Interest received £ 94.17

Balance of Current Account at 19th January 2009 £ 100.00

Balance of Reserve Account at 19th January 2009 £ 17331.42

Debts:

Village Hall Grant outstanding £ 7184.02

Public Works Loan Board £ 29062.83

12. Business for next meeting

School Places. Professor F Sale

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed..... Chairman

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