

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: C. Straw (Chairman)
T Moore (Vice-Chairman)
J Cooper
T Pitchford
District Councillor M.Byram
J Shaw (Clerk)

1. Apologies: District Councillor N.Wright, Cllr S.Tolson, Cllr C.Ure and
Cllr J.Critchley.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 7th December 2009:

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

3. Matters arising:

The work on the A49 has been delayed due to the weather and may be started in February. Four flashing type signs are proposed two on each side of the road. The Council wish to be consulted with regard to the positioning of the signs due to their local knowledge and the Clerk will advise Karen Molloy the principal Engineer of this fact.

Due to the cost of repairs to the bus shelter, on the A559 School Lane corner, it was agreed to defer the matter and make enquiries regarding the possibility of moving the A49 shelter to the A559.

It was agreed to accept WMT Outdoor Services estimate for grass cutting the areas as per last year plus the grass in the millennium garden for 14 cuts at £77.50 for the sum of £1085. The estimate of £100 for a one off cutting of the hedge at the millennium garden was also accepted.

4. Report form Whitley School Governor:

Mrs Jenny Pennington the Councils representative on the Whitley School Governing Board reported to the Council. She addressed her concerns about the reduction in numbers of pupils due to parents removing children from the school. After much discussion it was agreed the Chairman should invite the Chairman of the School Governors, Mr Paul Maddern, to meet the Parish Council to clarify the situation and decide what action, if any, should be taken.

5. General correspondence to hand since 7th December 2009:

CHALC has sent a list of training courses for 2010. The Chairman stressed the importance of members attending courses if the Council wished to become Quality Council.

Subscription due for The Campaign to Protect Rural England and it was agreed to continue membership at a cost of £29.

Bank statements to the end of December had been received and would be circulated to all Councillors.

Information received regarding a consultation on the role of Post Office banking and would be circulated.

Cheshire Community Action Annual Report for 2008/9 and details of a fund raising event at the Long Room, Eaton Hall on the 11th February at 7pm tickets available from Chris Davenport 01244 323602.

Information regarding the Rural Parish Insurance Scheme has been received and the Clerk will investigate.

Northwest Regional Strategy newsletter January 2010 will be circulated.

6. Finance:

Bills approved and paid:

Copy Centre. Printing Village News.	Chq. No.788	£42.10
CHALC. Audit session Clerk.	Chq. No.789	£30.00
WMT Outdoor Services. Railing repairs.	Chq. No.790	£15.00

Bills to be paid:

Campaign to Protect Rural England. Subscription	£29.00
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Amounts received:

Bank Interest	£1.79
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7. Planning Matters:

Applications:

10/00032/LDC. Rouge Farm, Normans Lane.

Lawful development certificate for existing use of land as domestic garden. The Council could not consider this application without further information.

8. CHALC Report:

No report. However Cllr Cooper had attended a meeting regarding the proposed possible installation of waste treatment plants at Lostock and Witton, this will affect a number of local councils including Whitley. The traffic of lorries transporting waste from other areas will cause major problems on the A559. Cllr Cooper recommended that the Council monitor the situation very closely.

9. No.2 Pit - Update:

The Chairman confirmed that the plans of the site were correct and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will now sign the lease as previously agreed. The Council need to inspect the site and decide what action needs to take place to clean up the area and carry out the work to enable the site to be opened to the public. The Clerk was asked to supply the Chairman with a copy of the Public Liability section of the Councils insurance policy.

10.Lower Whitley Copse Project:

A few trees need thinning out in the next month and the path work needs to be continued. Fine stone is required for the area near the vicarage.

11. Replacement of retiring Clerk:

Mrs Jill Monaghan had decided not to put her name forward for the position of clerk and further efforts would be made to find a replacement.

12. A.O.B and Business for next meeting:

Whitley School.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Signed..... Chairman

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