

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: C. Straw (Chairman)
J Cooper
T Moore
T Pitchford
C Ure
J Shaw (Clerk)

1. Apologies: J Critchley S Tolson

2. Approval of the Minutes of 23rd June 2008:

These had been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr Critchley was unable to attend the meeting but reported that he had received two further estimates for the Village Hall/School signs. Both estimates were higher than the Cheshire County Council estimate. He will endeavour to get the Cheshire Councils labour charge in their estimate reduced

The Clerk had received further information about the Smart Water security marking and it had been circulated. It was resolved to publicise the information in the Village News before considering the matter again.

There had been no more information from BT about the phone boxes and they had not yet been removed.

The Chairman and Clerk would attend the CALC Annual Meeting on Thursday 23rd October at 6.30pm.

Cllr Cooper would attend the Cheshire Community Action Access to Services Debate on Tuesday 29th July 2008

4. General Correspondence to hand since 23rd June 2008

Letter received from WALL Summer School asking for support and it was agreed to donate the sum of £75.

Letter received regarding possible Gypsy Sites but there are none in the Whitley area.

Consultation received regarding the possible area boundaries in Cheshire West and Chester. More information is required before this matter can be considered and Councillor Cooper will try and arrange for Fiona Dunning to attend the next Council meeting on the 15th September.

Revised timetable of the Vale Royal Public Meeting dates to the end of March 2008.

5. Planning Matters:

Planning items since 23rd June 2008

- 08-1408-FUL Church House, Street Lane. Mr and Mrs Simpkins.
Side and rear extensions and alterations.
The Council have no objection.
- 08-1440-FUL. Land adjacent Beaumont, Limes Lane. United Utilities
Construction of 2 No pumps housed in a brick building, creation of
new access track with gated access. The Council object to this
application for the same reasons as the previous application
08-0230-COU and direct access on to the A49.
- 08-1559-FUM Whitley Brook Farm, Marsh Lane. A Faulkner
Change of use of former pheasant rearing building to 7 live-work
units. Concerns expressed, although this is not in Whitley Parish but
could impact on some properties in the Parish.

Appeal approved

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

Application withdrawn

08-0830-Cert The Limes, Limes Lane. Mr James Barton. Lawful development
certificate for existing use of land as part of domestic curtilage

6. Affordable Housing:

The cost of printing the survey forms would be £51.00 including VAT
and they would be distributed with the October edition of the Village
News. A list of the areas for the Councillors collection on the 18th and
19th October would be drawn up and circulated.

7. No. 2 Pit Update:

The Chairman has advised Cheshire County Council of the
amendments proposed by the Parish Council to the Heads of Terms
document for a lease of No 2 Pit. No reply has been received yet and a
copy for the Chairman's letter is attached to these minutes

8. Risk assessment Review:

Cllr Moore has carried out a review and copies were circulated at the meeting. Bus Shelters, Seats and Fencing are in reasonable condition and require normal maintenance throughout the year.

The Street Lighting at Town Pit requires cleaning. The Village sign on the Tarporley Road has been damaged and the Gully in Street Lane requires clearing, the Clerk to advise Cheshire CC.

9. Finance:

(a) Approval of Annual accounts following the completion of the Internal Audit

Mr Haslam has completed the Internal Audit and approved the accounts that were presented to the Meeting. No changes had been made to the un-audited accounts that had been circulated to the members beforehand. Adoption of the accounts was approved unanimously. The Accounts were signed by the Financial Officer and the Chairman. Copy is attached.

(b) Completion of the Annual Return prior to the External Audit

Mr Haslam had completed his section of the Annual Return. The Annual Return was completed by the Chairman, approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work in producing the accounts and the Annual Return. The Annual Return and supporting documents would be passed to the External Auditor.

Internal Auditor

Mr Frank Haslam has indicated that he would prefer not to undertake the Internal Audit in future. The Council were very sorry to hear this but indicated their thanks for the support Mr Haslam has given over many years. The Clerk would include this in his normal letter of thanks.

Village Hall Grant

It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for a loan of £30,000 over a term of 12 years in order to fund the remainder of the £50,000 grant to the Village Hall.

Accounts

Interest earned:	
Bank Interest	£29.77
Bills paid:	
Copy Centre. Village News Printing June & July	£102.00
Bills to be paid	
WMT Services. 1 Months Grass Cuts	£150.00
Wall Holiday Club	£75.00
Balance of Current Account at 21 st July 2008	£100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 21 st July 2008	£710.44

10. Business for Next Meeting

Village Hall and School Signs

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 15th September 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....