

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 25th June 2007 in the Village Hall at 8pm

Present: C. Straw (Chairman)
J Cooper (Vice-Chairman)
T Moore
J Critchley
T Pitchford
C Ure (Present from 9pm).
J Shaw (Clerk)

1. Apologies: S Tolson

2. Approval of the Minutes of 21st May 2007:

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

3. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Andrew Cairns hopes that the Web site will be ready by the end of the month. The Clerk to check with him about the registration fee.
Vale Royal has granted approval for their map to be used in the new Whitley telephone book being produced by the WI. The Chairman will obtain the map.
The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend the Vale Royal Equine Meeting on the 4th July.
It was agreed that due to the cost of demolishing two bus shelters and moving one the matter should be shelved. The bus shelter at School Lane on the A559 should be repaired where necessary. No smoking signs must be placed in all three bus shelters. The Clerk has obtained and will fix these signs.

4. General Correspondence to hand since 21st May 2007

Items of general correspondence will be put in the box for circulation to all members.
The Village School has asked for support for their garden/environment project. It was agreed in principle to support this project.

5. Planning Matters:

There was much discussion and concern expressed about the development taking place at Hatton View Farm on Tarporley road. The Clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of the Vale Royal Planning and Enforcement Officers concerned. There could also be a Highways problem with the entrance on to the A49.

Planning items since 21st May 2007

- 07-1219-FUL. Rouge Farm, Normans Lane. Mr R Crook
Erection of windsock pole. No objection.
- 07-1442-FUL. Grimsditch Hall, Grimsditch Lane. Mr P Walsh
Two storey extension. No objection.
- 4/07/1644/FZ5. Pit landfill site, Raddel Lane. CCC Waste and Planning Service.
Replacement of existing flare stack. No objection
- 07-1461-FUL. Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane. Whitley Parish Council.
Erection of annexe to existing Village Hall. This is the Parish
Councils own application.

Applications approved

- 07-0946-FUL. 1 Schoolbank, School Lane. Miss J R Marshall.
Two storey extension to side.
- 07-1027-FUL. Rouge Farm, Normans Lane. Mr R Crook.
Use of part of existing building as a separate dwelling.
- 07-1219-FUL. Rouge Farm, Normans Lane. Mr R Crook
Erection of windsock pole.

6. CALC Report:

The Clerk attended a Vale Royal Area Meeting on Thursday 14th June.
There was a very interesting talk on the Weaver Valley/Weaver Way
project.

7. No. 2 Pit Update:

The area is developing well and there are a few dead trees to be
replaced. Cllr's Critchley and Moore reported on their risk and cost
assessment work and Cllr Cooper agreed to investigate fencing costs.
The Chairman will look into the question of insurance cover.

8. Lower Whitley Copse Project:

Some logs require clearing otherwise nothing to report.

9. Homewatch signs:

Two new Homewatch lamppost signs had been obtained and would be
fixed if suitable places were found. It was agreed, subject to cost, to
erect two Village School/Village Hall signs one on the corner of Street
Lane and the A49 and the other on the corner of Bentleys Farm Lane

and the A559. The Clerk to write to Cheshire County Council to obtain information and costs.

10. Review Declarations of Interest and Internal Audit Procedures:

Declarations of interest have been declared by all Councillors and properly recorded and filed.

Internal Audit Procedures, Financial checks and controls: These to remain as laid out in Minute 9 (c) and 9 (d) 14th July 2003 with the exception that the Parish Clerk should not be a bank signatory.

Copies of the minute to be sent to all Councillors and confirmed at the next Council meeting.

Risk assessment Review:

Cllr Moore presented his review to the meeting and copies will be circulated to all Councillors for approval at the next meeting.

11. Finance:

Chairman's Allowance

It was agreed that the Chairman should have an allowance of £100 per annum.

(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.

Accounts

Bills Paid: CALC Subscription	£ 187.80
Mid Cheshire Foot Path Society	£ 8.00
Insurance	£ 674.06
Cheshire Playing Fields Association	£ 12.00

Cheshire Community Council	£ 15.00
Copy Centre Village News Printing	£ 94.00
Wall Holiday Club	£100.00
Balance of Current Account at 25 th June 2007	£ 100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 25 th June 2007	£18008.29
Balance of Halifax Account at 25 th June 2007	£ 9016.28

11. Business for Next Meeting

Risk assessment report.
Internal Audit
Training for Councillors

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 6th August 2007 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....