

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2008 in the Village Hall at 8pm

Present:

T Moore
S Tolson
C Ure
J Critchley
J Shaw (Clerk)
District/County Councillor M Byram
District Councillor N Wright

2 Members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr J Cooper

Cllr C Straw had an accident on arriving at the Village Hall and had to be taken to hospital.

In view of the fact that both the Chairman and Vice Chairman were not present Cllr Critchley proposed and Cllr Ure seconded that Cllr Moore take the Chair.

2. Minutes of Meeting of 20th January 2008:

Were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising:

A costing of £2,603.19 for the supply and installation of the Village Hall and School road signs had been received. The Clerk had requested a breakdown of the costs and they had been circulated to all Councillors. It was agreed that the add-on charges appeared to be excessive. Cllr Critchley agreed to obtain an alternative estimate for the Council to consider. Cllr Ure suggested that the signs should read Whitley School Village Hall and not Whitley Village Hall School, which could be confusing. WMT had completed the Bus Shelter work satisfactorily. Two Councillors had attended the CALC Planning Training Course. Vale Royal has carried out the work on the trees at Town Pit.

4: General correspondence to hand since 20th January 2008

Invitation to the Mayors Ball on Friday 11th April.
Copies of the Equestrian and Equine Development Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report Consultation are available from the Northwich Information Centre, the Clerk will obtain a copy and circulate it.
The Vale Royal Climate Change Strategy Consultation is available from the Northwich Information Centre, the Clerk will obtain a copy and circulate it.
A letter from MENCAP asking for a donation. The Parish Council does not use funds in this way.

A meeting at Wyvern House on Thursday 20th March at 7.30pm to address the impact of the Local Government Re-organisation for Cheshire West and Chester.

5.Planning correspondence to hand since 20th January 2008:

Applications

07-2508-COU Millstone Hotel, Gimsditch Lane. (Amended Plans) Alterations and extensions to the former Millstone Hall to form a live/work unit.
Objection. The plans do not address the reservations we have previously expressed.

07-3380-FUL Ivy Cottage, Tarporley Road. Dormer window to rear. No objection.

08-0188-FUL Merrifold, Street Lane. Single storey extension to rear and creation of first floor. Concerns expressed about the size of the extension and the impact of the roof height on the Church. No overall objection.

08-0233-FUL Rouge Farm, Normans Lane. Erection of 4 lighting columns.
Objection. There is already substantial light pollution from this site that can be seen for a number of miles. The proposal to increase the wattage from 50 to 70 would increase the problem. Refer to the letter sent on the 18th December 2006 regarding App. No. 06-2136- FUL.

08-0230-COU Land adjacent Beaumont, Limes Lane. Construction of a new booster pumping station with layby and hedgerow screening. Objection.
Contrary to greenbelt policy, removal of 100year old hedging, impact on nearby property, not best use of agricultural land. Are there more appropriate sites that have not been considered? Impact of power lines, posts and transformers.

Planning Applications approved by Vale Royal

07-2945-COU Village Farm, Street Lane. Conversion of existing outbuilding to form wholesale bakery.

6. CALC Report:

E-Planning Seminar on 17th April 2008 at Northwich Memorial Hall 6.30 to 9.30pm refreshments from 5.30pm

7. Affordable Housing

In Cllr Straw's absence this matter was held over to the next meeting.

8. No.2 Pit - Update:

There has been no information from Cheshire County Council.

9. Lower Whitley Copse Project

10 trees have been felled and there is a lot of clearing to be done. David Billington will make enquiries about the hire of a chipper. There will be a working party on Saturday 8th March at 10am.

10. Community Pride Competition

It was agreed to enter the competition. Cllr Cooper who had organised it for many years indicated that she did not wish to continue. Cllr Critchley agreed to undertake the task.

11. Finance including:

The Clerk was given approval to pay the second half of his salary, the sum of £509.99 before the end of March.

Bills Approved and Paid:

CPRE. Subscription	£ 28.00
WMT Outdoor Services. Strimming	£ 15.00
WMT Outdoor Services. Bus Shelters	£282.00
Copy Centre. Village News printing	£ 51.00
Biffa. Village Hall Grant	£5102.00
Waste Recycling. Village Hall Grant	£4400.00

Bills Approved and to be Paid:

CALC Planning Training Course	£ 60.00
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Transfer

Halifax to Reserve Account	£ 4000.00
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Balance of Current Account at 3 rd March 2008	£100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 3 rd March 2008	£2314.39
Balance of Halifax Account at 3 rd March 2008	£4016.28

12. Business for next meeting

Affordable Housing.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 14th April 2008 at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

