

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2007 in the Village Hall at 8pm

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

3 Members of the public.

Cllr. Straw was delayed and the Vice Chairman Cllr. Cooper took the Chair.

1. Apologies: None

2. To elect a Chairman:

A proposal that Cllr. Straw should be re-elected was put by Cllr. Cooper and seconded by Cllr. Moore and was carried unanimously. A declaration of Acceptance of Office was made later and witnessed by the Clerk.

3. To elect a Vice-Chairman

A proposal that Cllr. Cooper should be re-elected was put by Cllr. Moore and seconded by Cllr. Tolson and was carried unanimously. Cllr Cooper indicated that she would not stand for election next year.

4. The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting in order to hold the Parish Assembly

Mr Fred Pace raised the question of the large increase in the volume of traffic in Pillmoss Lane and the poor condition of the tarmac surface and verges. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to get advice from Mr Eddie Naylor and to arrange an inspection by a Cheshire Highways representative. There was no other business.

5. The meeting is reconvened

The Vice-Chairman reopened the Annual General Meeting at 8.20pm

6. To Confirm Reps. for Cheshire Association of Town & Parish Councils:

The Clerk was appointed and asked for the support of Councillors when necessary.

Cllr Straw arrived and took the Chair.

7: To Elect a Village Hall Representative

Cllr. Tolson agreed to act in this capacity.

8. To elect Burleymen:

Cllrs. Moore and Pitchford agreed to stand and were elected unanimously.

9. To receive the Chairman's Report for the Year to 31.03.2007:

A copy of the report had been given to all the Councillors and was accepted.
The Clerk was given a copy for the Minute Book.
The Chairman made a presentation to Mr Cyril Littler who had served on the Parish Council for many years.

10. Approval of the Minutes of 23rd April 2007:

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

11. Matters arising from the Minutes:

Heavy vehicles using Bentleys Farm Lane. The Clerk has spoken to the police regarding a 7.5 ton limit on the lane, but was referred to Cheshire Highways and is awaiting a reply from them.
We had not heard from Andrew Cairns regarding the Web site, the Clerk was asked to speak to him.
In view of the cost of demolishing two bus shelters and moving one from the A49 to A559 it was decided to obtain another estimate.
Concern was expressed that we had received no information regarding a number of planning applications minuted at the April 23rd meeting. The clerk was asked to follow this up.

12. General Correspondence to hand since 23rd April 2007:

Local Government Review in Cheshire:
Information regarding the above from Cheshire County Council, Nantwich & Crewe Councils and Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils. The Chairman to consider this information and report to the Parish Council.
Cheshire Community Councils, Children & Young People Award Competition.
Police Forum meeting dates.
Vale Royal Borough Council Area Meeting Dates.

13. Planning Correspondence to hand since 23rd April 2007:

Applications received:

07-1220-FUL Brackendale, School Lane. Mr G Faulkner.
Alteration and Extension to dwelling including increase in roof height, dormer windows and two storey extensions.

No objection as this is largely a re-working of a previously approved scheme and there is little impact on nearby properties.

Applications approved:

07-0787-FUL Grimsditch House, Grimsditch Lane. Mr & Mrs Jones.
Domestic double garage with studio over.

14.CALPC:

No report

15. No 2 Pit-Update

Following the Council members inspection of the site, the Chairman had circulated a draft for risk and cost assessment. After considering the draft no other risks were found. It was agreed that an assessment of the costs involved in undertaking the work itemised in the draft should be undertaken. A number of Councillors agreed to take on parts of this task and would report to the Chairman.

16. Lower Whitley Copse Project

The Chipper man had cleaned up the site. Some logs still remained and tree stumps need to be cut down. Unfortunately some of the recently planted trees appear not to have taken.

17. Consideration and adoption by the Council of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct)

Copies of the Code had been circulated to all the Councilors and it was unanimously agreed to accept the code.
All councilors had signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Compliance with the Code of Conduct.

18. Finance:

Following the election a new bank mandate is required. It was resolved that Councillors Straw, Cooper, Moore and Tolson, previous signatories, should remain and that the names of Councillors Critchley and Pitchford would be added to the mandate.

The un-audited 2006/7 accounts had been circulated and were approved.
The internal auditor Mr Frank Haslam was now in the process of auditing the accounts.

Mrs M Barber has requested a donation for the WALL summer club in the Village Hall, the club is also supported by Little Leigh PC. It was agreed to donate the sum of £100 as being for the general benefit of the residents of the parish and was approved under section 137 Local Government Act 1972.

Payment of £12 subscription to Cheshire County Playing Fields Association was approved.

Bills Paid: Allianz Cornhill Insurance	£674.06
Received: Vale Royal 50% Precept	£4434.00
VAT Reclaim	£ 334.12
Balance of Current Account at 21 st May 2007	£ 100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 21 st May 2007	£18214.29
Balance of Halifax Account at 21 st May 2007	£ 8016.28

19. Business for Next Meeting

Risk assessment review. Internal audit procedures.

20. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 25th June 2007 at 8.pm.

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for the 23rd July 2007 would now take place on the 6th August 2007 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25pm

Signed.....Chairman

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