

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: C. Straw (Chairman)
T Moore (Vice Chairman)
C Ure
T Pitchford
J Critchley
J Shaw (Clerk)
District Councillor M Byram
District Councillor K Wilson

1. Apologies: S Tolson and District Councillor N Wright

2. To elect a Chairman:

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

3. To elect a Vice-Chairman

A proposal that Cllr Moore should be re-elected was put and carried unanimously.

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

Questions were raised about the A49 road, as the length through the Parish appears to have gone down the priority list for assessment of speeds limits etc. The Council would keep a close watch on the situation.

5. The meeting is reconvened

The Chairman reopened the Annual General Meeting at 7.50pm

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

Cllr Cooper agreed to attend meetings whenever possible and the Clerk would advise her of the venue and appropriate dates.

7: To Elect a Village Hall Representative

Cllr. Tolson was appointed to act in this capacity.

8. To elect Burleymen:

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

9. To receive the Chairman's Report for the Year to 31.03.2009:

The Chairman had circulated his report, which was accepted, and the Clerk was given a copy for the Minute Book. It was agreed that a copy of the report would be distributed with the June edition of the village news.

10. Approval of the Minutes of 20th April 2009:

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

11. Matters arising from the Minutes:

The Whitley School/Village Hall signs have still not been fixed and the Clerk will contact Lee Roberts at West Cheshire and Chester Council.

The Smartwater leaflets are now being collected and there appears to be good interest and the scheme should go ahead. The Council agreed that sufficient packs could be purchased at a cost of £15 plus Vat.

The question of agricultural land at 2 Merryfold Cottages being turned into garden and a drive constructed was raised and the Clerk would advise WCAC planning department.

12. General Correspondence to hand since 20th April 2009:

Partnership West Edition 4, for the Cheshire West and Chester partners.

Boundary Commission electoral review consultation for the new authority in Cheshire West and Chester.

Playing Fields Association Newsletter.

Bank statements to the 30th April will be circulated to all Councillors.

Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society walks programme.

Information from The Equality and Human Rights Commission regarding the forthcoming Equality Bill and Public Sector Equality Duties.

List of dates and locations of HM Revenue and Customs VAT workshops.

13. Finance:

The accounts for the year 2008/9 had been audited by the internal auditor JDH Business Services and were presented to the Council. Whilst approving the accounts the auditor made the following comments. Cheque numbers should be shown in the minutes against all payments. Standing orders and financial regulations should be sent to the internal auditor. Risk assessment should also cover financial matters. The payment of £10,073.63 to Tweeds part of the Village Hall Grant should be confirmed and minuted.

The Council re-affirmed the payment of £10,073.63 to Tweeds.

The Council approved the accounts and a copy is attached to these minutes.

The Annual Return was completed, signed by the Chairman and Clerk and would be sent to the Audit Commission.

The Council thanked the Clerk for his work in producing the accounts.

Bills Approved and Paid:

S Tweeds. Village Hall Grant Chq. 723 £10,073.63

Bills Approved and to be Paid:

WMT Outdoor Services. Grass/Copse Chq.765	£202.00
Allianz Insurance. Council Insurance Chq.766	£700.00
JDH Business Services. Internal Audit Chq.767	£115.00
Copy Centre. Village News Printing Chq.768	£69.10

Items Received:

Precept for the whole year	£9750.00
Balance of Current Account at 18 th May 2009	£100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 18 th May 2009	£25,050.24

14. Planning Correspondence to hand since 20th April 2009:**Applications received:**

09-00573-FUL Brackendale, School Lane. Alterations and extension including increase roof height and addition of dormer windows. No objection

09-00517-COU KD Motors, Northwich Road. Removal of condition 1 to enable permanent use of land for the storage of vehicles.
Objection. The Council feel that in view of public concern the situation should continue to be monitored.

APP/A0665/A/09/2102089 Hatton View Farm, Northwich Road. Change of use from vacant agricultural building to veterinary therapy clinic.
Objection. Reasons as per application 09-00063-COU.

Applications refused:

09/00421/FUL Willow Cottage. Old Mill Lane. First floor extension and study extension.

09/00449/FUL Whitley Edge, Village Lane. Single storey extension to side and garage extension to rear.

15. CALC:

The Chairman attended a meeting to explore how Cheshire West and Chester Council and local councils will work together. He gave a report outlining the subjects covered and they included Partnership,

Recycling, Charter with local councils and customer services, etc.

16. No 2 Pit-Update

The lease has been received and there are still one or two items to be clarified. The question of fishing was discussed and it was resolved to advise Lymm Anglers that fishing would not be allowed for the time being. The Chairman suggested that a Sub-committee be formed to look into the costs involved in making the area available to the public and the subsequent annual management cost.

17. Lower Whitley Copse Project

Cllr. Ure had organized a working party and a good deal of work was carried out including the sowing of wild flower grass seed.

18. Affordable Housing

No report.

19. Business for Next Meeting

Standing Order and Financial Regulations.

A copy of Minute 9 in Minutes of the meeting on the 14th July 2003 to be sent to all Councillors.

20. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 13th July 2009 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.40pm

Signed.....Chairman

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