

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

1. Apologies S Tolson, C.Ure & District/County Councillor M.Byram

2. Minutes of Meeting of 15th September 2008:

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising:

Smart Water. The Clerk would investigate the possibility of obtaining supplies of the product at a reduced cost from Preston Brook Parish Council. The matter would be considered again at the next meeting. The phone box on the A49 Norcott Brook, the broken glass has been cleaned up but not yet replaced. The Clerk was asked to advise BT and check whether the phone is working.

Details of the approval of the Planning application for a pumping station in Limes Lane had been received and would be circulated. The drains in Grenhills Lane had been reported to Highways and should have been cleared.

Mr John Ince has made a complaint about the state of Old Mill Lane and the grass triangle, as damage has been caused by heavy traffic. Highways are to be asked to inspect.

As there is no Tree Warden in the village a notice will be put in the Village News asking for a volunteer.

A report was received that two flats may have been created at Grove House without the Council receiving a planning application. The Clerk was asked to raise the matter with Vale Royal.

4. General correspondence to hand since 15th September 2008:

The results of the Best Kept Village competition have been received and we finished in third place in our group. In many categories we were excellent and overall the result was encouraging. The report will be published in the next edition of the Village News.

Policy and Parliamentary Consultation on the making of bylaws has been received and will be circulated.

Bank statements to the 31st September 2008 had been circulated to all Councillors.

5. Planning correspondence to hand since 15th September 2008:

Applications Received

- 08-2200-FUL Cherry Orchard, Lake Lane.
Proposed staircase extension, new first floor and raised roof to existing garage with covered way to existing house.
No objection apart from the construction and visual impact of the covered way.
- 08-2240-FUL Land to the west of Greenbank Farm, Limes Lane.
Agricultural/ Lambing shed.
Objection. Distance to other property. The need for the building due to little or no agricultural activity.
- 08-0255-FUM Thurlow Heath Farm, Northwich Road, Antrobus.
Construction of new animal by-products processing facility.
Consult with Antrobus as this is outside our Parish.

6. Affordable Housing:

Parish Councillors and the Clerk had collected completed forms on the weekend of the 19th/20th October with mixed results. It was decided that in an effort to improve the number of returns the collection should continue to Sunday 26th October. The Clerk would deliver the forms to Mr Philip Addison the Affordable Housing Officer at Vale Royal who would analyse the completed forms.

7. Copse and Tree Planting:

A complaint has been made about the hedge at the Copse that is obstructing the footpath alongside Tarporley Road. WMT Services will be asked to give an estimate for cutting the hedge back but leaving any trees in it. A chipper is required to clear debris before more work in felling and planting can be carried out.

With regard to placing an order for trees this year it was decided that it was too soon to order trees for No2 Pit. Other places could be considered and an order placed if necessary.

8. Village Hall and School Signs:

The Clerk had approached Vale Royal and they had agreed to supply a single side sign on the A49 at each end of Street Lane and a double-sided sign at the corner of Village Lane and Street Lane and the cost would be about £700. The wording on the signs would be Primary School, Village Hall. The Council approved the estimate and asked the Clerk to instruct Vale Royal to carry out the work.

Councillor Cooper suggested that we approach Dutton Parish Council to see if they would make a contribution to the cost of the signs, as the school is Whitley and Dutton Primary School.

9. No.2 Pit - Update:

There has been no further progress on the lease to date.
Councillor Cooper to contact Julia Drage regarding the cost and possibility of a further pond survey.

10. Finance:

The Clerk is hopeful that the Nat West bank charges will be credited.
A cheque for £150 as a donation to Whitley Village School garden project has been returned and cancelled. It was agreed that a new cheque for the same amount could be supplied.

Village Hall Grant	Paid to date	£32315.98
	To be paid	£17684.02

Bills to be Paid:

Copy Centre, Village News	£ 51.00
Clerks ½ year Salary	£525.00

Bills Paid:

WMT Services, Strimming, Copse	£ 45.00
WMT Services, Grass Cutting Sept	£ 150.00
WMT Services, Grass Cutting Oct	£ 150.00
Nat West, Service charge	£ 10.00

Received:

Precept final payment	£4650.00
Bank interest	£89.23

Balance of Current Account at 20 th Oct 2008	£ 100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 20 th Oct 2008	£30022.04

11. Business for the Next Meeting

Eco matters.
Village School Governor
Freedom of Information Act

12. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 1st December 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

