

WHITLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2008 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

2. Minutes of Meeting of 21st July 2008:

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising:

Smart Water the DNA based marking solution that protects property and links offenders to stolen items was discussed by the Council. It was resolved that a notice should be put in the Village News to bring the product to the notice of residents. The matter would be considered again at the next meeting.

The phone box on the A49 Norcott Brook has broken glass in it. The Clerk was asked to advise BT and ask them to make the box safe.

Questions were asked on what grounds the Planning application for a pumping station in Limes Lane had been approved. The Clerk to make enquiries from Vale Royal planning department.

It was reported that a grid in Street Lane was blocked, possibly with tree roots, the highways department to be advised.

Mr Robert Brock reported that three drains in Greenhill Lane were blocked and this had caused serious flooding during the recent heavy rains. As a consequence his car had been badly damaged in the flood causing the Insurance Company to write it off. He has advised the highways department and the Clerk is following it up the blockage problem.

4. General correspondence to hand since 21st July 2008:

The Annual General meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils will be held on Thursday 23rd October in Middlewich Civic Hall at 6.30pm. The Chairman and Clerk to attend.

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

Details of the Parish Small Grants Scheme for Countryside Improvements have been received and the Chairman would consider the possibilities of applying.
Proposed Consultation Arrangements regarding Gypsy and Travellers sites in Vale Royal have been received and circulated.
A report on Neighbourhood Policing in Rural Areas has been circulated.
Notice of a Tree Warden meeting received, however it appears that the Council does not have a Tree Warden at the present time.
Revised Timetable of Public Meetings of Vale Royal Council, up to the end of March 2009, has been received and circulated.
Application form for the appointment of a Parish Member to the Standards Committee received. Members were advised that this is a personal application for Parish Council members.

5. Planning correspondence to hand since 21st July 2008:

Applications Received

08-2046-FUL No2 Clock Tower Annex, Grimsditch hall, Grimsditch Lane.
Erection of single storey Conservatory to replace existing.
No objection

08-2047-FUL No1 Clock Tower Annex, Grimsditch hall, Grimsditch Lane.
Erection of single storey a Conservatory extension.
Objection as this is not a separate dwelling.

Applications Granted

08-1408-FUL Church House, Street Lane.
Side and rear extensions and alterations.

08-1440-FUL Land Adjacent Beaumont, Limes Lane.
Construction of 2 No pumps housed in brick building, creation of new access track with gated access.

Applications Refused

08-1035-FUL Eatonfield Day Spa, Limes Lane.
Variation of condition 5 of planning permission APP/2003/0987 – to extend hours of operation

Applications Withdrawn

08-1977-FUL Grove House, Village Lane.
Two storey side extension to existing house, two storey corner infill element and two storey extension to existing stable block.

6. Affordable Housing:

The survey will be distributed with the October edition of the Village News and Parish Councillors will collect completed forms on the weekend of the 19th/20th October. Mr Philip Addison the Affordable Housing Officer at Vale Royal has offered to analyse the completed forms.

7. No.2 Pit - Update:

The Chairman had received a letter from Cheshire County Council accepting most of the changes we had requested to the proposed Lease. The Council therefore agreed to lease No2 Pit subject to the Chairman being satisfied with the amended Lease.

8. Village Hall and School Signs:

Councillor Critchley said that he had been unable to obtain a lower quotation from alternative sources for the signs. He had asked Vale Royal if they could reduce their costs and had received an offer of 2 double-sided signs for a cost of around £700. The Council decided that 2 single side signs on the A49 at each end of Street Lane and a double-sided sign at the corner of Village Lane and Street Lane would be preferable. Councillor Critchley was asked to enquire if this is possible and at what cost. The preferred wording is Whitley School Village Hall.

9. Finance:

The Clerk confirmed the receipt of the £30,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board. The loan is repayable over 12 years at a fixed rate of interest of 4.83% per annum. Copies of the list showing repayment costs and dates payable were given to all Councillors and a copy is attached to these minutes.

Village Hall Grant	Paid to date	£32315.98
	To be paid	£17684.02
Bills Paid:		
Copy Centre, Village News & Survey		£ 102.00
WMT Services Hedge cutting, Copse		£ 25.00
Public Works Loan Board, Fee		£ 25.00
Wall Holiday Club		£ 75.00
WMT Services, Grass Cutting July		£ 150.00
WMT Services, Grass Cutting Aug		£ 150.00
WMT Services, Bus Shelter pruning		£ 15.00
Tweeds, Village Hall Grant		£4318.13
Howard & Mc Namara, V. Hall Grant		£ 352.50
Nat West, Service charge		£ 20.00

Balance of Current Account at 15 th Sept 2008	£ 100.00
Balance of Reserve Account at 15 th Sept 2008	£25577.81

9. Dates for Council Meetings in 2009

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10. Business for the Next Meeting

Affordable Housing

11. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 20th October 2008 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed..... Chairman

Date.....

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2009

Monday	19th January 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	2nd March 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	20th April 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	1st June 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	13th July 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	14th September 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	26th October 2009	Start time 7.30pm
Monday	7th December 2009	Start time 7.30pm

