

Whiteley Parish Council

The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 26th January 2004 7.15pm.

Present

Councillors: Mr Don Bate (Chairman), Mrs Vivian Achwal (Vice Chairman), Mr Bob Backhouse, Mr Ian Croft, Mrs Brenda Hatch (District Councillor) Mr Kevin Gristock, Mr John Hall, Mr Ian McHugh, Mrs Caroline Watts (District Councillor), Mr Pat Wright

County Councillor Mrs F Hindson Sgt Kevin Sitch, PC Alan Hiron, Dave Crowther, Janet Lemont, First Responders, Margaret Woodhead, Co-ordinator, Linda Olivey, Study Group member and Ben Le Grys, Study Group Chairman, Winchester and District Savers.

Mr Ron Finlay, three members of the public. Parish Clerk - Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence - none**
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items – none**
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Margaret Woodhead, Development Co-ordinator for WADS (Winchester & District Savers) gave a short presentation on the aims and objectives of the proposal for a credit union to serve the Winchester District. A credit union provides opportunities to invest in the scheme and receive dividends of up to 8% and also to borrow at low rates (no more than 1% per month on a reducing balance (APR 12.68%).

Dave Crowther First Responder, and Janet Lemont the Co-ordinator for Fareham gave a presentation on the work carried out by First Responders in Whiteley. First Responders are volunteers who are trained to provide speedy attendance to life threatening medical emergencies in their area. Nine call outs have been made in Whiteley this year and at present there are only two First Responders in Whiteley. New volunteers would be welcomed. Funding is needed to support the continued work of the team.

Sergeant Sitch and PC Hiron from Park Gate Police Station introduced themselves. PC Hiron has taken on Whiteley beat as part of his duties. Members were advised to ring 02392 891956 to report problems or for advice, use 0845 045 45 45 if an immediate response is needed and use 999 to report criminal activity in progress such as vandalism.

Report from County Councillor please see attached report.

Cllr Backhouse expressed concern that the timetable for the new school was slipping, the main reason appearing to be sickness of those making decisions.

County Cllr Hindson confirmed that a secondary school for Whiteley was very unlikely without substantial further development.

Reports from District Councillors please see attached reports

Questions from members of the public

Resident Mr Vic Hatch asked that Winchester City Council provide a programme for the completion of the skatepark project to allow progress to be monitored.

Resident Mrs Lizzy Hopson expressed concern that grit boxes placed on Leafy Lane would attract the attention of vandals. Mrs Hopson considers temporary warning signs during frosty weather to be a more effective solution.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of meeting on 1st December 2003 – minutes approved and signed.

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting

4.2.1 School Organisation Plan Deputation to HCC, **Cllr Wright circulated a report prior to the meeting. District Cllr Hatch expressed the continuing frustration at the lack of progress by HCC to secure a site for the proposed new school.**

4.3 To co-opt a councillor to fill the current vacancy – **Mr Ron Finlay was co-opted and welcomed by the Chairman.**

4.4 To discuss proposals for the Annual Parish Assembly. **It was agreed that a working party comprising Cllrs Achwal, Bate, Hall and Wright would discuss this and report back to Full Council.**

4.5 To discuss formation of a working party to oversee the skatepark project. **Referred to next Recreation Committee 11th February.**

4.6 To nominate representatives for the Meadowside User Advisory Forum and Winchester and District Association of Parish Councils. **Cllr Hall nominated for the Meadowside Forum, Cllr Wright for WDAPC.**

4.7 Report on progress of Parish Appraisal. **Cllr Achwal reported that the summary of the results of the questionnaire had been produced and was being edited ready for publication.**

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party. **Cllr McHugh reported that residents of some roads had not received the newsletter, there was some concern that using the free paper to circulate the newsletter was not altogether successful. Other forms of distribution are to be discussed.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website. ***Cllr Backhouse asked members to submit contributions to the website, emphasising the importance of keeping the content up to date. Problems with misuse of the forum have been overcome.***

4.10 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Wright)

4.10.1 To receive minutes of meeting 5th January 2004. ***Minutes approved.***

4.10.2 To discuss and approve the precept request for 2004/5. ***Precept of £22,990 approved.***

4.10.3 To discuss a grant application from Whiteley First Responders. ***Item for next Finance Committee agenda.***

4.10.3 Proposal to adopt the recommendations of the report by the Parish Remuneration Panel October 2003: Review of Allowances for Parish Councils within the Winchester District including Travelling and Subsistence Allowances with the following amendment:

Page 14 paragraph 26 (a) delete “the authority or any committee or sub committee of the authority, or of any other” and insert “a”.

Main issues: allowances can be paid only to elected councillors (change in regulations is being sought) Main allowances will be:

Travel within and outside the Parish cars 40p mile, motorbikes 24p mile and bicycles 20p mile. Subsistence within and outside Parish: breakfast £4.92, lunch £6.77, Tea £2.67, evening meal £8.38

Resolved.

4.11 To receive a report and recommendations from the General Purposes Committee

4.11.1 Information Point - Working Party report . ***Cllr Gristock circulated a draft proposal for comments. A further working party meeting will take place in the near future.***

4.12 To receive a report and recommendations from the Highways and Transport Committee. ***Cllr Achwal circulated a report prior to the meeting.***

4.13 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Hall) ***Minutes of the meeting 5th January were approved.***

4.14 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation Committee (Cllr Watts) – ***no report this month.***

4.15 Report from Councillors on recent meetings attended – ***nothing to report this month.***

5 Recent correspondence

Invitation to Meadowside Centre meeting 10th February emailed to all Councillors

WDAPC meeting 28th January 2004 Emailed to all Councillors

Grant request from Whiteley First Responders – Copy PW

WCC Changes to planning management PCs now have 3 minutes to make a representation.

WCC Planning News.

HAPTC update on new arrangement for Councillors allowances
 HAPTC new regulations from August 2006 no provision for PC to nominate governor as of right.

The Boundary Committee for England, HCC Review

Connexions information on grants for community groups

Winchester and District Neighbourhood Mediation Service are looking to recruit new volunteers for training.

WCC Minutes of meetings October/November 2003

WCC January Forward Plan of Key Decisions

WCC Scrutiny Work Programme 2003-4

Magpie Cancer Care Campaign update

Newsletters

Local Council Review January

CAH December and January news updates

Scouting in Hampshire Autumn newsletter

6 Accounts for payment

No	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
0	026	WCC	£35.00	Room hire
1	028	Post Office	*£19.97	Postage
2	028	Studio 6	*£1.60	Printing
3	028	Co-op	*£28.22	Christmas drinks
4	029	Whiteley Parent and Toddler Group	£500.00	
5	030	Newsquest	£61.37	Delivery of newsletter
6	031	Solent Design	£200.00	Design and print newsletter
7	032	Viking (reimburse Wickham PC)	£71.37	Stationery
8	033	Winchester City Council	£103.50	Oct and Nov room hire
9	034	N Oliver 8 weeks @15 hrs @£8.50	£1020.00 tax 22% £224.40 NI 11% £112.20 £683.40	Clerk's salary
10	034	Internet	£30.00	8 weeks
11	034	Home as office	£28.00	8 weeks
12	034	Post office	*£9.61	Postage
		Total	£1,772.04	

7 Questions and comments from Councillors - none.