

# Whiteley Parish Council

**The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 1st November 7.15pm.**

**Present** Councillors: Mr Ron Finlay (Chairman), Mrs Vivian Achwal, Mr Mike Anthony, Mrs Kate Chapman (District Councillor), Mrs Brenda Hatch, Mr John Hall, Mr P Wright

Three members of the public, Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Mr Kevin Gristock (Vice-Chairman, Mr Ian Croft,
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items**  
none
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

**3.1 Report from County Councillor** please see attached report  
**3.2 Reports from District Councillors** Cllr Chapman circulated a report, copies available on request.

The Chairman wished to record thanks to those who helped raise awareness of the dangers faced by pedestrians using Yew Tree Drive and the safety measures planned as a result of the publicity.

### **3.3 Questions from members of the public**

Resident Mr Vic Hatch, asked whether cost implications for the Parish Action Plan could be included in the precept for next year. Mr Hatch attended the WCC Informal Scrutiny Group meeting with Parish Councillors and was disappointed that so few Councillors attended.

Resident Mr Don Bate, wished to raise awareness of a storm drain opposite his house that floods the road during heavy rain. Mr Bate felt the drains should be cleared each year, the last clean recorded being five years ago. **Action** Highways Chairman/ Clerk , copy of response from HCC to Mr Bate.

## **4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the October 2004 meeting. Minutes signed and approved with the following omissions noted:

Cllr Wright asked why the EGM motion (30th September) was changed without notice.

Cllr Wright stated that Declarations of Interest should include membership of political parties, freemasons etc.

4.2 To approve and sign the minutes of the EGM 30th September. **Minutes signed and approved.**

4.3 Matters arising from the last meetings.

Full Council meeting: Item 7 Questions and comments from Councillors.  
3. Regarding Cllr Hatch and Cllr Achwal's dismay that WCC Parks and Recreation Officer, Nigel Trowell was not permitted to speak at the EGM on 30th September despite Councillor and Clerk's requests. The Chairman confirmed that it had been agreed with WCC Director Community Services, Steve Tilbury that Mr Trowell would attend the meeting only as an observer and would answer technical questions should the decision be made that the skatepark should go ahead.

4.4 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal) The Working Party requested that the Parish Council consider the following recommendations:

4.4.1 Proposal that sponsorship for the newsletter is not pursued

4.4.2 Proposal that advertising is not accepted for the newsletter.

It was agreed to refer these proposals to the next Full Council meeting.

4.5 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk). The guest book has been removed as requested, ideas and information for the website would be appreciated.

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee. (Cllr Wright). No report this month.

4.7 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and General Purposes Committee (Cllr Hatch).

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting 21st October 2004 **Minutes received.**

The Committee's recommendation not to proceed with the Whiteley Network project was met with disappointment; it was noted that the project plans had reached a stage where more work was needed but there were too few volunteers to take it forward. Those on the team consider the cost implications of the proposal were too great to proceed.

The Chairman wished to record the Council's appreciation of the work carried out, although the recommendations were not the result hoped for, the research had been thorough and the recommendation realistic.

The Chairman questioned the legality of the Committee's decision to fund the museum roadshow using it's budget. The Clerk advised that the Committee's had delegated responsibility to use their budget as they wished.

The Committee made the following recommendations regarding school issues:

4.7.1.1 WPC should respond to the HCC School Organisation Plan update as follows: **Current figures show that between 15 and 27 reception children could be without a place at Whiteley Primary school over the next four years. If current trends continue there will be no spaces in surrounding schools to accommodate them. Agreed.**

4.7.1.2 Lizzy Hopson should attend the meeting with Don Allen if WPC Chair is unable to attend. **Agreed**

4.7.1.3 Questions should include: where will the extra children be accommodated?

Are HCC's plans for these children acceptable to Whiteley residents?

**Agreed to wait for HCC report and proposals before pursuing the above.**

4.7.1.4 The PC should raise awareness of the work being carried out by the Working Party with Whiteley residents, perhaps in the Whiteley Voice. **Agreed to pursue when HCC report and proposals are received.**

4.7.1.5 If following the meeting with Education Officer, Bob Eardley on 1st November, and Don Allen on 4th November, issues remain unresolved they should be raised with MP Mark Oaten. **These meetings have been cancelled, agreed to refer proposal to a future meeting.**

4.8 To receive a report and recommendations from the Highways and Transport Committee (Cllr Achwal)

The route for construction vehicles for Dickens Drive was queried. (Public meeting to be arranged by FBC to discuss this application)

4.9 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Hall)

4.9.1 To receive minutes of meeting 21st October 2004. **Minutes received.**

The proposed hedge removal for the new church site has been reduced in length.

Planning permission is not required for the mobile catering unit in the Village.

An application for 14 two storey office blocks on the Solent 2 site has been received.

4.10 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended

PUSH briefing on South East Plan 19th October - Clerk's report circulated, available on request.

WCC Whiteley Informal Scrutiny Group 20th October. Clerk's report circulated, available on request.

Meadowside User Forum - minutes of meeting available on request.

## **5 Recent correspondence**

Email from Whiteley First Responders update on equipment etc. Copy PW/Chair

Email from resident regarding play area. Copy BH/Chair

WCC Report Assessment of Environmental Noise for proposed skatepark

WCC Forward Plan of Key Decisions November 2004  
WCC Scrutiny Work Programme 2004/5  
HAPTC Local Authorities (Members' allowances) (England)(Amendment)  
Regulations 2004 (Statutory Instrument 2596) the amended regulation to allow travel and subsistence to be paid to co-opted members comes into force on 3rd November 2004. Copy PW/Chair  
HAPTC Draft south east plan information copy all councillors.  
HAPTC Quality Town Roadshow 24th November copy all councillors  
HAPTC Broadband briefing  
HCC proposal for Segensworth Roundabout improvements by extending Witherbed Lane. - Plans available at meeting, not within our Parish boundary.  
Licence transfer Tesco

Traffic information and roadworks for the South East of England 2004/5 copy VA  
HCC advise that pedestrian and vehicle counts on Yew Tree Drive and Whiteley Way complete, results will be forwarded. Copy VA/Chair  
Guide to becoming a Quality Council  
:  
WCC Environment Strategy Consultation return by 15th November  
HCC Countryside Access plan for Forest of Bere comments by 31st Dec.

Training opportunities  
HAPTC/RTPI briefing on the new planning system (Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). Tuesday 7th Dec. (£40 per delegate, £35 per second delegate)  
Copy JH/Chair

**6 Accounts for payment. It was resolved to pay the following:**

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	144	John Hall	£33.60	Travelling exp.
2	145	SERCO	£285.29	Fit notice board
3	146	Easily (Bob Backhouse)	£46.94	Web server - now transferred to Clerk
4	147	Aqua Cleaning	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
5	148	WCC	£115.00	Room hire
6	149	N Oliver 4 weeks@15hrs@ £8.81 tax 22% NI 11%	£528.60 £116.29 £58.15 354.16	Clerk's salary
7	149	Clerk's home as office 4 weeks @ £4.80	*£19.20	Clerk's expenses
8	149	Internet 4 weeks @ £2.60	*£10.40	Clerk's expenses
9	149	BT	*£44.89	Clerk's phone
		<b>total</b>	<b>£1,026.98</b>	

**7 Questions and comments from Councillors**

1. Cllr Hall proposed a campaign for a circular bus route for Whiteley.  
**Action** agenda item for next Highways meeting.
2. The football teams have complained about dog fouling on the recreation ground.
3. Meadowside has planned new larger dog fouling signs.
4. Junior football clubs are looking for more pitches.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Signed .....

Date .....