

Whiteley Parish Council

The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 5th April 2004 7.15pm.

Present Councillors: Mrs Vivian Achwal (Chairman), Mr Mike Anthony, Mr Ian Croft, Mr Ron Finlay, Mrs Brenda Hatch (District Councillor) Mr John Hall, Mr Ian McHugh, Mr Pat Wright

Two members of the public Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Backhouse, Cllr Gristock
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** Cllr Hall declared an interest in agenda item 4.12.2 as a nearby resident of the proposed skateboard park site.
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

3.1 Report from County Councillor No report this month

3.2 Reports from District Councillors Please see attached report from Cllr Brenda Hatch

3.3 Questions from members of the public

Members were asked whether any progress was being made regarding the provision of a new school. **Action** Clerk to request an update from HCC

The problem of developers rubbish on Whiteley Lane was raised and new gates blocking the footpath. **Action** Planning Committee

The recent newspaper article regarding the completion of Whiteley Way was questioned. **Action** The Parish Council has been requesting an update from HCC on Whiteley road infrastructure since September 2003, the officers say they are unable to meet the PC until June / July this year.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting ***minutes approved and signed.***

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting, ***no matters arising.***

4.3 Proposed campaign for Broadband for Whiteley. ***Broadband is available in some areas of Whiteley residents through the cable network. It was agreed to publicise this in the next newsletter. Action Editor***

4.4 To discuss proposals for the Annual Parish Assembly. ***Local organisations have been invited to attend with displays. Cllr Pat Wright***

was thanked for designing and printing invitations for every Whiteley Parish household.

4.5 Report on progress of Parish Appraisal ***The draft appraisal results and action plan will be on display at the Annual Parish Assembly for comments. This will be the last consultation before the document is printed and distributed.***

4.6 Report from the Newsletter Working Party. ***The distribution of the latest newsletter seemed to go well. There was some discussion about the contents of the newsletter. It was agreed that there should be no mention of political parties.***

4.7 Report on the Parish Council website. ***Action Clerk to increase the font size for the website text.***

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

4.8.1 Proposal to give delegated power to the Finance Committee to make grants of £500 or less, without referral to full Council. ***This was not agreed.***

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

4.9.1 Whiteley Network - ***Working Party report carried forward to next meeting.***

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

4.10.1 To receive minutes of meeting 10th March 2004 - ***minutes received and approved.***

Cllr Hall to photograph the dangerous road situation at the Mollison Rise junction. ***Action*** Cllr Hall

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

4.11.1 To receive minutes of meeting 10th March 2004 - ***minutes received and approved.***

4.12 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation Committee

4.12.1 To receive minutes of the Recreation Committee 1st March 2004 - ***minutes received and approved.***

4.12.2 To receive report from Skatepark Working Party 24th March 2004 - ***report received.*** Copies available from Clerk on request.

4.13 Report from Councillors on recent meetings attended

Cllr Achwal circulated a report prior to the meeting, copies available from Clerk on request.

District Cllr Hatch has raised the problems for Whiteley due to the lack of doctors surgery with the WCC Whiteley Informal Group which is part of the Principal Scrutiny Committee. WCC is writing to both Primary Care Trusts to request an update.

5 Recent correspondence

Dti Rural Broadband. Booklet title Help bring Broadband to your community
HAPTC/Mark Oaten - changes to regulations to allow co-opted councillors to receive allowances copy VA & PW
HCC Hedge and Tree cutting notices that the PC can send if a friendly chat fails
Audit Commission - appointment of external auditor for 2003/4
Hampshire Museums Trust looking for venues for the Museum Roadshow copy VA & PW

Information

WCC Winchester District Plan Enquiry will be starting soon
WCC Forward Plan of Key Decisions April 2004
HCC Eastern Dorset/South Hampshire/Isle of Wight Sub-regional Study - letter advising of the preparation of a South East Plan which will replace the existing Regional Planning Guidance and the Hampshire County Structure Plan. Summary of information to date copied to all councillors. (Whiteley likely to be a major target for new housing) Copy all councillors
HCC has added a Bus News web page to its website
www.hants.gov.uk/environment/busnews
HAPTC Awards for all grant information
HAPTC Elections guidance and filling a vacancy for a councillor
HAPTC Need to declare membership of Freemasons on Register of Interests
Winchester and Eastleigh NHS Trust are applying for NHS Foundation Trust status and are looking for members info www.wehct.nhs.uk

The South East Regional Assembly is increasingly affecting future planning in our area, check their website to see if there is anything you feel the Parish Council should be getting involved with. Housing and transport are important.

Newsletters

Hampshire Children and Families Forum Spring newsletter
CAH April Newsletter

Events

Campaign to Protect Rural England AGM 8th May Wessex Centre, Sparsholt includes a talk at 12.15pm by David Birbeck, Chief Exec of Design for Homes on 'The Way Ahead for Housing? - Quality Design with Higher Density'

Create South Coast Conference Community Involvement through the arts Thursday 13th May Portsmouth Library

6 Accounts for payment

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount*reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	039	Viking	£35.22	Stationery
2	040	Staples	£17.98*	Printer ink
3	040	Shedfield PO	£11.96*	Postage
4	041	P Wright	£16.80	Travelling
5	042	Whiteley First Responders	£2000.00	Agreed grant
6	043	Whiteley Cricket Club	£100.00	Agreed grant
7	044	Solent Design	£35.00	Balance of newsletter printing invoice
8	045	The Informer	Cancelled	
9	046	The Informer	£46.53	Newsletter distribution
9	047	WCC	£30.00	Room hire
10	048	Shedfield PO	£8.62*	Postage
11	048	N Oliver 5 weeks @15hrs @£8.50	£637.50 tax 22% (£140.25) NI 11% (£70.13) £427.12	Clerk's salary
12	049	Inland Revenue	£843.36	Jan - April 04
		Total	£3,572.59	

7 Questions and comments from Councillors

Cllr Hatch reported that the greenways around the Recreation Ground to Area K are underway.

Meeting closed 10pm

Signed

Date