

# Whiteley Parish Council

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

**Present** Councillors: Mr Ron Finlay (Chairman), Mrs Vivian Achwal, Mr Mike Anthony, Mr Bob Backhouse, Mr Kevin Gristock (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Brenda Hatch, Mr John Hall, Mr Pat Wright

County Councillor Mrs Felicity Hindson, seven members of the public, Mr Jonathan Crabb, Cllr Keith Estlin, Hampshire County Council Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** - 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**

## ***Presentation by HCC on Whiteley Road infrastructure.***

The Chairman welcomed Jonathan Crabb HCC Transport Policy Dept. and HCC Councillor for Environment Keith Estlin.

Mr Crabb explained that HCC prepares a five year transport plan to obtain government funding for road and transport schemes, the current plan is nearing its end. The next plan will run from 2006 -11. This is a five year plan within a 20 year vision, involving close liaison with district and borough councils with the Solent Area Transport Strategy Panel looking at the overall situation.

On a more local level there are three possible schemes for additional linkages to Whiteley:

Whiteley Way - there are difficulties assembling the land required for this link, land owners are unwilling to sell. There is a future possibility of combining this project with the proposed Botley by-pass, which is indicated in plans for 2008/9 and would need government approval and funding. Provision for Whiteley Way is made in the County Structure Plan.

Rookery Avenue - land owners also unwilling to sell land. HCC pointed out that *if* land became available it could override Fareham Borough Council's Local Plan conditions if necessary.

Yew Tree Drive - this is proposed as a bus only link and is a condition of planning permission on the Pelham site.

Other possible proposals include:

Completing the Marjoram Way link.

Improvements to Segensworth roundabout: Barnes Wallis to be 'no exit' onto the roundabout with a new link through Witherbed Lane. Additional lanes on the roundabout are another possibility. It was pointed out by HCC that

improvements to the roundabout could only cope with an increase in traffic of 16% and the encouragement of sustainable forms of transport would be necessary.

Parish Councillors and members of the public raised the following issues:

Planned development in Whiteley has the potential to increase traffic by 300%; proposed improvements can only cope with 16%. ***HCC consider there is little else they can do but promote the use of shared and public transport.***

HCC were questioned as to when the Yew Tree bus only link would be completed and whether emergency vehicles would be able to use the route. ***HCC confirmed that the link could be complete by the end of the year and emergency services would be able to use it.***

It was asked how the problem of ransom strips could be overcome. ***HCC consider that the longer Whiteley exists without the link roads the more the value of the land reduces, as the area can be seen to work without the links. It was also confirmed that the rules allowing the land for the proposed Light Rail Transport system were different to those for the road links Whiteley needs.***

Concern was expressed that using Witherbed Lane as a link road would impact on residents of the Lane. ***HCC replied that engineers are trying to reduce any possible effect on residents. Should the scheme proceed there will be public consultation when a planning application is made.***

Concern was raised that Whiteley has no safe pedestrian and cycle access to Segensworth roundabout. ***HCC reported that it was putting 10-15% of their budget into cycle routes even though the number of people cycling is reducing.***

Speeding traffic in Whiteley and the possibility of extending the 20mph areas was raised. ***HCC reported that it is not policy to impose 20mph speed limits unless roads are specifically designed for such a limit. Attempts to impose 20mph in other areas of Hampshire has proved disappointing.***

A member of the public was concerned that the developers funding for Whiteley transport infrastructure could not be tracked. ***HCC insisted all money has been spent legally and audited accounts were in the public domain.***

The possible terrorist threat as a result of the new NATS building and the difficulties for emergency services, due to the single point of entry into Whiteley was raised. ***Cllr Estlin was unaware of the NATS building.***

Cllr Estlin thanked the Chairman for the opportunity to attend the meeting and offered to return on an annual basis to provide updates on the latest plans.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Estlin and Jonathan Crabb for attending the meeting.

**3.1 Report from County Councillor** Please see attached report.

**3.2 Reports from District Councillors** No reports received

**3.3 Questions from members of the public**

Members of the public expressed concern that trees were being cut back without permission and in other areas trees overhanging footpaths need monitoring and proper maintenance. It was agreed an article outlining procedures and responsibilities for trees should be placed in the next Whiteley Voice.

The problem of cars parking on pavements was raised, the conversion of garages is adding to the problem. It was agreed to remind residents that planning permission is needed for garage conversions in the next Whiteley Voice.

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

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting. **Included below where appropriate.**

4.3 To consider co-opting to fill the councillor vacancy. **Mrs Kate Chapman was elected.**

4.4 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal) **The next issue is due out in September.**

4.5 Report on the Parish Council website (Cllr Backhouse) **Recreation and GP Committee to draft rules and regulations for users of the discussion forum.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Wright). **The CAB has written to thank the PC for its grant. A letter requesting funding has been received from the Winged Fellowship and will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.**

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 23rd June 2004. **Minutes received and approved.**

4.7.1.1 Proposal to adopt committee terms of reference as circulated draft. **Agreed to adopt as draft.** (copies available from Clerk on request)

4.8 To receive a report and recommendations from the Highways and Transport Committee (Cllr Achwal). **A report was circulated prior to the meeting. (copies available on request from Clerk).**

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

4.9.1 To receive minutes of meeting 16th June 2004. **Minutes received and approved.**

#### 4.10 Report from Councillors on recent meetings attended

**WDAPC** 16th June 2004 (Cllr Wright) report circulated prior to the meeting. (copies available from Clerk on request).

**Meadowside User Forum** (Cllr Achwal) a mobile crèche, already established at Highbury College, is planned for Meadowside available 2-3 times a week.

#### 5 Recent correspondence

Winchester City Council Minutes 30th June  
 CAB Thank you for grant (Copy PW)  
 Whiteley Primary School receipt for grant  
 Invite to Meon Valley CAB AGM 6th July 7.15pm Bishops Waltham.  
 WACA Community News Summer 2004  
 HAPTC Disability Discrimination Act 1995 Legal Note 58  
 Winged Fellowship Trust appeal for grants (copy PW)  
 HCC Invitation to apply for Community Safety Initiative funding for additional street lights. This covers up to 50% of the cost of an approved scheme to upgrade or increase street lighting. The PC has to fund the balance

#### 6 Accounts for payment

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1		Informer	£46.53	Delivery of Newsletter
2		Steve Powell	£75.00 <u>£85.00</u> £160.00	Replace notice board, paint benches
3		WCC	£78.50	Room hire
4		Studio 6	*£101.76	Photocopying for GP and Highways Committees
5		Wickham Flower Post	*£30.00	Flowers for ex Councillor
6		Shedfield Post Office	*£10.19	Postage
7		Clerk's home as office 4 weeks @ £4.80	*£19.20	Clerk's expenses
8		Internet 4 weeks @ £2.60	*£10.40	Clerk's expenses
9		Travelling Dec-July	*£113.12	Clerk's expenses
10		N Oliver 4 weeks @15 hrs @ £8.50	£510.00 tax 22 % £112.20 NI 11% <u>£56.10</u> £341.70	Clerk's salary
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£911.40</b>	

7 Questions and comments from Councillors - **none**.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....