

Whiteley Parish Council

The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 6th September 7.15pm.

Present Councillors: Mr Ron Finlay (Chairman), Mr Kevin Gristock (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Vivian Achwal, Mr Mike Anthony, Mrs K Chapman, Mr I Croft, Mrs Brenda Hatch, Mr John Hall,

County Councillor Mrs Felicity Hindson, four members of the public,

Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllrs Backhouse, Watts and Wright.
- 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 A report was circulated at the meeting and is available on request from the Clerk.

Cllr Hatch asked why the rapid transport scheme could not be progressed as far as Gosport Harbour if the tunnel to Portsmouth was proving too expensive. Cllr Hindson said the HCC were still committed to the project.

3.2 Reports from District Councillors No reports this month.

3.3 Questions from members of the public

Resident Mr Vic Hatch asked whether the Parish Council was objecting to the Persimmon application for 250 houses on the Fareham side of Whiteley. It was agreed to object on the same grounds as made for all major developments in Whiteley. **Action Clerk.**

Mr Hatch, as Chair of the Whiteley Network Project invited those present to view the displayed furniture layout plan for the room.

Mr James Wade, Meadowside Manager, advised that the tennis courts would be opening on 8th September, there will be a free slot for the under 16's between 3 and 5pm. Professional coaches from Warsash Tennis Club are being arranged and it is hoped to start a tennis club.

Resident Lizzy Hopson raised concern that a fire had damaged the cricket wicket. There was some discussion on the benefits and disadvantages of fencing the wicket.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting, **none.**

4.3 Report from the Newsletter Working Party. **Cllr Achwal reported that the autumn edition of the newsletter had just been delivered. It appeared that some roads did not receive their copy.**

4.4 Report on the Parish Council website. **The Clerk reported no problems with website and is happy to receive any criticism or ideas for improvement.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee.

4.5.1 Proposal to adopt accounts for 2003-4 prior to submission to External Auditor. **Resolved.**

4.5.2 To receive income and expenditure report April - July 2004. **Information received.**

4.5.3 Proposal to increase Clerk's hourly rate as recommended by NJC from £8.50 to £8.81/hr backdated to 1st April 2004. **Resolved.**

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

4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting 14th July 2004. **Minutes received.**

4.6.2 To receive minutes of meeting 1st September 2004. **Minutes received.**

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting 14th July 2004. **Minutes received.**

A recent update from HCC states that the salt bins have been ordered and will be in place by 1 October 2004. A recent review has updated Leafy Lane to a priority two salt route. This means that in future it will be treated with salt when there is prolonged and persistent frost or ice, which is expected to continue, or following snow.

The request for dropped kerbs should be carried out between January and March 05 or early in the following financial year.

A request for a footway in Cobham Grove has been declined due to the planning policies at the time of construction aiming to provide more sustainable development that provides a balance between the needs of the travelling public and the use of precious materials.

Under this current policy and wherever possible paved areas are avoided and grasses or planted areas maintained. As this road receives a low level of traffic it is considered safe for pedestrians to use the road to gain access to their property. To change this would set an unwelcome precedent.

In response to a question it was agreed to check whether Whiteley Lane has also been upgraded for salting. **Action Clerk.**

In response to a question it was agreed to ask for a progress report for the yellow lines in Parkway. **Action Clerk.**

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

4.8.1 To receive minutes of meeting 28th July 2004. **Minutes received.**

4.8.2 To receive minutes of meeting 1st September 2004. **Minutes received.**

4.9 Report from Councillors on recent meetings attended

4.9.1 Chairman's report on recent meetings circulated and available from the Clerk on request.

5 Recent correspondence

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WCC inviting PC to take part in study for Whiteley Informal Scrutiny Panel (copy all councillors)

WCC Nigel Trowell - copy of quote for skatepark and plans. (copy plans to all councillors, quote available at meeting)

WCC Forward Plan of Key Decisions September 2004

WCC Planning application For 27 Thyme Ave going to Committee 9th Sept (JH advised)

HCC Local bus subsidy contracts for Fareham and Gosport are due for renewal, comments on services and changes proposed. (Copy VA and resident Sue Hall)

HAPTC 2004/5 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks and the 2005/6 Salary agreement (Copy PW,MA,RF)

NATS Invite to Cllr Achwal to attend official opening of its new Corporate and Technical Centre and afternoon tea (VA)

Community Action Hampshire - Introduction of new Village Hall advisor, (copy BH,MA,Vic Hatch (Whiteley Network Working Party)

Update on the South East Plan (copy all councillors)

Training/Seminars

HAPTC Training Seminar for New Councillors Tuesday 5th October 6.30pm-9pm Winchester

HCC Invite to Climate Change Seminar Thursday 4th November 9am -2pm
Please let me know if you are interested in the above.

6 Accounts for payment

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	127	HAPTC	£50.00	Councillor training
2	128	Solent Design	£325.00	Newsletter printing
3	129	R Finlay	£10.00	Exp enses
4	130	P Wright	£18.80	Expenses
5	131	The Informer	£45.12	Deliver newsletter
6	132	Winchester City Council	£74.25 £50.25	Room hire
7	133	Aqua Cleaning Services	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
8	134	Fair Account	£500.00	Internal Auditor
9	135	Zurich	£469.09	PC insurance
10	136	N Oliver 9 weeks@ 15hrs @ £8.81 Back dated payrise 9 weeks @ 15hrs @ £0.31 Tax 22% NI 11%	£1189.35 <u>£41.85</u> £1231.20 £270.86 <u>£135.43</u> £824.91	Clerk's salary
11	136	Clerk's home as office 9 weeks @ £4.80	*£43.20	Clerk's expenses
12	136	Internet 9 weeks @ £2.60	*£23.40	Clerk's expenses
13	136	Shedfield Post Office	*£25.00 *£ 6.60	
14	136	BT	*£52.00	Clerk's phone
15	137	Viking	£17.50	Stationary
16	138	Inland Revenue	£1089.00	Tax & NI
			£3741.62	

7 Questions and comments from Councillors

1. Weekend car sales in Gull Coppice car park needs to be addressed.
Action RF&JH
2. There is a large amount of dog mess on the recreation ground and the open space in Leafy Lane. **Action Clerk** - WCC Dog Warden to be asked for assistance.

3. The lamp posts around the recreation ground are in need of repair.
Action JH
4. It was requested that councillors send their apologies if they are unable to attend meetings. It is felt that a small number of people are doing all the work. **Action all councillors**
5. Bus shelter notice boards could be used for community notices, there is a problem with safety at the moment as the edges are very sharp.
Action BH
6. It was suggested that room hire costs for Working Parties should be allocated to the relevant Committee budget. **Action Clerk.**

Meeting closed 8.36pm

Signed

Date