

Whiteley Parish Council

The Minutes of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 7th June 2004 7.15pm.

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

County Councillor Mrs Felicity Hindson, one member of the public,
Parish Clerk Mrs Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence - Cllr Gristock (Vice-Chairman)**
- 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 Please see attached report from Cllr Hatch.

3.3 Questions from members of the public

Councillors asked Cllr Hindson why the plans for a new primary school now involve a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) bid when the Parish Council had been under the impression in January of this year that plans for the project were almost complete. There is concern that residents are leaving Whiteley due to the lack of both primary and secondary school places.

Cllr Hindson advised that HCC has insufficient funding without the PFI funding from the C of E Diocese.

Cllr Hindson advised that HCC has a duty to provide school places, which it is fulfilling.

Cllr Hindson registered her disappointment about the new school and advised the Parish Council to write to Don Allen, HCC Executive Member for Education expressing its concerns.

Resident, Lizzy Hopson wished to remind councillors that the figures showed a two form entry school would be needed.

Cllr Hindson reported that professional staff are continually monitoring projections for school places and felt that the figures used were correct.

The Parish Council has been advised by HCC Officers that The Diocese, nationally, is unable to agree with the Department of Education on the terms and conditions of PFI schemes. HCC hope that these problems will be overcome in the next few months. Until this happens HCC cannot make progress.

Cllr Achwal asked where the bus link onto Botley Road would be; Cllr Hindson advised that HCC Officers would have the details when they attend the July meeting.

Cllr Hatch was concerned that the proposal to use Witherbed Lane to manage traffic flow would greatly affect the residents of the four houses and two bungalows in the lane.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting. **None**

4.3 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office from the new chairman **Received.**

4.4 To approve the publication and distribution of the Parish Plan (Appraisal) **Approved.**

4.5 Proposal to reduce, with immediate effect, the number of committees from the current five. **It was agreed to amalgamate the GP and Recreation Committees; Planning, Transport and Highways and Finance to remain as previously agreed.**

4.6 Report from the Newsletter Working Party **Cllr Achwal reported that the third newsletter had been delivered. Cllr Hall raised concerns that residents could ask why the newsletter is delivered to the whole of Whiteley. It was agreed not to change the current distribution at present.**

4.7 Report on the Parish Council website **Cllr Backhouse reported that the website was working well, the forum presents a few problems which are dealt with as they arise.**

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

4.8.1 To receive minutes of meeting 12th May 2004. **Minutes approved.**

4.8.2 To receive report from Finance Committee previously circulated
To recommend to Full Council that:

4.8.3. A donation of £100 is made towards Whiteley Primary School funds towards garden tools, a plaque will acknowledge the contribution. This is in appreciation of their performance at the first Annual Parish Assembly, which was a great success. **Approved.**

4.8.4 A grant of £750 is made to Bishops Waltham and Meon Valley Citizens Advice Bureau. **Approved.**

It was agreed to accept the quote from Aqua Clean to clean the bus shelters every other month at a cost of £100 + VAT.

4.9 To receive a report and recommendations from the General Purposes Committee (Cllr Gristock)

4.9.1 To receive minutes of meeting 24th May 2004. **Minutes approved.**

Matters arising:

Item 5 Site for new notice board: Wimpey are checking with their legal dept that the land is still in their ownership, reply awaited.

Item 6.2 HCC Education Officer Bob Eardley will speak to the Council in November regarding the new primary school.

4.9.2 Whiteley Network - Working Party report, **a meeting with WCC is to be arranged to progress the project.**

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

4.10.1 To receive minutes of meeting 24th May 2004. **Minutes approved.**

Matters arising:

Item 4.3 An up to date plan of adopted roads is awaited from HCC.

Item 6.1 and 6.3 HCC Highways Officer Ruth Olczyk to be invited to speak to the committee regarding parking on pavements, pedestrian crossings and speed limits.

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

4.11.1 To receive minutes of meeting 12th May 2004. Minutes approved with the following alteration - Item 7.1.5 should read 113 Angelica Way.

Matters arising:

Item 10.1 The issue of encroachment on the recreation ground by the Area K developers has been researched and is not considered to be the developer but residents on the Fareham side of Whiteley, who have extended their gardens in places. The completion of paths, ditches and landscaping in the NEAP are being monitored by Winchester City Council.

Item 10.2 Satellite dishes, unless permitted development rights are removed for the class that includes them, do not need planning permission if there is not more than one dish on the house, it is less than 90cm in size, is not higher than the highest part of the roof and if it on a chimney stack it is not greater than 45cm in size.

Item 10.3 Further clarification on whether planning permission is needed to alter the soft landscaped frontages to be sought from WCC.

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4.12 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation Committee (Cllr Watts)

4.12.1 To receive minutes of meeting 24th May 2004. **Minutes approved with the following alteration:** Item 6.2 should read, defer for six months.

4.13 Report from Councillors on recent meetings attended - no reports this month.

4 Recent correspondence

Public Dinner in Honour of the Retiring Mayor Guildhall Friday 18th June £35 per ticket.

Mayor's Sunday Service in Winchester Cathedral Sunday 27th June 10am, reception in the Guildhall afterwards. Four representatives from Wickham PC are invited. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Notices for forthcoming Ward Councillor elections

Audit instructions for end of year 2004

Information

WCC Committee meetings May - July

WCC Council Minutes 14th April 2004

WCC Modernisation and Improvement Plan Report of the Chief Exec.

WCC Tourism Strategy consult. To all councillors

WCC Health Improvement consul. To all councillors

WCC Community Strategy consult. - to all councillors

Highways Agency Traffic information April-June 2004.

HAPTC

Employment Equality Regulations update

Car allowances revised (50.5p per mile for casual user)

Information on NALC toolkit for parish councils www.idea.gov.uk/knowledge

Section 137 LGA 1972, the amount a PC can raise for the benefit of residents without the need for legislative power, now increased each year (£5.14 this year)

Best Kept Village entry details

Requests for resolutions for the HAPTC AGM by 2nd July.

GOSE Consult on changes to the Ashford Growth Area

WCC Proposed changes to District Plan: 40% of new developments in Winchester and 35% outside to be affordable. West of Waterlooville - available at next Planning Committee

Home Office - Forthcoming changes to the law on preventing illegal working.

WCC Scrutiny Work Programme 2004/5

WACA Funding info.

Newsletters

Local Council Review May 2004

The Playing Field Spring 2004

Community Action Newsletter May 2004

5 Accounts for payment

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	050	KTEES	£96.94	Pencils for APA
2	051	The Country Stores	£180.00	Catering APA
3	052	WDAPC	£10.00	Membership levy
4	053	Solent Design	£235.00	Print newsletter No 2
5	054	Vista Signs	£609.97	Notice board (insurance claim)
6	055	Aqua Cleaning Services	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
7	056	WCC	£57.75	April Room hire
8	056	WCC	£189.85	May Room hire (includes APA)
9	057	P Wright	£6.00	Travelling expenses
10	058	J Hall	£33.60	Travelling expenses
11	059	Shedfield Post Office	*£47.88	Postage
12	059	Shedfield Post Office	*£6.94	Postage
13	059	BT	*£40.00	Clerk's phone
14	059	Viking	*£56.56	Stationery
15	059	Staples	*£6.60	Stationery for APA
16	059	Clerk's home as office 9 weeks @ £4.80	*£43.20	
17	059	Internet 9 weeks @ £2.60	*£23.40	
18	059	N Oliver 9 weeks @15 hrs @ £8.50	£1,147.50 tax 22% 252.45 NI 11% <u>126.23</u> £768.82	Clerk's salary
19	060	HCC (N Oliver)	£5,610 x 6%x215% = £723.69	Employer's pension contributions to March 04.
		Total	£3,220.10	

6 Questions and comments from Councillors

1. It was agreed write and thank Ian McHugh for his work as councillor and for his involvement in producing and launching the Whiteley Voice.
Action Clerk
2. Cllr Achwal was thanked for her work which resulted in a very successful Parish Assembly.
3. Cllr Hatch, Cllr Achwal and Clerk Nicki Oliver were thanked for the enormous amount of work which they have contributed to the Parish Appraisal project.
4. It was agreed to write to WCC asking that a dividing net be considered between the tennis courts. **Action** Clerk

5. It was agreed to distribute a letter to all Leafy Lane and Mollison Rise residents advising that they are responsible for using the new grit bins.
Action Clerk

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Signed

Date