

Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 7th November 2005 at 7.15pm.

Present: Mr P Wright (Chairman), Mrs V Achwal (Vice-Chairman), Mr M Anthony (District Councillor) Mr M Evans, Mrs B Hatch, Mr V Hatch, Mr D Jenkins, Mr G Swinburn.

Mr F Allgood (County Councillor), three members of the public, Mrs N Oliver Parish Clerk.

- 1 To receive apologies for absence** Mr D Bartram, Mary-Ann Toop, Senior Transport Planner, Hampshire County Council, WCC Councillor Brian Collin.
- 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.

3.3 Questions from members of the public:

In response to questions Cllr Allgood advised that a decision on the school has to be made in January to ensure it is ready for September 2007; a temporary site needed to accommodate children while the school is built has yet to be identified. Cllr Allgood advised that HCC has no control over statements made by a neighbouring councillor referring to a preferred site.

3.4 Chairman's announcements:

The Head Teacher of Henry Cort School has invited the Parish Council to hold a meeting at the school. **Action Chairman to pursue a visit/ meeting**

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting. **The litter pick was successful, over 20 bags collected.**

4.3 Proposal to co-opt councillors to fill vacancies: **An application has been received, as the applicant was unable to attend the meeting it was agreed to refer to the December meeting.**

4.4 Whiteley Parish Plan: to review progress the Parish Action Plan (Clerk/Cllr V Hatch) **Cllr V Hatch produced an updated progress report, copies available from the Clerk on request.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Evans)

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 19th October 2005. **Minutes received.**

4.5.2 To agree date for next meeting: 16th November agreed.

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Evans)

4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 12th October 2005. **Minutes received.**

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting held on 26th October 2005. **Minutes received.**

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

4.8.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 3rd October 2005 (Recommendations agreed at last Full Council meeting) **Minutes received.**

4.9 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal) **Delivery date will be 15th December.**

4.10 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **Ideas and suggestions welcomed.**

4.11 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended

4.11.1 WDAPC meeting 19th October (Cllr V Hatch) report circulated.

4.11.2 HAPTC AGM (Cllr B Hatch and Cllr V Achwal) report circulated

Copies of reports available from Clerk on request

5 Recent correspondence

Application from Riki Hooker to be co-opted as councillor

WCC Steve Tilbury acknowledging copy of our letter regarding objection to one of the site proposed for a new primary school.

Information

WCC Minutes of meetings

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement

Hampshire Rural Pathfinder introduction

Community Action Hampshire November news

Standards Board newsletter

Invitations

Invitation to WCC seminar on Statement of Community Involvement 2nd Dec

Invitation to Forest of Bere meeting 10th December

HAPTC events for Chairmen and aspiring Chairmen

21st Feb 2006 Module 1 Chairing a meeting

21st March 2006 Module 2 Professional Conduct

8th Feb 2006 Hampshire Quality Parish Roadshow

6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	275	Whiteley Football Club	£240.00	Grant
2	276	Meadowside L C	£132.00	Grant
3	277	R Backhouse	£106.00	Website server
4	278	Solent Design	£515.00	Newsletter 8
5	279	Aqua Cleaning	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
6	280	HAPTC	£50.00	Training
7	281	N Oliver Gross £590.20 NI £64.92 Tax <u>£129.84</u>	*£395.44	Clerk's salary August
8	281	Home as office	*£42.00	Office expenses
9	281	Telephone/internet	*£54.00	Office expenses
10	281	Employers Pension Contributions	£549.42	
11	281	Clerk's travelling	*£240.35	March – Oct 05
12	281	MSN	*£14.99	Email account
13	282	Winchester City Council	£72.80	Room hire
14	283	Viking Direct	£23.87	Stationery
15	284	Mr M Evans	£68.60	Travelling exp
16	285	Mr V Hatch	£22.50	Travelling
		Total	£2,644.47	

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Signed

Date

Reports

3.1 Report from County Councillor Mr F Allgood.

Whiteley Area Travel Plan

Hampshire County Council and the Highways Agency are working together to address the major problems affecting Whiteley – traffic congestion at Junction 9 of the M27 and parking problems in the industrial areas. It is hoped to produce a Travel Plan for Whiteley that will consist of a package of measures to encourage alternative modes of travel to single occupancy car use. There will be extensive consultation with business users and residents.

The first stage of this process involves carrying out a complete audit to establish transport conditions such as off street parking, parking in residential areas and current restrictions in parking. The audit will be carried out by consultants JMP.

Major Grant for New School

Hampshire County Council has received a grant of £4 million towards the construction of the new Whiteley primary school. This is a major boost for the village and will go a long way to meeting the cost of the project, estimated at about £5.5m.

Talks are still being conducted between the county and Winchester City Council to seek agreement on the preferred site near to Meadowside Centre.

Rookery Farm Success

A planning application for a large recycling plant at Rookery Farm was rejected by the county's Regulatory Committee last month. As a member of this committee I spoke against this development and seconded a motion to reject it.

My concerns were that the noise from the project and the dust likely to be caused would be injurious to the residents of Whiteley.

Big Day for Local Children

Children from Whiteley School took part yesterday in the final dress rehearsal for their performance on Wednesday at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The Whiteley singers will be among a massed choir from Hampshire schools singing in the schools prom concert.

I have written to the Head Teacher wishing the children every success in their big day.

County Council Meeting

The next meeting of the county council takes place on December 8 when a decision will be made on the Hampshire housing figures to be incorporated into the South East of England Regional Plan. The council's Cabinet meets on November 28 to decide on a recommendation for the full council to consider. I plan to address the cabinet and the Council on my concerns that proposals for a Strategic Development Area of 8,000 houses for the Eastleigh district is too

close to Botley and to Whiteley and needs to be moved further west. I support the concerns of Whiteley Parish Council that not one additional house should be constructed in Whiteley before the Whiteley Way is completed towards Botley.

School Results

Hampshire's results in the annual tests for 14-year-olds were consistently above the national average this year. In English 77 percent of Hampshire children reached the expected level of achievement. In maths this was 78 percent and in Science 76%

The GCSE results for Hampshire showed continued improvement and achievement well above the national average. In Hampshire 61 % of the pupils achieved five or more A* to C grades – an improvement of three percent over the previous year and four percent above the national average. The examination results do not paint a complete picture of a pupil's achievement at school. They do not take into account the progress each pupil makes nor achievement in other areas such as sport, art or personal development.

Police

The county's police force has been rated the third best of the 42 forces in England and Wales, according to figures published by the Home Office. Hampshire was excellent in providing assistance to the public and good in reducing crime, investigating crime, local policing and promoting safety.

Binge Drinking

An increasing number of shops in the county have been found to be selling alcohol to underage children. As a result the Trading Standards Department has asked retailers to tighten their controls and help protect young people from binge drinking.

The council's accredited community safety officers have the power to seize alcohol from anyone under the age of 18 and so far this year have made 300 confiscations. Most of those caught drinking are 15 or 16 but some are as young as 12.

3.2 Report from District Councillor Mr M Anthony

CCTV at the Skatepark site

During the Local Economy Scrutiny Panel, I asked Lorraine Mansfield why the Parish Council had been told that CCTV would be installed at the Skate park site and was then told, at a subsequent meeting, that there would not be CCTV installed. Both Lorraine Mansfield and Councillor Evans confirmed that CCTV would be installed at the site. I have asked for an email confirmation from Lorraine Mansfield that this will be the case. So far, I have not received this, despite an email chasing this up. I shall keep the Parish Council informed.

Whiteley Community Association

I attended the most recent meeting of the Whiteley Community Association as the Winchester City Council representative. The meeting consisted mainly of the development around the Community Centre itself. I look forward to attending further meetings and relaying information from the Parish Council to the Community Association and from the Community Association to ourselves. I thank the Chairman and her committee for the warm welcome I received.

Scrutiny Training Session

Kate and I attended this training session with fourteen other councillors. A surprisingly high number after the two previous members training sessions had been cancelled due to lack of interest. I, and the other new Councillor, am finding the lack of interest in training very frustrating, and in turn, this makes our progress slow. I shall continue to put myself forward for training, but unless my colleagues can make up the numbers, I fear that these sessions are likely to be cancelled on a regular basis.

Saffron Way/Gull Coppice pathway

I have contacted Sue Lord at WCC as this area has not been maintained for some time. The shrub beds are full of brambles and a tree, which was damaged some time ago, is yet to be replaced. WCC has now visited the site and SERCO have been told that the area is not being kept up to the standard required by the grounds maintenance contract. WCC will revisit the site within the next week to ensure that the work is carried out. The tree will be replaced on the 21st or 22nd of November.

Enforcement

I have started to chase the Planning Department on enforcement issues, and, I am told, one of the long standing items is being visited within the next week. I shall continue to chase the Enforcement officer on these items individually, as it appears to be easier to get a response from them.