

Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 2nd October 2006 at 7.15pm.

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

Mr F Allgood (County Councillor), Sgt C Stanton (Meon Valley Police Station), three members of the public, Parish Clerk Mrs N Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Mr M Evans (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.*

3.3 Questions from members of the public:

Sgt Chris Stanton outlined plans to introduce Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams in the new year, this will involve five police constables and five police constable support officers dedicated to the Wickham/Knowle, Whiteley and Denmead beat areas without having to worry about policing response elsewhere in the area.

Sgt Stanton needs to identify office space that the teams could use locally as a base and would welcome help with this.

Residents asked why the announcement that HCC has agreed to carry out a feasibility study to determine the suitability of the Bunney Land for a new primary school was not made by the HCC Leader or WCC Leader George Beckett.

Cllr Freddie Allgood confirmed that Mark Hoban MP and George Beckett persuaded HCC to carry out the feasibility study following local campaigns. The Leader of Fareham BC 'jumped the gun' with his personal press releases.

Cllr Allgood also confirmed that the study, which will also compare the Bunney Land suitability with that of Meadowside, would be considered by the Leader of HCC and the Director of Estates in early January 2007.

Members of the Parish Council pointed out that the PC has been requesting the feasibility study since March 2006, the delay in progress was considered regrettable.

3.4 Chairman's announcements: *none*

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting not included below: **none.**

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the School Working Party (Clerk)

HCC has agreed to carry out a feasibility study on the Bunney Land. The Leader of WCC has indicated to the Parish Council and local campaign groups that it is unlikely WCC will change its decision not to release land at Meadowside for a school.

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Wright).

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting 27th September 2006: **minutes received - recommendations: *That the PC should pursue taking over the recreation ground and green spaces with WCC.***

That the play area in Angelic Way should not be converted to a residents car park.

Resolved.

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee (Cllr Anthony)

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting 27th September 2006: **minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee. (Cllr Achwal) **List of current highways issues being pursued circulated.**

4.7 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Chairman)

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting 27th September 2006: **minutes received, grant recommendations referred to next meeting as not included on agenda.**

4.7.2 To receive internal auditor's annual audit risk assessment. **Refer to next meeting.**

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal). **Issue No 12 will be delivered shortly, preparing the newsletter takes about 20 hours, more volunteers needed.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk /Cllr Hooker): the website has been upgraded. It was suggested that a synopsis of the meetings should be included: **Action Clerk.**

4.10 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended. Cllr Achwal attended an HAPTC chairmanship training course which was considered helpful.

4.11 Proposal that Whiteley should support Fair Trade – update (Cllr Bartram). Awaiting next meeting of Whiteley Business Forum.

4.12 To discuss future strategies and promotion issues for the Council and Committees. (Chairman/Cllr Bartram/ Committee Chairmen) **Chairman to arrange separate meeting to discuss.**

5 Recent correspondence

WACA 12 seat minibus available for use by community groups – include details in next Whiteley Voice
 Planning Hampshire’s Future – South East Plan update
 HCC draft South East Plan update
 HCC Winchester District Passenger Transport Area Review meeting 13th October
 HAPTC The Employment Equality (AGE) Act; Use of redundant allotment land information.
 Hampshire Countryside Access Forum, there is a proposed project for circular path close to residential areas and school in Gull Coppice at a cost of £2500 for 2006/7.

6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Inv No	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *Reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	189	M Evans	£62.70	Travelling expenses
2	190	Aqua Cleaning	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
3	191	HAPTC	£25.00 £22.00	Chairmanship training QPS guides
4	192	WCC	£28.70	Room hire
5	193	Solent Design	£535.00	Newsletter no 12
	194	N Oliver gross £728.50		
		-Tax £160.27		
		-NI £28.24		
		-Pension <u>£43.71</u>	£496.28	Clerk’s salary October
6	195		*£21.00	Home as office
7	196		*£27.00	Telephone/internet
8	197	HCC	£163.91	Employer/Employee pension contributions
		Total	£1,499.09	

Meeting closed 10pm

Signed

Date