

Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 3rd April 2006 7.15pm.

Present: Mr P Wright (Chairman), Mrs V Achwal (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Bartram, Mr M Evans, Mrs B Hatch, Mr V Hatch, Mr R Hooker, Mr D Jenkins, Mr G Swinburn.

Mr F Allgood (County Councillor), Mrs N Oliver (Parish Clerk)

- 1 To receive apologies for absence:** Mr M Anthony (District Councillor)
- 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: report circulated at meeting.

Councillors raised a number of issues with Cllr Allgood regarding the proposal for a new primary school on the Meadowside recreation ground:

The Chairman expressed regret at the attitude of HCC in dealing with the school issue, placing blame on WCC for not agreeing to release the land. HCC has misguided the community by repeatedly stating that only 5% of the recreation space will be needed when this is the footprint of the buildings only. The school will require 30% of the existing amenity and pitch space to be fenced. Relocating the pitches will bring them within 10-15m of the new houses. HCC Cllr Kirk has stated it is a political issue with Conservatives against Lib Dems, other local councillors have suggested that a change in administration at WCC in May would result in the land being released. To make the situation a political issue is unacceptable.

There is concern that HCC has an inconsistent attitude to compulsory purchase, whilst the consultation document discounted a compulsory purchase option on the USS land due to the procedure being 'lengthy, with no guarantee of a successful outcome' which could delay the provision of a school, the Leader of HCC is now suggesting it will pursue compulsory purchase of the recreation ground.

The failure of HCC to adequately consult and inform the stakeholders is of continued concern.

Cllr Allgood advised that HCC has agreed to look at the North Whiteley option, the Chairman stated that obviously, Whiteley Parish Council will fully support this option.

3.2 Reports from District Councillors: no reports

3.3 Questions from members of the public: none.

3.4 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman noted with great regret that Cllr Vic Hatch intends to resign in May. Cllr Hatch has been instrumental in progressing the Whiteley Network project and has carried out his duties as Chairman of the Finance Committee in an exemplary manner.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting:

3.3 Questions from members of the public: it was noted that there are no ancient rights of way through the hedges to the flats in Marjoram Way. A copy of the public rights of way in the Parish is available to view on request from the Clerk.

It was also confirmed that WCC is responsible for the hedges in this area.

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

4.3.1 To receive minutes of meeting 22nd March 2006. **Minutes received.**

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

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting 22nd March 2006. **Minutes received.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee. (Cllr Achwal) No meeting this month.

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr V Hatch). Next meeting 26th April.

4.7 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal) **The sponsorship cheque for £400 has been received from Robinson Reade.**

4.8 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **It was agreed that some refurbishment of the site is required and the possibility of outsourcing the design and maintenance researched.**

4.9 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended including:

- 4.9.1 Changes to policing arrangements for Whiteley (Cllr Achwal)
- 4.9.2 Whiteley Business Forum: see attached report (Cllr Achwal)
- 4.9.3 Meeting with HCC/WCC regarding youth council proposal (Cllr Achwal)
- 4.9.4 Section 106 library space meeting with HCC and WCC officers (Cllr V Hatch):

See attached reports

4.10 Report from 2006 Annual Parish Assembly Working Party. (Cllr V Achwal) Plans are progressing, the Headteacher of Henry Cort has agreed to speak, Whiteley Primary School and Henry Cort will perform together with Le Club Francais and the line dancers.

4.11 Proposal that Whiteley should support Fair Trade (Cllr Bartram)
Refer to next meeting.

4.12 Proposal to review decision not to make posts on the Whiteley Community Forum (Cllr Hooker/Chairman) **It was agreed that those posting on the Forum are often misinformed, unprofessional and undignified in their comments , it was considered of little benefit for the Parish Council to respond, ideas to improve the Parish Councils' own website to make it more attractive to users should be pursued.**

5 Recent correspondence

JMP Consulting seeking funding assistance for a travel plan coordinator, (copied to Chair of Finance and Rec and GP and Council Chair and Vice Chair)

WCC Steve Tilbury acknowledgement of the PC's response to HCC's school consultation

WCC Forward Plan of Key Decisions April 2006

WCC Statement of Community Involvement – consultation draft emailed to all councillors

WCC offer of training in Planning issues 10th April **Brenda and Mike booked.**

WCC Copy of updated Whiteley Fund

HCC acknowledgement of PC's comments regarding the Marjoram link

HCC Education Dept – copy of HCC's report on Whiteley School proposal to Cabinet 20th March

HCC press release regarding above meeting

WCC press release ditto

WCC press release following their Cabinet meeting on 22nd March

HAPTC encourage PCs to pay for SLCC fees for their clerks

Environment Agency invitation to take part in Flood Management Plans

Tree Council News

WACA newsletter

Hampshire Village of the Year competition info

HAPTC March newsletter

Copies available from Clerk on request.

6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	316	Mr V Hatch	£22.00	Travelling
2	317	Aqua Cleaning	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
3	318	WCC	£69.05	Room hire
4	319	Solent Design	£515.00	Newsletter edition 10
5	320	N Oliver gross £728.50		
		Tax £160.27		
		NI £68.41		
		Pension <u>£43.71</u>	£456.11	Clerk's salary
6	320		*£21.00	Home as office
7	320		*£27.00	Telephone/internet
8	320		*£42.00	Home as office Jan/Feb 06
9	320		£54.00	Telephone/internet Jan/Feb 06
				Total £600.11
10	321	HCC	£163.91	Employer/Employee pension contributions
11	322	M Evans	£84.00	Travelling
			£1,571.57	Total for April
		Received		
1		Robinson Reade	£400.00	Whiteley Voice Sponsorship

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Signed

Date