

Whiteley Parish Council

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

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

Six members of the public, Parish Clerk Mrs N Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Mr R Hooker, Mr G Swinburn, Mr F Allgood (County Councillor)
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:**
Mr M Anthony declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4.3 as a nearby resident to the Meadowside Recreation Ground and left the meeting while the item was discussed
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

3.1 Report from County Councillor: please see attached report. The Chairman noted that above report states that residents have received a letter from the PC regarding the school consultation, it should be noted that the PC only sent letters to residents that had previously supported the PC's campaign.

The Vice-Chairman requested that she attend meetings arranged to look at the Whiteley Way crossing proposal and also the meeting with residents regarding possible improvements to Leafy Lane

3.2 Reports from District Councillors: please see attached report.

It was noted that as the skatepark is nearly completed the proposal to form a Youth Council and skatepark user group should be progressed. **Action: District Cllr Anthony and Recreation and GP Committee.**

3.3 Questions from members of the public

Members of the public raised concerns regarding the proposal for a school on the Meadowside Recreation Ground. Complaints were received regarding Hampshire County Council's letter to residents, which is considered to be misleading and factually inaccurate.

Members of the public stated that the letter had done nothing to raise their opinions of HCC.

A Leafy Lane resident raised concerns that HCC has suggested traffic levels could increase four fold in the next ten years. A meeting with residents and HCC to discuss some resident's proposals is to be arranged by Cllr Allgood.

3.4 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reported that it is with regret that he has received the resignation of Mrs Brenda Hatch.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

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

4.2 Matters arising from the last meeting. The final cost of the grant for the goal posts made to Whiteley Junior Football Club was noted to be £580.

4.3 To receive a report and recommendations from the School Working Party. Letters have been written to WCC, HCC and Portsmouth Diocese challenging the authorities to justify statements and decision making over the school proposal and to provide the Parish Council with written evidence in accordance with The Freedom of Information Act. Copies of the letters are available on the website or from the Clerk on request. It was also agreed that PC would make a further presentation to WCC Cabinet and also provide oral evidence to WCC Scrutiny Committee both on 10 July

4.4 To receive a report and recommendations from the Recreation and GP Committee. (Cllr Wright). No meeting this month. Work to complete the skatepark has begun and was due to be completed before the end of July. It was agreed that Chairman Rec & GP (Cllr Wright) would liaise with WCC, Cllr Anthony and Cllr Achwal about the official opening and the formation of the user committee involving local youth and residents.

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Planning Committee
4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting 21st June 2006. **Minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee. (Cllr Achwal)
4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting 21st June 2006. **Minutes received.**

4.7 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (no meeting this month)
Recent correspondence regarding grants made in the past was discussed. Requests were made at the Finance Committee for information on how the grants made in 2003 to Whiteley Youth Club and Whiteley Toddlers Group were spent.
Confirmation has been received from Whiteley Community Association and Revd Barry Dugmore that remaining youth club funds were transferred to the new youth group run by Whiteley Church on the closure of the original club. It was noted that the grant was made before the PC had an agreed grant policy.
A cheque for £228 from the now closed Whiteley Toddler Group for the balance of unspent grant has been received together with details of how the remaining grant was spent.

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal). Newsletter No 11 has been delivered. Payment for advertising awaited from some businesses.

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk). Clerk plans to refurbish the website over the summer holidays.

4.10 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended. Vice-Chairman Mrs Achwal met HCC representative to look at safety issues on Yew Tree Drive. Chairman Cllr Evans met with the National Play Fields Association to discuss the school proposal.

4.11 Proposal that Whiteley should support Fair Trade – update (Cllr Bartram). It was agreed to liaise with Whiteley Business Forum who also have this issue on their agenda.

4.12 To discuss future strategies and promotion issues for the Council. (Chairman/Cllr Bartram)

It was agreed that clear objectives and priorities need to be set by each committee to allow the Parish Council to move forward with a cohesive strategy. These to be forwarded to Parish Clerk for discussion at next full Council meeting in September.

5 Recent correspondence

Copy of letter from HCC to Mark Oaten regarding proposed primary school - North Whiteley site. Previously circulated.

Copy of proposal for Toucan crossing on Whiteley Way. Previously circulated Confirmation from Whiteley Community Association and Revd Barry Dugmore that remaining youth club funds were transferred to the new youth group run by Whiteley Church.

Cheque from the now closed Whiteley Toddler Group for the balance of unspent grant £228.

Thank you letter for grant from Whiteley Junior Football Club.

Thank you letter from Whiteley Primary School for cheque given at Annual Parish Assembly.

Invite to 'Effective Community Planning' conference to be lead by new leader of WCC. Invite emailed to all councillors.

6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	342	Whiteley Junior Football Club	£580.00	Agreed grant towards goal posts
2	343	Winchester City Council	£187.55	Room hire including APA
3	344	Portsmouth Publishing	£49.38	Distribute Newsletter
4	345	M Evans	£69.05	Expenses
5	346	Wickham Post Office	£43.50	Postage (£32 for School support letters)
6	346	N Oliver gross £728.50		
		-Tax £160.27		
		-NI £28.24		
		-Pension <u>£43.71</u>	£496.28	Clerk's salary
7	346		*£21.00	Home as office
8	346		*£27.00	Telephone/internet
9	347	HCC	£163.91	Employer/Employee pension contributions
		Total	£1637.64	

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Signed

Date