

Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 4th September 2006 7.15pm.

Present: Mr M Evans (Chairman), Mrs V Achwal (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Bartram, Mr R Hooker, Mr G Swinburn

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

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Mr M Anthony (District Councillor), Mr D Jenkins, Mr P Wright
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda item:** 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: no reports this month.

3.3 Questions from members of the public

3.4 Chairman's announcements: no announcements.

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An update on the library pod and WCC's outreach project was requested. The Clerk reported that HCC has advised the library pod is still being considered. Cllr Allgood reported that the WCC outreach project will be piloted at Alresford before other areas are considered.

A representative from Whiteley Weenies asked whether notices advertising the restarting of the group could be placed on the PC notice boards. **Action** Cllr Achwal to co-ordinate.

A request for allotments signed by a number of residents was made. **Action** Clerk to progress if possible.

A request for an adoption date for Thyme Avenue was received. **Action** Cllr Achwal is chasing regularly.

A request was received for the beds to be weeded on the recreation ground in front of Area K. **Action** Clerk will progress with WCC.

Concern raised that bent rails around the NEAP allowed dogs to enter the play area. **Action** Clerk will progress with WCC.

A councillor raised concerns that the 24 hour licence at the Parsons Collar was resulting in noise and rubbish nuisance. **Action** Clerk to check licence details with WCC.

Cllr Achwal asked that the proposed plans for a crossing and footpath in Whiteley Way to the village include an extension to the footpath to the village on the left hand side of the road rather than a zebra crossing.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the July 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 (Cllr Evans)

Including:

4.3.1 Notes from meeting held 26th July 2006. **Received.**

4.3.2 Notes from meeting with WCC Director of Planning and representatives from Portsmouth Diocese and North Whiteley Consortium 9th August, to discuss the potential of the Bunney Land for a new school. **Received.**

WCC agreed not to release land at Meadowside for a new school at its meeting on 19th July.

HCC has stated it believes a school on the Bunney Land will cost £7-8 million, the North Whiteley Consortium do not agree believing the cost will be a maximum of £4.8 million.

Whiteley PC continues to request that an independent feasibility study is carried out on the Bunney Land and that Meadowside is taken off the agenda.

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

4.4.1 To receive update regarding map board project (Cllr Achwal / Clerk)

Project is progressing, further meeting held with HCC in July and grant application to be made.

4.4.2 To receive minutes of the first Skatepark User Forum meeting 9th August. **Minutes received.**

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

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting 26th July 2006. **Minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee. (Cllr Achwal) No meeting this month but repairs and maintenance list regularly updated and progressed.

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting 26th July 2006. **Minutes received.**

4.7.2 Following internal audit to approve Annual Return to external auditor comprising:

Statement of accounts

Statement of assurance

Annual internal audit report

Annual Return approved.

4.7.3 To agree date for next meeting (following receipt of two grant applications) Next meeting 28th September, time to be notified.

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal). Autumn newsletter is progressing and is due for delivery in early October.

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk /Cllr Hooker). Plans to upgrade are ongoing.

4.10 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended. No reports this month.

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

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

5 Recent correspondence

School issues

- 1 Copy letter to Mark Oaten from Department of Communities and Local Government – the Dept will ‘not interfere with the jurisdiction of local planning authorities unless it is clearly necessary to do so’. Advises that if Sport England objects to a planning application it is referred to the Secretary of State, suggests the PC continues to discuss proposed location of new school with WCC and Sport England.
- 2 Copy letter to Mark Oaten from Jim Knight Minister for State for School and 14-19 learners, states decisions on schools are local issues
- 3 ACE campaign - copy of leaflet being circulated with the aim of pressurising WCC to reconsider allowing a school on Meadowside Recreation Ground.
- 4 Terence O’Rourke (Planning consultant for North Whiteley Consortium) Copy of letter to HCC advising that savings in infrastructure resulting from a new school would mean no loss of funding to the future community if NW proceeds. Letter includes proposed layout of school on Bunney site.
- 5 Copy letter from resident to WCC Leader regarding ACE campaign and his response
- 6 Several letters from residents supporting / thanking PC for its campaign for a new school but not on the Meadowside Recreation Ground

Planning issues

- 1 WCC Development Directorate notice of appeal against refusal of perimeter fence and shed at 3 Lavender Court. **Note: PC needs to comment to Planning Inspectorate before 27th Sept.**
- 2 Letter from resident ref night time lighting in Whiteley – included as agenda item July Planning meeting
- 3 WCC copy of planning training power point presentations
- 4 HCC Environment Dept. Winchester Minerals and Waste Development Framework – potential sites local meeting 4th September 6pm Four Marks

Finance issues (agenda items for next committee meeting)

- 1 Grant application from Meon Valley Home Start
- 2 Whiteley Primary School grant application
- 3 Society of Local Council Clerks – asking PC's to consider paying membership fees for Clerks
- 4 Whiteley Juniors Football Club request for support in indorsing grant application to the Football Foundation for a Barclays Coaching Pack.

Highways issues

HCC Environment Dept. Whiteley Way Toucan Crossing update, proposal to start work Feb 2007

General

Request for allotments in Whiteley

Response from HCC Head of Libraries requesting update on Whiteley proposal: No certain news yet - but still under consideration.

Email from resident regarding anti social behaviour on recreation ground

Update on skatepark issues from WCC Lorraine Mansfield, circulated to all councillors

Minutes of Six Council Forum 23rd Feb 2006

WCC Forward Plan of Key Decisions August and September

WCC Performance Plan for 2006

ENCAMS booklet Litter and the Law

WCC Consultation on Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles which sets out WCC's approach to applications under the new system. Document available to view online: www.winchester.gov.uk/licencing Responses required by 29th Sept.

HCC invite to apply for Community Safety Strategy funding for additional street lights (up to 50% grant available)

Thornfield Properties invite to view models of Silver Hill Renaissance proposals runs until 31st August

HCC Changes to bus services

HAPTC information

Freedom of Information Act National Seminar 19th June 2006 copy of presentation

Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 – apply to councils owning premises

The Commons Act 2006 update

Good practice – Communicating with the public

September Bulletin

59th HAPTC AGM 10.15am Saturday 7th October Intech Winchester agenda, last minutes and annual report

Speed limits guidance - the government has directed local Traffic Authorities to review the speed limits on all A and B roads and implement any changes by 2011

Parish Liaison and HAPTC enquiry service – available to Clerk and Chair only
Banking advice update ref standing orders and direct debits – WPC does not use these at present.

Future audit fee scales

Regional Assemblies NALC policy strategy

Climate change and sustainable energy Act 2006 info

5 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Inv no	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
		August		
1	348	Viking	£163.23	Stationery
2	357	Royal mail	*£101.00	Postage
3	349	Mrs S McHugh	£15.00	Deliver Whiteley Voice
4	350	Aqua Cleaning Services	£117.50	Clean bus shelters
5	357	Staples	*£23.20 *£20.98	Acetate and copying for school campaign
6	351	Solent Design Studio	£640.00	Print newsletter No 11
7	352	Winchester City Council	£68.60	£68.60 Room hire June
8	353	M Evans	£129.55	Expenses
9	354	V Achwal	£83.80	Expenses
10	357	N Oliver gross £728.50		
		-Tax £160.27		
		-NI £28.24		
		-Pension £43.71	£496.28	Clerk's salary
			£305.60	Travelling expenses
11	357		*£21.00	Home as office
12	357		*£27.00	Telephone/internet
13	358	HCC	£163.91	Employer/Employee pension contributions
14	359	Inland Revenue	£1079.90	April – August tax and NI
		Total	£3,456,55	
		September		
1	360	National Playing Fields Asc	£352.50	Feasibility study for Meadowside (grant to reimburse costs)
2	181	Winchester City Council	£50.95	Room hire
3	182	P Reynolds	£530.00	Internal audit costs
4	183	SERCO	£675.63	Bench maintenance
5	184	Mrs V Achwal	£12.50	Printing and parking expenses
6	185	Zurich Municipal	£824.88	PC insurance
7	186	R Backhouse	£60.16	Website server upgrade
8	187	Novatech	*£420.65	Computer tower
9	187	Norton Antivirus	*£45.98	Software
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		-NI £28.24		
		-Pension £43.71	£496.28	Clerk's salary
11	187		*£21.00	Home as office
12			*£27.00	Telephone/internet
13			£163.91	Employer/Employee pension contributions
		Total	£3681.44	

Meeting closed 8.50pm

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