

# Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.15pm.

**Present:** Mike Evans (Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Chris Cousin, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Vic Hatch, David Jenkins, Brian Hughes, Ian McHugh.

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, five members of the public,  
Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Mike 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:** a report was circulated prior to the meeting. Additional items: Yew Tree bus link is due to open at the beginning of December; WCC is supporting the opening of the road to all traffic. Cllr Allgood holds a £10K grant budget for community support projects. Cllr Allgood noted the request for a speed reduction in Parkway and advised that evidence of community support would be needed to justify the request.

**3.2 Reports from District Councillors:** report from Cllr Mike Anthony circulated prior to the meeting.

**3.3 Questions from members of the public**

Concerns raised regarding the parking of staff coaches around Whiteley, particularly on the R2 roundabout. The PC has raised this with Lucketts and Zurich.

It was noted that replacement bollards had been damaged again.

A complaint was made that vehicles are jumping the lights on the Junction 9 roundabout which is causing unnecessary hold-ups, it was noted that this was a Highways Agency issue.

Sergeant Chris Stanton reported on work carried out to reduce antisocial behaviour and underage drinking in Whiteley.

Targeting the problem has seen a marked reduction in calls, letters have been sent to parents in some cases and alcohol removed from young people. Of a total 23 seizures 10 were from local youngsters and 13 from outside of Whiteley. The Fareham team have carried out similar work on their patch and Whiteley is benefiting from having two Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Fareham's alcohol exclusion zone has not affected the Winchester side of Whiteley and there is no evidence that there is a particular problem with alcohol abuse in Whiteley.

**3.4 Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman noted the resignation of David Bartram with regret; his enthusiasm and input will be missed.

#### **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 To elect Vice-Chairman following recent resignation: **David Jenkins elected.**

4.3 Review of Parish Council procedures, policies and strategies:

4.3.1 Finance Regulations: proposal that no amendments be made to current regulations (circulated to all members prior to Finance Committee meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October): **agreed to make no amendments.**

4.3.2 Publications scheme (proposed updates and amendments circulated to all members prior to meeting): **proposed updates and amendments agreed.**

4.3.3 Complaints procedure (circulated to all members prior to meeting, no amendments proposed): **agreed to make no amendments.**

4.3.4 Clerk's contract, terms of employment and salary review: **refer to next meeting.**

4.4 To receive report on key objectives for 2007/8 projects reporting directly to Full Council:

4.4.1 North Whiteley Forward Planning (Chairman) This is ongoing; British Land has agreed to provide a pre-paid envelope for the return of the parish plan questionnaire.

4.4.2 Review of Parish Plan (Chairman) included above.

4.4.3 Devolution issues – report from recent meeting with WCC (Chairman): a report was circulated prior to the meeting, some issues discussed were confidential. More details regarding the devolution of green spaces and play parks are needed and will be progressed by the Recreation and GP Committee in due course.

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

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007: **minutes received.**

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

4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007: **minutes received.**

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

4.7.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007: **minutes received.**

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

4.8.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007: **minutes received.**

4.8.2 Proposal to increase budget for The Whiteley Voice from £2000 - £3000 to allow for increased content and circulation funded through Grants/Future Community Projects budget: **agreed.**

4.8.3 Proposal to place order with Simoney Badges Ltd for badges for councillors in the sum of £113.00 + VAT funded through Committee budgets: **agreed.**

4.8.4 Proposal to refuse grant application from Whiteley Primary School for contribution towards professional cycle training as this application falls outside the grant conditions and that applicant to be advised of known alternative funding opportunities.. (Promoting cycling and road safety is fully supported by the council but the application is for revenue cost that will not benefit the wider community.): **agreed.**

4.9 Whiteley Village redevelopment proposals update (Chairman): **the developers will make a presentation to the Parish Council prior to a public exhibition.**

4.10 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Achwal): **the newsletter is still being delivered, preparations for the December edition are being made.**

4.11 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk): **nothing to report this month.**

4.12 Report from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended:  
Cllr Vivian Achwal attended a WCC School Council event, 80 children from 5 schools took part.  
Chairman and Clerk were invited to a HALC quality parish seminar to raise awareness of the benefits of seeking quality status with other Hampshire parish councils.

**5 Recent correspondence:** list circulated prior to meeting.

## 6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Inv No	Chq No	Recipient	Amount *Reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	407	Winchester City Council	£73.00	Room hire
2	408	Simoney Badges	£132.78	Name badges
3	409	Mike Evans	£144.94	Chairman's expenses and travelling
4	410	Viking	£45.45	Stationery
5	411	Vic Hatch	£20.00	Travelling expenses
6	412	SERCO	£161.58	Install new notice board
7	413	Easily	*£46.94	Website Virtual server renewal
8	413	N Oliver gross £728.50 -Tax £138.88 -NI £32.28 -Pension <u>£43.71</u>	£513.63	Clerk's salary November
9	413		*£21.00	Home as office
10	413		*£27.00	Telephone/internet
11	414	HCC	£172.65	Employer/Employee pension contributions
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1358.97</b>	

Meeting closed 9pm

Signed .....

Date .....