



Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice-Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Chris Cousin, Lesley Dennis, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Victor Hatch, Brian Hughes, Ian McHugh, Pat Thew

Freddie Allgood (County Councillor), PC Anna Weald, PCSO Owen Reeves, four members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To receive apologies for absence:** none.
- 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: Cllr Allgood advised that the meeting to pursue bus improvements has still not taken place. Cllr Allgood believes that opening Yew Tree Drive to all traffic could make Leafy Lane more attractive as a through route. The Chairman noted the Parish Council's disagreement with his opinion.

3.2 Reports from District Councillors: Cllr Achwal circulated a report prior to the meeting.

3.3 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team: The Chairman welcomed new Team member PC Anna Weald to the meeting. PCSO Reeves gave a report on recent incidents which remain low in Whiteley; there have been minor problems with rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour around Meadowside late on Friday evenings. Graffiti on the Mollison subway is being monitored.

3.4 Questions from members of the public

Resident Pat Wright congratulated the Parish Council on its high response rate to the residents' questionnaire. In response to a query the Chairman confirmed that the questions asked were developed in partnership with other agencies: the highways questions were constructed following consultation with HCC Transport Planners and the County Councillors.

Mr Wright hoped there would be no changes to access in Leafy Lane.

Resident Geoff Rogers raised concerns that horse riders were using pavements in Leafy Lane and dogs off leads on footpaths and pavements were a hazard to other users. These issues will be considered at the next Recreation and GP meeting.

It was confirmed in response to a question from Mr Rogers that Whiteley Lane is not a public right of way through to Botley Road.

3.5 Chairman's announcements: none.

4 Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September. Cllr Vic Hatch questioned whether item 4.8, providing copies of The Whiteley Voice to WCC Cabinet members, could be construed as a political move. The majority of Cllrs agreed that the intention is to provide information. **Minutes approved and signed.**

4.2 Proposal to constitute a Strategic Development and Policy Committee to consider major development and strategy issues affecting Whiteley and make recommendations to Full Council. Responsibilities to include North Whiteley urban extension, Whiteley Village redevelopment and proposal for Parish Hub, responses to Local Development Framework consultations, developing and pursuing a Parish Plan action plan, devolution and the review of Council policy and strategies. These responsibilities will be reviewed and revised from time to time. Draft terms of reference circulated prior to meeting. **Resolved. Cllrs V Hatch, B Hatch and V Achwal voted against the proposal.**

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

4.3.1 North Whiteley Forward Planning (Chairman) **No further news.**

4.3.2 Whiteley Village redevelopment proposals update (Chairman) **A presentation of the latest plans was made to councillors prior to the meeting.**

4.3.3 Review of Parish Plan (Chairman/Clerk)

A summary of the results of the residents' survey has been placed on the notice boards and website and will be included in the October edition of The Whiteley Voice. A full copy of the results is available at Meadowside Leisure Centre for residents to view.

To receive report from WCC LDF Stakeholder meeting 22nd September. **The Parish Council was represented by Cllr Cousin, Cllr Goves and Clerk at this invitation only meeting to discuss possible aspirations for Whiteley should further development take place. A presentation, which was circulated to Parish Councillors prior to this meeting, was made on the Parish Plan evidence base and results of the residents' survey. Full minutes of the meeting will be circulated upon receipt from the City Council.**

4.3.4 Devolution issues (Chairman)

To receive report from meeting with WCC 15th September: **Clerk's notes from meeting circulated. A letter from WCC Director of Operations, Steve Tilbury outlining the current situation awaited.**

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

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting 17th September: **minutes received. The map boards have been reinstalled and look much better. WCC has carried out a safety inspection of the skatepark and consider it safe. However, the users of the skatepark remain concerned that the surface requires repainting. Cllr Cousin is investigating further. Work planned for the wetland area is still being delayed by unsuitable ground conditions. The Fireworks event being planned by Whiteley Village on 31st October is welcomed.**

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

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting 17th September: **minutes received.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee. (Cllr Goves) **Next meeting 15th October.**

4.7 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Chairman) **Next meeting 15th October.**

4.8 Report from the Newsletter Working Party (Cllr Goves) **The next edition will be delivered shortly.**

4.9 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **282 visits in the last month. A redesign of the website using cascading style sheets is being researched.**

4.10 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended:

Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting minutes 24th September circulated prior to meeting.

HALC AGM 27th September report circulated prior to meeting.

5 Recent correspondence: list circulated prior to meeting.

6 Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount *reimburse Clerk	Notes
1	73	Aqua Cleaning	£123.37	Cleaning bus shelters
2	74	WCC	£564.00	Installation of dog bins
3	75	HALC	£40.00	Councillor training sessions
4	76	Simoney Badges	£16.46	Councillor badges
5	77	Hampshire County Council	£15.00	Maps of parish
6	78	Hampshire County Council	£1,510.00	Map boards final payment
7	79	ACE Catering	£127.50	Whiteley Village presentation
8	80	Wickham Post Office	*£36.00	Postage
9	80	Nicki Oliver £926.64 -£185.40 -£52.10 -£60.23	£628.91	Clerk's salary October Tax NI Pension contributions Total
10	80	Home as office	*£21.00	Clerk's expenses October
11	80	Telephone and internet	*£27.00	Clerk's expenses October
12	81	HCC	£227.95	Employee /employers pension conts
		Total	£2,565.82	

Meeting closed 9.15pm

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