



Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 4th October 2010 at 7.15pm.

Councillors present: Mike Evans (Chairman), David Jenkins (Vice Chairman), Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Kairen Goves, Brenda Hatch, Brian Hughes, Al Menzies, Pat Thew.

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, PCSO Owen Reeves, Deanery Families Worker Libby Norris, five members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Roland Diffey, Lydia Newman.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

Resident Colin Putman asked for an update on the Whiteley Village redevelopment proposals. **The Chairman advised that a revised planning application will be made shortly, the developer is keen to start work on site. No details of phasing proposals are available.**

Mr Putman also asked for an update on the opening of Yew Tree Drive and proposals to develop North Whiteley. **The Chairman advised that both were ongoing.**

Resident Geoff Rogers questioned Cllr Achwal on whether the trader in Parkway could be removed. **Cllr Achwal reported that WCC officers had not found a solution to the problem.**

Resident Vic Hatch objected to the proposal for an article in the Whiteley Voice about the mobile library with a 'use it or loose it' by-line. **Members advised Mr Hatch the mobile service was under threat due to budget cuts. An HCC consultation is due shortly.**

Libby Norris was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman, Ms Norris advised she is employed by the Church and would be working with young families in Whiteley and surrounding areas.

3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents PCSO Owen Reeves provided an update on recent incidents which remain low.

3.2 Report from County Councillor

Items from last meeting: proposed meeting with HCC regarding Yew Tree Drive and North Whiteley Consortium's views on trial opening; request for cost and justification for the Whiteley to Swanwick cycle route, feedback regarding residents' complaints about First Bus.

Cllr Allgood reported that he had been advised by Hampshire Highways that there are no differences between the County Council and the North Whiteley Consortium's transport consultants views in respect of Yew Tree Drive, therefore a meeting on the subject is not required.

Cllr Allgood advised that the cost of the cycle route is estimated to be £240,000. HCC's justification for the scheme is that it will encourage those working in Whiteley to use public transport and enjoy the benefits of cycling which are two aspects of the draft Local Transport Plan for the County. It is hoped this will help reduce congestion at Junction 9.

Cllr Allgood advised that a revised bus timetable has been drawn up with effect from 24th October. First Bus is concerned about the complaints about litter on the buses and the attitude of some drivers, these have been addressed.

The library budget is due to be cut by 8% and a consultation on the mobile library service is due to begin shortly. Use of the mobile library service has reduced significantly in recent years.

HCC is preparing a planning application for housing on 7.24 acres (2.93ha) adjoining Leafy Lane.

Cllr Jenkins asked what measures would be taken to deal with the impact of additional houses in East Whiteley on schools and roads. Cllr Allgood advised that the Parish Council would be offered a pre-application briefing.

Cllr Goves and Cllr Menzies both queried aspects of the cycle route proposal, the route is too indirect to be attractive to users who already use an alternative route, and questioned what consultation had been carried out to see if it is needed.

Resident Pat Wright advised that he believed the North Whiteley Consortium does not wish to keep Yew Tree Drive closed. The Chairman noted that the Consortium has confirmed this to be the case. Cllr Allgood refused a request for copies of minutes of meetings between HCC and the Consortium as they are not public documents.

3.3 Reports from District Councillors Cllr Achwal circulated a report at the meeting. Cllr Hatch requested repairs to the Saffron Way greenway drainage and gateway decking to the play area on Meadowside Recreation Ground.

3.4 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman thanked Cllr Menzies and the Whiteley Action Group for organising the very successful Energy Weekend.

The Chairman in his role as board member of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils has been appointed as a training and development representative and will work with the National Association to deliver improved services.

4 Meeting resumed considering the following agenda items:

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council meeting 6th September 2010
Minutes approved and signed.

4.2 To receive a report and recommendations from the Strategic Development and Policy Committee (Chairman)

4.2.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 22nd September 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.2.2 Proposal that the Parish Council does not pursue a library facility in the Meadowside extension/ 'hub' as there is no funding available from HCC to fund the building fit out or library running costs. **This was agreed with extreme disappointment and deep regret. Cllr Hatch abstained from voting.**

4.2.3 To receive paper outlining progress to date on devolution of Meadowside Recreation Ground and play areas **It was agreed a flyer would be included in the next edition of the Whiteley Voice inviting residents to the Council meeting on 6th December to discuss the proposal. A representative from WCC to be invited to attend.**

4.2.4 Proposal to adopt revised Standing Orders **Resolved.**

4.2.5 Proposal, following a review, to make no changes to the Council Operational Structure **Resolved.**

4.2.6 Proposal to adopt a Community Engagement Strategy **Resolved.**

4.2.7 Proposal to adopt a Training Strategy **Resolved.**

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

4.3.1 To receive feedback on Whiteley Energy Weekend 10-12th September (Cllr Menzies) **The weekend was a great success and a full report with pictures will be included in the next Whiteley Voice. The accounts for the event resulted in a £53.14 credit. Thanks to all the members of the Whiteley Action Group (WAG) are due.**

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

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 22nd September 2010 **Minutes received.**

4.5 To receive a report and recommendations from the Transport and Highways Committee (Cllr Goves) **Next meeting 20th October.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Bielckus) **Next meeting 20th October.**

4.7 Report from the Whiteley Voice Working Party (Cllr Goves/Cllr Menzies)
The next edition is due for delivery in early November.

4.8 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **There have been 235 visits and 295 page views during the last month.**

4.9 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended
 16th September 2010 WCC Localism and 'blueprint' proposal (Chairman/Clerk) **report circulated prior to meeting. Members have some concerns about the nature of the consultation and the cost, in view of numerous consultations that have already taken place. It was agreed to base the Parish Council's response on the Parish Plan consultation.**

27th September 2010 meeting with Youth Leaders CllrThew/Cllr Menzies/
 Cllr Newman/Clerk **report circulated prior to meeting.**

5. Recent correspondence

Invitation to HALC AGM 23rd October 2010 **Chairman and Cllr Bielckus to attend, Cllr Bielckus to be the voting member.**

6. **Accounts for payment** It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	633	Mike Evans	£68.00	Travelling / Chair's expenses
2	634	Brian Hughes	£18.40	Travelling expenses
3	635	Al Menzies	£230.22	Energy weekend expenses
4	636	Lydia Newman	£8.00	Energy weekend expenses
5	637	Think Signs Ltd	£376.00	Banner for Energy Weekend
6	638	Electric Pedals	£390.00	Pedal powered smoothie maker for Energy Weekend
7	639	Promark	£164.50	Promotion bugs for Energy Weekend
8	640	Whiteley Village	£46.40	Electricity for Energy Weekend unit
9	641	Brenda Hatch	£19.00	Travelling expenses
10	642	Easily	£105.88	*Website domain and server
11	642	Nicki Oliver	£631.64	*Clerk's salary October
12	642	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses October
13	642	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses October
14	643	Revenue and Customs	£1,169.80	Employee and employer's tax and NI
15	644	HCC	£237.22	Employee and employer's pension contributions
		Total	£3,516.98	

Meeting closed 9.43pm

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