



# Whiteley Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above Council held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.15pm.

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

County Councillor Freddie Allgood, PCSO Owen Reeves, five members of the public

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** Roland Diffey.
- 2. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** Clerk Nicki Oliver declared an interest in agenda item 6 Accounts for payment, as her daughter received payment for delivering leaflets for the Council. (Cheque No 630)
- 3. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public.**

**3.1 Report from Meon Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team and to receive any concerns from residents** PCSO Owen Reeves reported that incidents of antisocial behaviour have been very low during the summer holidays. Events for young people run by the SNT have been very successful. The main issue has been traveller encampments which have been dealt with swiftly.

**3.2 Report from County Councillor** Report circulated prior to meeting. Cllr Allgood advised in the report that signing work will be taking place on Segensworth roundabout and added that work on the Whiteley to Swanwick cycle route will be being shortly.

The Chairman questioned Cllr Allgood's report where it states: *The Consortium is very keen to maintain Yew Tree Drive as a bus-only link for the time-being and this is one of the reasons why the county council's Executive Member for the Environment has delayed making any decision on whether to open up Yew Tree Drive to all traffic.* The Parish Council has correspondence from the Consortium stating this is not the case, no consultation has taken place and a trial opening would be supported. The majority of those responding to the consultation wish to see the link opened to all traffic. **Cllr Allgood agreed to**

**arrange a meeting with all parties to resolve the conflicting messages.**

Cllr Goves questioned the practicality of the Whiteley to Swanwick Station cycle route which takes users via an indirect route around Gull Coppice when a shorter route along Rookery Avenue is already well used by pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Goves advised Cllr Allgood that only two bikes are allowed on the trains reducing the likelihood of commuting cyclists using the route. **The cost and justification of the scheme was requested from Cllr Allgood.**

A resident complained about the poor bus service provided by First Bus citing the services available on the Isle of Wight which are excellent. **Cllr Allgood to take up with First Bus.**

Resident Geoff Hodges reported unacceptable behaviour by a member of the football team and litter left on Meadowside after matches. **Clerk to liaise with Meadowside Manager James Wade to prevent further incidents.**

**3.3 Reports from District Councillors** None.

**3.4 Chairman's announcements** The Chairman noted the death of Cllr David Kirk with regret. The Chairman met Cllr Kirk the day before he died to look at the way HCC works with parish councils and the outcome was positive.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Al Menzies for arranging the Whiteley Energy Weekend with her WAG team. The event has taken a great deal of time and dedication to organise.

#### **4 Meeting resumed considering the following agenda items:**

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of Full Council meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 **Minutes received.**

**A meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September prior to Full Council to brief members on proposed changes to the redevelopment of Whiteley Village. A revised planning application will be submitted in the near future.**

**The Chairman, Cllr Thew and Clerk met on 2<sup>nd</sup> September with WCC, Hampshire Libraries and DC Leisure to discuss options for the hub extension to Meadowside. Full details will be presented at the next SD&P meeting to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**Cllr Thew and Clerk are meeting WCC on 13<sup>th</sup> September to clarify the final details of the devolution proposal. Full details and an option paper will be presented at the next SD&P meeting.**

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

4.3.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 **Minutes received.**

**Cllr Thew has passed a list to WCC of remedial work required to the refurbished play areas. WCC has advised the work is in hand.**

4.3.2 Proposal to adopt revised Committee Terms of Reference **Resolved.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Whiteley Energy Weekend 10-12<sup>th</sup> September (Cllr Menzies) **The event has a number of sponsors including Southern Electric with a competition prize of £1,000 off a future fuel bill; Cllr Allgood is sponsoring a pedal powered smoothie maker with Tesco providing fruit and Halfords the bike. A pedal powered hovercraft will be in action sponsored by Robinson Reade. Recycling agencies, alternative energy providers and suppliers of energy saving products will be exhibiting. The event will include a colouring competition sponsored by Banana Books and Whiteley Primary School will be creating a sculpture from recycled products.**

**Cllr Menzies was congratulated by members on the event arrangements.**

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

4.4.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 **Minutes received.**

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

4.5.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 **Minutes received.**

**Cllr Goves reported that HCC has agreed a £5,000 grant from Environmental Services towards upgrading the Gull Coppice footpath. The £2,000 budget in the precept will also be required to fund the work.**

**Cllr Goves was congratulated for securing the grant.**

4.6 To receive a report and recommendations from the Finance Committee (Cllr Bielckus)

4.6.1 To receive minutes of meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 **Minutes received.**

**Prior to the meeting two quotes for insurance were discussed. It was agreed to proceed with the lowest, Aviva.**

4.6.2 Proposal that Fidelity Guarantee cover for 2010/11 remains at £44,000 **Proposal no longer required as the quote from Aviva includes £100,000 cover as standard cover.**

4.6.3 Proposal to adopt revised Committee Terms of Reference **Resolved.**

4.7 Report from the Whiteley Voice Working Party (Cllr Goves/Cllr Menzies) **The editors were congratulated on the latest edition which the Clerk has submitted to HALC for the best newsletter competition. The deadline for the next edition is 1<sup>st</sup> October for delivery in November. It was agreed to negotiate with Dominoes Pizza to become an additional sponsor of the magazine.**

4.8 Report on the Parish Council website (Clerk) **There were 212 visits and 298 page visits during August.**

4.9 Reports from Councillors/Clerk on recent meetings attended

Cllr Newman attended some of the events organised for young people during the summer holiday. The leaders are keen to continue and it was agreed to set up a meeting with all interested parties to progress.

Cllr Newman and Cllr Hughes attended a Police Parish Partnership meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September, Cllrs asked how the budget cuts will affect policing and how the Parish Council can become more involved in crime prevention. The funding for PSCOs is available in the short to medium term. There is an employer supported voluntary scheme similar to the special police officer.

Cllr Jenkins met with the new Diocesan Family Liaison Officer, Libby Norris. It was agreed to invite her to the next meeting to explain her remit.

Cllr Hatch attended an Over 55s meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Reports are made to the meeting from organisations that exclude Whiteley which is frustrating.

Chairman and Clerk are attending a WCC briefing on 16<sup>th</sup> September on changes to the LDF following the Government's launch of 'localism' in decision making about how communities develop over time.

## **5. Recent correspondence**

Government consultation on proposed Council Tax referendums and NALC response.

WCC – to consider whether current members' expense allowances should be reviewed and if a request should be made for a members' allowances scheme which would be met by through the Parish Council precept. **It was agreed a members' allowance was not required.**

## 6. Accounts for payment

It was resolved to pay accounts below.

Meeting closed 9.12pm

Signed .....

Date.....

No	Chq no	Recipient	Amount	Notes *reimburse Clerk
1	617	Footprint	£1,350.00	Print Whiteley Voice
2	618	Leisure and Community Partnership Ltd	£42.20	Room hire July
3	619	Aqua Cleaning	£123.37	Clean bus shelters
4	620	Russell Jakubowski	£300.00	Completion of sculpture bench
5	621	Brenda Hatch	£37.70	Travelling expenses
6	622	Studio 6	£116.00	*Yew Tree Drive update leaflet
7	622	Nicki Oliver	£631.64	*Clerk's salary August
8	622	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses August
9	622	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses August
10	623	HCC	£237.22	Employee and employer's pension contributions
11	624	Mike Evans	£57.17	Chairman's expenses
12	625	WCC	£280.00	Empty dog bins
13	626	Audit Commission	£334.88	External audit
14	627	Footprint	£299.00	Printing for Energy Weekend
15	628	Came & Company	£842.94	Insurance (Aviva)
16	629	Viking	£25.83	Postage £16 Stationery £9.83
17	630	A McKie/S Oliver	£140.00	*Deliver Yew Tree Drive leaflets
18	630	Nicki Oliver	£631.64	*Clerk's salary September
19	630	Home as office	£21.92	*Clerk's expenses September
20	630	Telephone and internet	£30.00	*Clerk's expenses September
21	631	HCC	£237.22	Employee and employer's pension contributions
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,790.65</b>	