

## **WHITMORE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2011.**

### **A Regular meeting of Whitmore Parish Council was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 7.15 pm in the Whitmore and District Village Hall.**

#### **Present.**

**Councillors A. Wilkinson (Chairman), Mrs. A. Booth, Mrs. A. Pedley, W. Murray, G. Corbett, plus Borough Councillor Ashley Howells.**

#### **112:6/11. To receive and approve Apologies for Absence.**

**Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from County Cllr F. Chapman, Cllr N. Hopper and Cllr I. Webb, plus Mrs. D. Burns, Village Agent.**

**Concern was expressed that no apologies had been received from Cllr Evans . The Clerk had sent all paperwork and the Chairman had tried to contact him, but nothing had been heard from him.**

#### **113:6/11. To receive Declarations of Interest in the items on the Agenda.**

**None were declared.**

#### **114:6/11. To hold the informal Open Forum.**

**No parishioners were present and the Chairman moved on to the next item of business.**

#### **115:6/11. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2011.**

**Cllr Murray proposed, Cllr Wilkinson seconded, and it was resolved that the Minutes of the Regular meeting held in May be approved and signed as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.**

#### **116:6/11. To consider Matters Arising not included on the Agenda.**

**The Action Sheet from the previous month was considered. The date for the 2012 Horticultural Show would be September 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. The Clerk was requested to write another letter about the railway bridge to Newtwork Rail.**

**The Clerk had spoken to Mrs. Kennedy about the second pedestrian crossing in Baldwins Gate and Mrs. Kennedy was going to speak to the Residents' Group on Lakeside.**

**It was agreed that a strong letter of protest should be written to Community Highways Liaison about the Access Protection Marking in the lay-by outside Station Stores.**

**The Clerk would write to MC Landscaping to thank the company for the excellent job they had made of tidying the Playing Field.**

#### **117:6/11. To consider Highway Matters.**

**Cllrs Murray and Wilkinson would arrange to meet with Highways on site to clarify work that needed doing.**

**The Clerk would contact Streetscene to arrange for the litter bins in the bus shelters to be emptied and cleaned.**

**118:6/11. To consider anti-social behaviour and Community Policing .**

**Cllr Wilkinson reported that the Councillors who had attended the Mayor's Reception had met the new Police Inspector, Mr. Owen, who had expressed a wish to come and address Whitmore Parish Council. He also hoped to arrange a Public Meeting in the Parish. The Clerk would contact him and invite him to a Council Meeting.**

**Cllr Wilkinson also reported a potential anti-social problem on land belonging to the Cavenagh-Mainwarings on Whitmore Heath. Cllr Booth would inform Mrs. Cavenagh-Mainwaring and Cllr Murray would speak to those concerned.**

**119:6/11. To receive Reports from County and Borough Councillors and Officers.**

**Borough Cllr Howells reported that he had been involved in 2 major Planning Applications affecting Whitmore Parish – application for a wind turbine at Hungersheath Farm and an application concerning the Riding Stables at Whitmore – and both of these Planning Application had been refused. He also reported that training about Planning was to be offered especially for the needs of Parish Councils; if this training was not offered, the Parish Council was to inform him.**

**Following the May Elections, Cllr Dave Loades of Loggerheads was now a Borough Councillor; it was understood that Cllr Loades would have a standing invitation to attend Whitmore Parish Council.**

**Borough Cllr Howells was thanked for his attendance, and following this item, he left the meeting.**

**120:6/11. To review the Parish Plan Action Plan.**

**The planned Information Morning would bring into play several elements of the Parish Plan, as would the build up to the 2012 Whitmore Festival.**

**There was a query about advertising in the Parish Newsletter; the Clerk would check about this.**

**121:6/11. To receive the Village Agent's Report.**

**Mrs. Burns had sent a Report, which was distributed. Councillors confirmed that they would like the Scouts to be invited to the Information Morning, and that they were happy with the new suggested dates (1 – 9 September 2012) for next year's Festival.**

**Mrs. Burns had asked about the budget for the Festival; the Clerk would check this with Cllr Webb and inform Mrs. Burns.**

**122:6/11. To consider Village Hall, Recreation Field and Play Area Matters.**

**There was nothing much to report. News about the funding application for the Trim Trail would be received shortly, and Cllr Corbett felt it was important that the Trail should be well-publicised before it was opened.**

**123:6/11. To receive a Report about the Best Kept Village Competition.**

**Cllr Booth reported that she was not likely to be told when judging was taking place for the Competition. The extra 3 tubs of flowers that the Council had ordered from MC Landscaping had not yet appeared and the Clerk was asked to chase this up. The posters drawn by the children of Baldwins Gate School were admired and Cllr Wilkinson wondered if it would be possible to copy some into the next Newsletter. Cllr Murray suggested displaying them at the Information Morning. Cllr Booth was thanked for all her hard work in connection with the Best kept Village Competition.**

**124:6/11. To consider Local Action Partnership matters.**

**As LAP had not met since the last Council meeting, there was little to report. The Clerk had included details of a review of LAPs in the Clerk's Report.**

**125:6/11. To receive a Report on the Information Centre.**

**Cllr Booth reported that the Information Centre, despite her efforts, was still not able to issue Bus passes. The situation at the Information Centre was unchanged; it was still used very little. The possibility of developing a Luncheon Club on a Thursday lunchtime was mentioned.**

**126:6/11. To receive Reports from Councillors on any responsibilities not on the Agenda.**

**Cllr Booth reported that she hoped for a decision towards the end of June regarding the Footpaths Initiative Grant.**

**Cllr Murray was still concerned about the possibility of wholesale revision of the bus timetables, especially as only 1 reply had been received from the 4 letters that the Clerk had written on this subject. The Clerk would contact County Cllr Chapman about this.**

**127:6/11. Town and Countryside Planning.**

**The Clerk reported that 7 Planning Applications were in progress.  
PA11/00111/FUL – 8 Appleton Drive – permitted by NULBC, 3.5.11.  
PA11/00142/FUL – 6 Snape Hall – permitted by NULBC, 11.5.11.  
PA11/00183/FUL – Kimberley, Butterton – WPC supported Application.**

PA11/00242/FUL – Meadowcroft, Sandyfields – comment by 6.6.11.  
 PA11/00107/FUL – Wildacre – permitted by NULBC, 19.5.11.  
 PA11/00182/FUL – Swallow Hill – comment by 6.6.11.  
 PA11/00052/FUL – WhitmoreRiding Stables – refused by NULBC,  
 23.5.11.

**Newcastle Borough Council Planning Committee Calling Notices.**  
**Newcastle Borough Council Conservation Working Party Calling**  
**Notice.**

The Clerk tabled the latest Calling Notices.

**128:6/11. Financial Matters.**

There had been no requests for donations or purchases.

A Bank Reconciliation as of 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 was circulated, along with a Bank Statement of that date (showing a Balance of £21,215.23).

Cllr Murray asked if the particulars of any large cheques (for example, this Statement showed the cheque for Annual Insurance) could be indicated on the Statement.

**Payment of Accounts.**

		£	VAT	total
885	MC Landscaping (April payment)	322	64.40	386.40
886	Mrs. W. Kinson	250		250
	DD Plus Net	12.99		12.99
	DD BT	53.18	10.63	63.81.
888	MC Landscaping	322	64.40	386.40.
subscriptions.				
887	LCR (magazine of NALC)	15.50		15.50.

**Other financial business.**

The Clerk asked if she could attend a Parish Clerks' Day at Stafford on 15<sup>th</sup> June. The cost would be £40. This was agreed.

**Community Chest**

An Application had been received from Madeley and District Community Association for funds from Whitmore's allocation of Community Chest 2011/12. It was agreed that all applications received would be considered at the November Meeting of Whitmore Parish Council.

**Whitmore Festival 2010.**

Cllr Murray was concerned that the Financial Report to the Parish meeting, held on 18.5.11, covering the year 2010 -11 showed that the Festival exceeded its Budget by £298. He felt that these figures did show a true picture and requested that an addendum to the figure was added. This was agreed.

**129:6/11. To receive the Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported on a number of topics already mentioned in the circulated Clerk's Report. She hoped to attend the Open Evening at the Guides' Cottage on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

It was suggested that the Walking for Health Co-ordinator could be invited to the Information Morning.

**130:6/11. To receive Reports from Representatives to Partnerships and For a.**

There was nothing to report.

**131:6/11. To note Councillors', the Clerk's and the Village Agent's Planned Absences.**

Councillors advised the Meeting of their planned absences. The actual dates were advised to the Clerk.

**132:6/11. To confirm the date of the next Meeting.**

The date of the next Regular Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, at 7.15 pm in the Whitmore and District Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, and as there was no further business, he closed the Meeting at 10.00 pm.