

## **WHITMORE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

The Annual General Meeting of Whitmore Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in the Methodist Chapel, Baldwins Gate, at 7 pm.

#### **Present.**

**Councillors A. Wilkinson, I. Webb, G. Corbett, A. Booth, N. Hopper, B. Murray.**

**Mr. P. Ford was also present.**

#### **Apologies.**

**Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr. A. Pedley, Borough Cllr. Ashley Howells, County Cllr. Frank Chapman and Mrs. D. Burns (Village Agent)**

#### **To elect a Chairman.**

**Cllr Murray proposed, Cllr Booth seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Wilkinson be re-appointed as Chairman. Cllr Wilkinson thanked the Meeting, accepted the Office and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.**

#### **To elect a Vice-Chairman.**

**Cllr Wilkinson proposed, Cllr Murray seconded and it was agreed that Cllr Webb be re-appointed as Chairman. Cllr Webb thanked the Meeting and accepted the office. Cllr Murray proposed that it be Minuted that thanks were due to the excellent service of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman over the past year. This was agreed.**

#### **To fix the amount of the Chairman's allowance in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act.**

**The Chairman declined the Allowance, as had previous Chairman. This was much appreciated by the Meeting.**

#### **To receive and approve the Asset Register of Council Property.**

**The Clerk tabled the current Asset Register, which she confirmed was in line with the Insurance Policy values. Cllr Booth proposed, Cllr Webb seconded and it was agreed by the Meeting to receive and**

**approve the Asset Register. The comment was made by Cllr Murray that in fact the Playing Field itself has no value.**

**To appoint Members to Committees.**

**Planning – Cllrs Wilkinson, Webb and Hopper (plus others as necessary)**

**Parish Plan/Festival – Cllr Corbett (with Village Agent, Mrs Burns)**

**Information Centre – Cllrs Booth and Murray.**

**Highways - Cllrs Wilkinson, Webb, Hopper and Pedley.**

**Footpaths – Cllr Booth.**

**Newsletter and Website – Cllr Hopper.**

**Village Appearance – Cllrs Hopper and Corbett.**

**Playing Field (including the Charity which administers this) – Cllr Hopper. The Clerk would also be part of this Committee and Mr P.**

**Ford also offered his services, which were accepted with thanks.**

**To appoint Representatives to External Bodies.**

**Rural Runabout – Cllr Wilkinson.**

**Conservation Advisory – Cllr Webb.**

**Village Hall Committee – Cllrs Pedley and Corbett.**

**Baldwins Gate School Governors – Cllr Hopper.**

**LAP – Cllr Webb.**

**Standards Committee (re-organisation likely, but for the present) – Cllr Murray.**

**To fix the dates and times of Regular Meetings.**

**Cllr Wilkinson proposed that Meetings continue to be held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7.15 pm in the Whitmore Village Hall. Cllr Webb seconded, and this was agreed, with the proviso that this could be changed should it be necessary.**

**To consider any other pertinent business.**

**The Clerk asked the Chairman's permission to distribute forms, for return to Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, following the recent elections. It was agreed, following a suggestion by the Chairman, that a letter of thanks be written to Mr. P. Maskery, who had not sought re-election to the Parish Council.**

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and, there being no further business, closed the Meeting at 7.25 pm.**