

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

19th September 2013

Present: Mr. A.Greenwood – Chairman
Mr. M.R.Bounds
Mr. L.M.Phillimore
Mr. D.Smith
Ms. S.Tomlinson
LCC/BDC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles
Mrs. S.Coe – Deputy Clerk

Mrs. A.M.Tyler
Mr. M.E.Jackson
Mr. J.Riley
Mrs. P.Kenney
Mr. P.Cox
Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

One Parishioner.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from:– Mr. S.Webb – other engagement, Mr. R.Simmons - holiday, Mr. A.Tanner – other meeting, Mr. M.C.Burley – Illness, Mr. B. Drury – Business commitment.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

82. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND REMARKS

The Chairman updated members on the BDC LPA status as reported in the local media. This was regarding the non determination on major planning applications within a specified time scale.

The planning application for Station Street had been called in for BDC DCC determination. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the open letter sent to the Planning Inspector and said it was succinct and had the right level of content.

The Chairman was chairing the first Lubbethorpe Consultative Board meeting. It was key that the right people were involved from the outset.

He was asked if any progress had been made regarding the information available on the planning website regarding decisions made. This had been raised and he would get an answer back as soon as received.

83. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Mr. A.Greenwood declared a prejudicial interest as a Board member of the Blaby and Whetstone Boys Club.

84. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 15th AUGUST 2013

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings dated 15th August 2013 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

85. TO RECEIVE MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15th August 2013 be received. That the verbal report be received.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community, Premises & Public Open Spaces Working Party meeting held on the 22nd August 2013 be received.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations below were approved.

a) Warwick Road Sports Ground Usage and Pitch Hire Fees – To return to annual fees and that the increase be implemented as per information given.

b) Roundabout Replacement – To purchase of the roundabout replacement and the repainting of the play ground equipment as per information given.

86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public Speaking Protocol - No Requests had been received by the protocol deadline.

b) The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about any item not on the agenda (old parishioners time).

i) An update was given on the Co-op building on the High Street.

ii) The Baptist Church had shared their plans for the new Church on land off Dog and Gun Lane.

iii) Social media was discussed. It was suggested news could be passed to the village using social media. The Clerk had been through a similar process at Glenfield Parish Council and would get the presentations made to show members.

iv) The parking on the High Street / War Memorial was discussed. PC Rob Weston had visited the owner and asked for co-operation. Concerns were raised regarding the parking on Remembrance Sunday. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles and make him aware of the concerns and ongoing issues. An application for cast iron bollards to prevent parking at all was discussed. It was acknowledged that the users of the Nursery at the Parish Centre also caused parking nuisance.

v) The Wheatsheaf was becoming an eyesore. The Clerk would contact BDC Planning re the site and ask for enforcement through the owner.

vi) The BDC land ownership was raised regarding Ragwort field. The BDC letter had implied permanent transfer. The Clerk understood this to be by way of multiyear lease. He would clarify with BDC.

87. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

LCC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles reported he had been dealing with ASB on Grove Road. He had been involved with the residents and the Police were now involved as an incident had been logged. The Kaffir seemed to be having late night events. Were these licensed?

He reported that another motor bike had crashed on one of the bypass islands. He was concerned of the lack of action after positive meetings had been held and actions planned.

The Lights out initiative had seen a small number of specific requests to reconsider. These were dealt with on a one on one basis. The Clerk reminded members how the consultation was handled.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report given be received.

88. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mrs. A.M.Tyler reported that she had attended an informative meeting at County Hall with particular interest on housing design. RESOLVED: That the verbal report given be received.

89. FINANCE – TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of August 2013 are confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement dated 31st August 2013 is signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

90. CLERKS REPORT

General report and Ground Staff Work Schedule

The ground staff work schedule has been distributed.

The Clerk reported the following: The Dicken Car park opening and closing arrangements had been previously discussed. The Clerk had two people interested. This was discussed. The Clerk would progress this.

The Vicarage Lane POS STWA work had moved back by two months with a completion date expected of May 2014.

The Insurance claim on the roof repairs were ongoing. The top yard shed roof needed repairing before winter set in. The repairs were £780 / £720 or a complete replacement roof was £2,500 / £4,500. This would be an item proposed for the 2014 precept process, although the roof issues may need resolving ahead of this process. The Clerk would ask the Ground staff to put in place a temporary mastic repair.

The Clerk was to look to order the furniture for Back lane Meadows which was from the Grant monies received.

The Speed camera results on Enderby Road were copied to Members by the Clerk. The POS working party were looking at this and this would include how to take the data forward, in what format and who to present the data too?

The Tree works in the Church yard scheduled would require the hire of a cherry picker and training for Roger and Graham for Health and Safety requirements. The trees on Brook Street as well as the Cemetery trees were also part of this work. Garry Chapman was scheduled to work in October.

The Clerk had received an information request for information regarding the High Street scene. The Smack Alley tin fencing had been replaced with black paling fencing which was a marked improvement. The Ground staff were carrying out a bin audit on Trinity Road Park and the High Street Car Park. This had now passed from BDC to WPC control. There were open top bins that BDC used but we do not as they allow litter and waste to blow out and across the park and car park. It was acknowledged that the key was that the bins were emptied on a regular basis.

At the Clerks meeting at District level, the BB19 location was discussed regarding its autumn timetable and how the locations had been chosen. This was done based on problems raised and discussed at the Vulnerable People and Places forums. The Clerk has suggested the Boys club would be a better venue as the issues that had been raised in Whetstone related to the GEC site and unlawful access. BDC had contacted the Boys club and they had declined the offer / suggestion so the bus would remain on Trinity Road Park.

The Clerk was meeting with Bloor Homes next week regarding the Shellduck bund fencing. The LCC Highway Planning event scheduled for 26th September had been cancelled.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his report.

91. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To receive correspondence report: RESOLVED: The list be received and noted.

a) BDC – Local Council Voice newsletter – noted.

b) Whetstone Cricket Club – Notice of joint management agreement for Pavilion – noted.

c) LRALC – August Newsletter – noted.

d) LCC –Details of Dog and Gun Lane planning response – noted.

e) Liz Oakes re funding for Blaby Underpass - £250. This was discussed. RESOLVED:

That £250 be awarded to the underpass project towards the initial clean up operation.

RESOLVED: The letters be received and actions noted.

92. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER MEETINGS

a) LRALC – Important letter re future funding and events dates – noted.

b) BDC – Chairman’s Fashion Show – noted.

c) LRALC – Annual Local Council Seminar – 29TH October 2013 5.30 pm – BDC Council offices - RESOLVED: Mr. M.E.Jackson to attend.

d) CPRE – AGM – 16th October 2013 6.30 pm – noted.

e) Bus issues meetings – various dates – noted.

f) Awareness of Homelessness – 10th October 2013 – 11.00am – 1.00pm – noted.

With there being no further business, the chair closed the meeting at 9.45 p.m.