

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public present: Mr Pounder, Mr Shepherd, Ward Councillor Mike Baynham and Cllr Gina Lewis.

Members of the Council present Cllr Rayner (Chair), Cllr Baldini, Cllr Leech, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Pickering.

Mr Pounder was invited to provide an update. He asked those present, who uses Whitegate Lane to go North? A raise of hands indicated many use Whitegate Lane not just residents. It was noted a recent incident where a vehicle hit bank and rolled. Mr Pounder has undertaken an FOI request with CWAC which confirms the latest speed survey was undertaken in 2014 and in his opinion was carried out at the wrong bit of the lane. He further explained there is a fundamental issue with method calculated due to the single point of measurement, in the wrong location and handed out a record of the survey location.

Cllr Baynham confirmed he has requested an updated speed survey on both Whitegate Lane and Chester Lane Brook (A54), and noted the point about location of the survey, which he will investigate further.

Cllr Rayner reemphasised the Parish Council has an agreed objective of 40 mph and we have prioritised all our areas.

The costs involved were questioned for a few signs, are aware of the priorities recognising the 6 priorities, noted it was subjective how it was scored. Want Whitegate Lane sorting at some point.

The Parish Council confirmed we are accountable for what we spend. The quote from Highways is a standard fee for speed limit change, legal costs, ongoing maintenance and cleaning road closures etc... we have no control over these costs. If the speed limit is agreed Highways will fund 50%; if not agreed a speed reduction is at our expense.

Cllr Rayner reminded local residents to make their concerns known to CWAC directly, every concern and complaint counts.

Cllr Baynham confirmed nothing will be done until speed survey is completed, he will not spend his budget without the agreement of the Parish Council to the scheme.

Agreed actions:

- 1) Cllr Baynham – confirm survey request and query single/multiple point / average speed
- 2) encourage residents to write concerns to Highways Department

Mr Pounder and Mr Shepherd left meeting 8.05pm

1. Apologise for absence.

Declarations of interest.

Cllr Cotterill / Cllr Roston– Covid 19

None

Noted resignation of Pauline Yould and replacement process to commence. Discussed possible residents who might be interested. Clerk to process notice with CWAC and advertise vacancy.

2. Minutes

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021. 1335/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021.

2.2 To approve the minute of the Annual Assembly of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th April. 1336/21 resolved to approve the minutes of the annual assembly held on Tuesday 27th April 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 12th April 2021.

3.1 No matters arising

3.2 Note updates from 'Action log, outstanding actions will remain on the log until complete.

A brief update as follows:

- WIG wag – on hold
- Defibrillator at café – it is being installed soon
- A54 speed limit reduction – 24th May a survey is being carried out, that will determine if there is support for a 40 mph.
- Cinder Hill 30 mph – repeater sign missing, if the space is more than 180m have repeater if less don't have a repeater.
- Manure – Private land. Cllr Lewis wrote to Environmental Health who inspected but confirmed no further action. Remove from our list.
- Land adjacent to Clay Lane farm. Understood is expecting to apply for planning permission to build a house. Highways are involved in the road repairs which it was noted have been filled in patches from leftover tarmac. Where the grid is filled higher and now the water goes onto other side of road.
- Website noted not all councillors are on, reminded to send clerk pictures.
- Scoring matrix for road safety risk areas, an initial draft was circulated. Noted Mill Lane not on there despite having accidents. Add to agenda for next month.
- Fly tipping verse use of skips – charging commercial people charging to go to tip income verse costs of collecting fly tipping.
- Insurance renewal received.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence – all noted.

Noted Cllr Rayner and Cllr Pickering are attending the planning session on 20th April. Cllr Rayner circulated a note of what was learnt. Cllr Pickering thought there would be more information on future plans. The Whitepaper is going to change the whole process substantially, there will be one chance in local plan to set standards. We will not have individual review of planning application with an aim to move planning process more quickly. Neighbourhood Plans are encouraged to detail design and place architecture and green spaces. Planning have received 20% more applications than last year, it was noted there have been some unexplained outages on planning portal. Contact Rob Chandley (planning manager) if have any concerns about planning applications and is happy to discuss examples, we will take up this offer as there are several applications we have been Concern about. Noted Darnhall NP was agreed on Thursday.

Ward Councillor Gina Lewis confirmed there is no planning committee scheduled for June due to the change in legislation for face-to-face meeting resuming as they need to set up the technology to allow members of the public to view safely.

4.2 Clerk has received a letter from a resident regarding public footpath through Bark House Farm, the footpath is in the process of being diverted away from his yard but email notes the footpath is blocked off and replacement not operational. Agreed cannot close until alternative in place. Clerk to enquire with CWAC to make sure new footpath is in place before closing old one, parish council has no objection to a diversion and to respond back to resident.

Action: Clerk

5. Planning

5.1 1337/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/01391/ful	Badger Wood, Dalefords Lane	Single storey Extension	No objection
21/01440/LBC	Whitegate House	Driveway including off road parking area and removal of conifers	No objection

Application for sheds on Clay Lane has not yet been validated so cannot comment until the application is available.

Granted: 20/04697/FUL Copsley and 20/04146/FUL The Rookery
Appeal - no update on that

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change, a Councillor has taken a photograph of the site for future reference should an application be forthcoming.

Wooden shelters, Dalefords lane, land opposite Fourwinds, do the wooden structure need planning permission? Clerk to make enquiries

Action: Clerk

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications: none

5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites DPD – no update. – keep on agenda as a watching brief.

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – no further info see above

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £55,289.16 there are 4 cheques to be cleared through the bank. The current account balance remaining will be £53,762.68 (£80,572.31 including savings accounts). **1338/21 agreed:**

6.2 Pay Zurich £293.90 for renewal

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – no updates

7.2 Road Safety updates – already had this discussion above. Action: Cllr Matthews will look at the six areas.

Action: RM

7.3 Wig Wag signs – on hold

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – support footpath association, we usually pay an affiliation fee. Noted good work of the Winsford litter project which has 400 members. People thanked for helping with the annual litter pick, discussed May too late due to growth of grass, may be do earlier in April and possibly an autumn litter pick. Cllr Baldini had thanked two residents one for litter picking and another for painting the Cheshire railings on Sandy Lane.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update – Cllr Matthews provided an update. Start off with 18 points and have negotiated down to remaining 2. Notice period currently 7 days (old agreement 2 months). Guarantor for football club under primary lease we guarantee. Had to demonstrate that we do not have changing rooms on field, confirmed none. Agreed Cllr Rayner will sign the lease as chairman and it will require a witness. We will then need to amend the football club sub lease and register with land registry. **Action: RM / Clerk**

8.2 General Parish issues – noted chickens stolen at the stables on Common lane and also had their sheds broken in to.

8.3 Covid 19 matters – no matters identified

9. Items for information and discussion only.

No items for discussion.

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 9.05 pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
7.3	Nov 19	Order wig wag signs - 3.3 10/2 noted VC to meet with expert at supplier company – on hold	VC / Clerk
Various	Feb 20 ongoing	Finalise lease	Clerk / RM
3.2	Jan 21 ongoing	Public Access Defib install at the cafe	RM
3.2	Oct 20 ongoing	A54 speed limit reduction / Cinder Hill 30 mph repeater sign	MB
8.4	Nov 20 – ongoing	Pictures of councillors for Website	All
7.2	Mar 21 – ongoing	Scoring matrix for road safety RA – review and refine	RM
AGM	May 21	Statutory notices; accounts etc. website / notice board	Clerk
AGM	May 21	Update new policies on website	Clerk
AGM	May 21	Certificate of exemption	Clerk
AGM	May 21	Notice of vacancy	Clerk
4.2	May 21	PROW Bark House Farm	Clerk
5.4	May 21	Wooden sheds Dalefords Lane	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave
	Jan 2021	Football field / Tesco agreement
	April 2021	Case Farm

Notes: