

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public present: Mr Followell

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Roston– isolation

Cllr Rayner - holiday

Cllr Leech - isolating

Declarations of interest.

Cllr Matthews – 21/02191/LDC
Cassia Grange

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th June 2021. 1343/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 14th June 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 10th May 2021.

3.1 No matters arising

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

3.3 Parish Council co-option – Mr Followell attended to observe the meeting, he is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor after Cllr Roston mentioned the vacancy to him. No other parties have expressed an interest so far. Cllr Cotterill gave a brief outline about what the PC does and everyone introduced themselves. Mr Followell has lived in the parish many years, and has been keen to do this for a while, he is also interested in broadband connectivity.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence: actions complete or for further discussion on agenda.

Wild flowers – within the correspondence are details about applying for wild flower roadside verges, if interested to send photo's. All agreed would be nice, Cllr Pickering and Cllr Matthews to forward possible locations with photos to the Clerk by 20th July for submission.

Queens Jubilee beacon – leave for now

Dog Control review – Cllr Cotterill did her own response as an individual, the Parish Council has not responded.

Local Plan – not a lot we can do at present

CWAC response to covid – put link on our website.

Action: Clerk

5. Planning

5.1 1344/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/02332 /FUL	Bawsgate Cottage	Erection of proposed garage	No objection
21/02329 /FUL	Bawsgate Cottage	Internal alterations, new patio doors small infill extension	No objection

21/02324 /FUL	Land At Tarporley Road Oak mere Northwich	Erection of 2 dwellings and 4 log cabins, new access road to Forest Scout Camp, and associated infrastructure	The Parish Council objects to this development as it breaches several key policies of our established Neighbourhood Plan. Firstly, under Policy 1, the Parish only permits local development that falls under the scope of Strat 9 and/or the National Planning Policy Framework, which this development does not. Furthermore, any development that did satisfy this criterion should reflect the housing needs of the local community and be limited to one to three bedrooms. The current proposal is for two 5 bedroomed houses. Second, via long established precedents, it has been established that Whitegate & Marton is not a Local Service Centre and thus, under 4.1.2 of the Neighbourhood Plan, this development fails to meet the sustainability criteria as there is no access to shops, schools, etc. Thirdly, the proposed development will have a long-lasting detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding landscape. The purpose of Policy 4 is to ensure that the countryside is maintained, protected and the wildlife enhanced. This development fails to meet this Policy objective
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5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change

Wooden shelters, Dalefords lane, land opposite Fourwinds – Clerk has enquired with planning enforcement, there is a backlog and will take some time.

21/02191/LDC Cassia Grange for clarifying the use of the annex and internal wall changes, conversion of garage space into bedroom, new windows and creating a new door.

This application has not been submitted to the Parish Council for consideration, and was brought to the attention of the Parish Council by a Parish Councillor whose application it is. Unclear why this application has not been received for consideration when other LDC have been submitted for consideration, the deadline for comment has now passed. Clerk to enquire why the parish council was not consulted.

Action: Clerk

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications:

APP/A0665/W/21/3268590 Land adjacent to Clay Lane Farm Appeal allowed. Cllr Gina Lewis agreed to enquire with planning manager is there a mechanism to challenge this decision at last month's meeting, Clerk to chase up Cllr Lewis.

Action: Clerk/GL

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 – await further updates

5.6 NP non-policy objectives – this was discussed at the last meeting, defer until August 2021 meeting.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £54,362.68 there are 4 cheques to be cleared through the bank. The current account balance remaining will be £52,375.18 (£79,184.81 including savings accounts). **1345/21 agreed:**

6.2 To Pay – Grass cutting contract £235. It was noted the cutting was a very good job, and Clerk asked to pass on thanks from the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**

6.3 To Pay Cheshire Community Action £50 – agreed to defer payment this year.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – no updates

7.2 Road Safety updates – no further updates, Clerk to raise concern regarding verges needing cutting with Cllr Baynham and follow up on the request to cut the overhanging branches. **Action: Clerk**

7.3 Wig Wag signs – on hold

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – it was noted there continues to be a several people around the parish who undertake regular litter picks. The footpath reporting link is available on the website to report any issues.

7.5 To discuss request for memory bench in the parish:

Proposed new memorial bench – Churchwood were agreeable to replacing the existing bench which would mean a double plaque memorial, Chairman didn't think the families would be agreeable to this. Further explored highways option and locations. Parish Council can apply for a licence to install on the public highway, not an individual. The responsibility and insurance liability would reside with the Parish Council. A suitably qualified company must install on the highway as part of the licence application requirement. The lady suggested the triangle at Sandy Lane, parish Council consider this might be a hazard and not approved by Highways. Lady suggested a soft wood bench, parish council considered a hard wood a preferable option for longevity of the bench also struggling to find a company who can install on the highway. Other consideration is a bench on the Whitegate Way, Cllr Matthews offered to make enquiries. Clerk to liaise with the lady regarding the bench.

Action: Clerk / RM

A resident has contacted the Parish Council regarding flowers being left at their existing memorial bench outside the football field in memory of someone else. Correspondence has been exchanged between the two people. Resident has asked for the Parish Councils assistance. It is noted the bench is on our insurance policy, but is maintained by the relatives. Agreed to find out what the legal position is and it might be worthwhile considering a 'policy' for memorial benches. Clerk to respond to resident to confirm we are finding out what the legal position is. **Action: Clerk/VC**

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update – Cllr Matthews provided an update, it was progressing well, the lease had been signed from our side. However, an email was received from Tesco today regarding reducing the lease to 10 years at the request of the directors. This would not make it financially viable for the Football club who are investing in improvements at the field. Cllr Matthews will contact Tesco's to discuss further. Cllr Matthews was thanked for his work on the lease. **Action: RM**

8.2 General parish issues – the post box outside school which is in a conservation area is in need of painting, clerk to report. **Action: Clerk**

Just outside the parish boundary, way up the hill from Sixes Lake is a static caravan, Cllr Baldini to make enquiries. **Action: PB**

8.3 Covid-19 any matters arising within the Parish – a CWAC Public Health video was circulated, suggested it is put on our website. **Action: Clerk**

9. Items for information and discussion only.

No items for discussion.

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 20.55 pm.

Cllr Cotterill was thanked for standing in as chair for the meeting due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair

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 / KR
3.2	Oct 20 ongoing	A54 speed limit reduction / Cinder Hill 30 mph repeater sign – in progress	MB
8.4	Nov 20 – ongoing	Pictures of councillors for Website	All
3.2	June 21	Beeches / Cinder Hill – line of sight cut branches, overhanging branches obstructing signs	MB
5.3	June 21/ July 21	Appeal – enquire with Planning what we can do regarding the decision – clerk chase GL	GL
7.5	June 21	Memorial bench	Clerk / VC / RM
4.1	July 21	Wild flower verges	Clerk / RM / FP
4.1	July 21	CWAC PH video covid – on website	Clerk
5.1	July 21	Cassia Grange Why application not circulated to PC for comment	Clerk
6.2	July 21	Grass cutting – pass on thanks	Clerk
8.1	July 21	Caravan in field near Sixes Lake	PB
8.1	July 21	Post box needs painting	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave

Notes: