

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public present: Mr Followell

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Roston– isolation

Cllr Cotterill - holiday

Cllr Pickering – ill

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 12th July 2021. 1345/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021.

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

3.1 No matters arising

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

A couple of updates were noted:

- The Recreation Room committee is due to meet soon.
- The Cinder Hill 30 mph repeater sign had a pole put up 2 months ago but still no repeater sign. Cllr Baynham will chase this again. Noted the Whitegate Lane speed survey is expected in September.
- There are still some pictures of Councillors outstanding from our website, to take photo at the end of the evening.
- Cllr Baynham previously agreed to report the overhanging trees at the Beeches, we have no update, Clerk will also report the overhanging trees at beaches.
- Inspectorate planning – residential property – no contact, Clerk to chase Cllr Lewis as officer has not made contact.
- Cassia Grange – current permission in 2006 this latest application sought to clarify the arrangements and make internal changes. Clerk queried why we had not been consulted the response was because it was a proposed not existing.
- Grass cutting - Richard might do an extra cut to keep on top of the cutting.
- Sixes lake – static caravan there whilst house is being rebuilt, there was previously a house on the site.
- Post box needs painting – this was reported, their response was it will be reviewed and if they deem it necessary will carry out repairs otherwise part of 5-year painting programme.

3.3 Parish Council co-option – Mike Followell attended for a second time 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. Mike has experience in IT, and interested in Broadband upgrading in the area, as too is Cllr Pickering. Cllr Rayner will share resident details who successfully upgraded their broadband by setting up a company to attract grants. With regards to parish issues, councillors take the lead on different topics and if anything comes in reads on behalf of the PC and feeds back if we need to do anything, this saves everyone having to read everything.

Cllr Baldini proposed Mike Followell be co-opted to the Parish Council and Cllr Matthews seconded, **1346/21 all agreed to co-opt Mike Followell who resides in the parish as Parish Councillor until the end of this term of office.** Clerk to forward paperwork for completion and useful information. Clerk to try and source a copy of the Good Councillor guide and update bank signatories.

Action: Clerk

Ward Councillor Mike Baynham arrived 7.55

Cllr Rayner reminded Cllr Baynham of some outstanding actions: repeater sign put up but no sign; A54 speed limit – Officer has been off, but understands the survey was undertaken so will follow up on data; Confirm Whitegate Lane scheduled for Sept, and Sutton fields request has gone in.

Cllr Baynham updated the PC on the changes to the household waste collection which will result in a charge for green bins commencing next year. They had requested this be suspended pending the Government consultation in green waste but CWAC decided to go ahead. PC outlined concerns about flytipping green waste.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence: actions complete or on the agenda:

Bus strategy – there is a CWAC bus review task group. PC commented it would be good to have some co-ordination between buses linking to train stations.

5. Planning

5.1 1347/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

			W&M Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it does not comply with Policy 1 of the adopted W&M Neighbourhood Plan (W&MNP). The W&MNP is very specific in its objectives and policy to encourage smaller dwellings and reduce the number of conversions into larger dwellings. The W&MNP Inspector (ref John Slater report dated 8th Jan 2017) was very supportive of these objectives in order to meet the needs of the local community - quote" I considered that the plan is justified in seeking to limit the enlargement of the stock if smaller houses are to be retained".
21/02892/FUL	Windy Ridge cottage	2 storey rear extension	

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change

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

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications:

5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites DPD – no update. Unclear if this will form part of the Local Plan consultation, Cllr Followell agreed to investigate further.

Action: MF

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – await further updates

5.6 NP non-policy objectives – this was discussed at the June meeting and councillors asked to consider any objectives we could take forward. Clerk did contact church warden regarding the Parish Council supporting events/initiatives for elderly/vulnerable resident's post lock-down, she has passed this on to the vicar, Cllr Rayner will make direct contact with the vicar. Ward Councill Mike Baynham would also support events to support integrating community post lock-down restrictions.

Action: KR

Pedestrian footpaths on the highway – discussed Cinder Hill and Dalefords Lane, both would have a considerable costs and Cinder Hill previously was unavailable due to us being unable to obtain landowner consent. Discussed possibility of linking some footpaths for example Petty Pool wood to Sherrats Rough; and Sandiway are looking into footpath across Sandiway golf course to Monkey Lodge. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cotterill.

Action: Clerk / VC

6. Finances

6.1 There has not been an update to the bank statement so the figures remain unchanged from July. 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).

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – there has been a change in ownership of the farm where original access was proposed, Cllr Rayner will speak with Cllr Roston about making contact.

Action: KR / DR

7.2 Road Safety updates –Cllr Baynham to follow up on the request to cut the overhanging branches at the Beeches, Clerk will also report.

Action: Clerk

Road signs are dirty, Cllr Leech previously agreed to clean some of the signs and has purchased a mop! Cllr Rayner, Cllr Leech and Ward Cllr Mike Baynham agreed to clean some signs on Cinder Hill and Dalefords Lane. To wear high viz jackets and Cllr Rayner will prepare a risk assessment.

Action: MB, KR, CL

The speed limit repeater signed reported to CWAC have still not be reinstalled correctly on Clay Lane, Clerk to chase up. Also the speed monitoring sign at the entrance to the Joshua Tree has been removed.

Action: Clerk

7.3 Wig Wag signs – on hold

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – Cllr Followell reported that the footbridge at the bottom of the gully from Beauty Bank is damaged in several places. It was confirmed there is a link to report PROW faults on our website.

Action: MF

Cllr Rayner reported that the Mid Cheshire Footpath Society chairman had written to all T&PC's very useful update, and waiver of fees for this year. Clerk also confirmed had liaised with them regarding a footbridge in adjacent parish they had been very helpful.

7.5 To discuss request for memory bench in the parish:

Cllr Cotterill has drafted a policy for memorial benches and circulated to the Chairman for consideration. Cllr Rayner suggested we just need a procedure rather than a policy. We will continue to be responsible for the existing two benches on our asset register but agreed that future benches should be located on private land or public land owned by CWAC such as the Whitegate Way. The ideal solution is to direct interested parties to CWAC rangers who have a procedure for installation of memorial benches on the Whitegate Way.

Action: KR

It was further noted that Cllr Rayner had been contacted regarding a permanent shrine at the bench outside the football field, Cllr Rayner confirmed this would not be appropriate.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update – Cllr Matthews provided an update; the lease was previously signed by Cllr Rayner and witnessed by a solicitor however the matter is still with the Tesco directors with regards to a break clause in the lease agreement. The has delayed the subsequent lease agreement with the football club. We agreed to fund the solicitor costs for both PC and Football club at a cost of £300.

Action: RM

8.2 General parish issues - none

8.3 Covid-19 any matters arising within the Parish – none

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 ChALC annual meeting – Chair and Vice Chair to attend, Clerk to notify ChALC.

Cllr Baynham wish to thank the parish council for continuing its meetings lawfully by holding face to face meetings.

The Boundary Commission proposals for review of constituency boundaries proposes that Whitegate and Marton would fall back within Eddisbury and Weaver Vale would disappear. Following on it is expected that a review of CWAC boundaries will create bigger wards as rural wards expend due to rural housing.

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 / Speed survey Whitegate Lane and Sutton Fields	MB
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
3.3	Aug 21	Co-option paperwork and bank signatory	Clerk / MF
5.4	Aug 21	Local Plan consultation – will GRT DPD form part of this process	MF
5.6	Aug 21	KR to contact vicar regarding PC supporting event/s for integration of elderly/vulnerable post covid	KR
5.6	Aug 21	Footpaths – linking up / improvements	VC / Clerk
7.1	Aug 21	Vicarage green access – farm change of ownership	KR / DR
7.2	Aug 21	Clean dirty road signs	KR / MB / CL
7.4	Aug 21	PROW bridge Beauty Bank	MF
7.5	Aug 21	Memorial benches policy requirement	KR
9.1	Aug 21	Chalc meeting – attendees KR / CL	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: