

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30pm.

Members of the public present: Mr Pounder, Ward Councillor Mike Baynham

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

Mr Pounder attended to give an update of progress regarding Whitegate Road Speeding. He has had communication with Ward Councillor Gina Lewis who has pushed it along a bit with Highways and David Reeves has responded positively, confirming the speed assessment after school holidays. Mr Pounder has challenged the process which measures speed at one point (fastest part of the road) and suggested needing to monitor speed at different places, the problem is identifying suitable places as they need a pole to measure speed (not across road). It was suggested to try the old vicarage mirror pole but welcomes other places identify to put the monitor in. There was also challenge to the regulations and whether section 128 or 127 was applicable as the paragraphs are different where rural roads are predominant. Cllr Baynham confirmed after speed survey is undertaken an assessment will take place and a long legal process, looking at 18-month process. Cllr Rayner thanked Mr Pounder for his perseverance and confirmed it is one of our top six priorities with Chester Lane Brook our top objective.

Mr Pounder left 19.41

1. Apologise for absence.

Declarations of interest.

Cllr Leech – holiday

Cllr Cotterill – holiday

Cllr Rayner – Sandycroft application

Cllr Pickering – Wedding

Cllr Matthews – family matter

Meeting is quorate with 3 councillors

Mike Followell has emailed Cllr Rayner to withdraw from the position of Parish Councillor so there remains a vacancy to be filled.

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th August 2021. 1348/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 9th August 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 12th September 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 has reconvened their meetings, Cllr Roston cannot recall any progress from the minutes regarding the wig wag signs and will await a discussion at the October meeting.
- A54 expecting assessment imminently. Local resident has enquired about the land next door to properties to ascertain if it could be purchased for parking area, she has found out who the owner of land is. Any access to the highway would need planning permission and could be quite costly. Cllr Baynham has advised resident to approach highways officer first to see if an access is possible before proceeding too far.

- Whitegate Lane and Sutton Fields survey – Cllr Baynham hasn't requested the speed survey but spoke to Highway's officer and is expecting Highways to have a conversation (Cllr Baynham will follow-up) A resident has contacted Highways and the have promised a survey will be carried out.
- Cllr Baynham and Cllr Rayner cleared branches at the Beeches and cleans approx. 40 signs in the parish but not Dalefords Lane which Cllr Leech is doing.
- The PCC are meeting tomorrow and the Vicar will raise the offer of the PC supporting and initiative to help elderly/vulnerable people to reconnect within the community.
- Clerk has liaised with Cllr Cotterill, and contacted Sandiway and Cuddington PC to make enquiries regarding the footpath from Sandiway to Monkey Lodge, no further progress.
- Bark House PROW diversion – has still not been implemented, it is understood that there are 2 complaints. Clerk to follow-up PROW officer for an update and reason for the delay.
Action: Clerk
- Appeal granted by inspector – Cllr Rayner has received a response from Rob Chanley, Chief Planning Officer who confirms there is no precedent set, but doesn't say why. Overturning virtual impossible, and only option would be a judicial review with is cost prohibitive for CWAC. Remove from agenda.
- Policy requirement remove from agenda
- Post on Cinder Hill – Highways don't know why the post is there! We believe its for a 30 mph repeater sign.
- Clerk cleaned the Recreation Room notice board, the Perspex is discoloured and sticky tape cannot be removed, the Perspex has come away at the bottom on one side, Clerk suggested replacing it. Cllr Roston will progress as son in law did it last time.
Action: DER

3.3 Parish Councillor vacancy – as noted above Mike Followell has withdrawn his request to join the parish council. Parish Councillors were asked to think of other residents who may be interested, a vacancy notice remains on our website to invite other interested parties. One name mention was a lady who help with the neighbourhood plan, Cllr Rayner agreed to make enquiries.
Action: KR

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

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

Clerk to forward the resident email and highways response regarding Cassia Lane.

Action: Clerk

Whilst out walking the clerk has taken photographs of the blocked drains up Cinder Hill and will report to highways for further investigation, if not unblocked will cause flooding.

Action: Clerk

5. Planning

5.1 1349/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/03071/FUL	7 St Marys Drive	Single storey rear extension	No objection
21/03172/FUL	Sandy Croft Abbey Close Whitegate	First floor side extension over the existing garage. Part single and part two storey rear extension together with internal / external alterations and replacement of all windows / doors	No objection

21/03369/ful	Mere House, Dalefords Lane	Erection of front porch, single storey rear extension	No objection
21/03408/LBC and 21/03407/FUL	Whitegate House Whitegate	Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of single storey rear extension	No objection

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change

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

Cllr Roston reverted back to the discussion regarding the planning inspectorate appeal, and suggests we write to our MP about how wrong the inspectorate decision was; However, the rest of the Parish Council do not consider this will achieve anything. Clerk asked to circulate the email from Head of Planning.

Action: Clerk

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications: none

5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites DPD – Clerk found information from January 2020 which confirmed the DPD was cancelled, there was a list of recommendations and a task group proposed, however there is no indication during the Covid pandemic that anything has happened. Cllr Baynham and Parish Council will keep a watching brief.

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – await further updates. Cllr Leech forwarded to Clerk a useful DPD document on house extensions 2021, Clerk has circulated to everyone and Cllr Rayner suggests the planning sub-committee should read it.

Action: planning sub-committee

5.6 NP non-policy objectives – this was discussed at the June meeting and councillors asked to consider any objectives we could take forward. Road safety continues to be a priority, community green space cannot progress unless there is a change in circumstances regarding the access. Footpaths – it was suggested that Cllr Cotterill give considerations regarding this and the possibility of linking in with a connected path to Sandiway.

Action: VC

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £53,028.18 there is 1 cheque to be cleared through the bank (Tesco cheque prepared in April). The current account balance remaining will be £50,899.34 (£77,708.97 including savings accounts) after the following payments:

Pay Clerks Wages £890, expenses £148.34 and HMRC £217.50

6.3 Pay ICO fee £40

6.4 Pay grass cutting £235

6.5 Clerk salary review Cllr Rayner will email Parish Councillors his proposal for agreement at the October meeting, effective from 1st September and payable in December.

6.6 Clerk has advertised community donations far and wide and notified local groups.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – no further updates

7.2 Road Safety updates – already discussed above. Other location for consideration was Mill Lane double bends due to the number of accidents, agreed not sure much the Parish Council can do.

7.3 Wig Wag signs – on hold pending discussion at the next Recreation Room committee meeting.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles –the footbridge at the bottom of the gulley from Beauty Bank is damaged in several places, Clerk reported and is being repaired.

Mr & Mrs Jackson want to plant some daffodils at the Beaches, all agreed a lovely idea, suggested may want to avoid near the BT connection box is.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update – Cllr Matthews wasn't at the meeting to provide an update but is continuing to work with Tesco who were meeting this week to discuss the length of term after they late on in the process considered reducing the term to 10 years.

8.2 General parish issues – Defibrillator at Whitegate Station. Cllr Roston has tried the cabinet several times and is concerned that the cabinet is locked, the Parish Council would prefer the cabinet to be unlocked to reduce time if someone needed access in an emergency and Cllr Rayner will make enquiries with the café management. Weekly checks also need to be carried out, who is doing these?

Action: KR

The BMX track in the woods off Mill Lane – some residents have an issue with it. It has been reported to Cllr Rayner that someone has challenged the children and one child threatened, very shook up and shotgun blanks fired nearby. The Parish Council noted the tension at the location which is on private land and that the ramps do not interfere with the public footpath.

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

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 Cllr Baynham reported that he had done some investigation and confirmed that newts were moved from Road One, Winsford to the site. Cllr Roston suggested there must have been over 6000 trees planted, he is concerned about the ragwort blowing onto his land if not managed properly.

Christmas lights switch on agreed Saturday 4th December at 5.30pm. We need to find a tree donor this year, clerk to advertise.

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 21.12 pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
7.3	Nov 19 ongoing	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
5.6	Aug 21 ongoing	Footpaths – linking up / improvements	VC / Clerk
7.1	Aug 21	Vicarage green access – farm change of ownership	KR / DR
9.1	Aug 21	Chalc meeting – attendees KR / CL	Clerk
3.2	Sept 21	PROW diversion Bark House Farm – why delayed?	Clerk
4.1	Sept 21	Forward Cassia Lane correspondence to MB	Clerk
5.2	Sept 21	Forward email from Head of Planning re appeal to all PC	Clerk
3.1	Sept 21	Replace Perspex at the RR noticeboard	DER
3.3	Sept 21	PC vacancy – make enquiries	KR
5.5	Sept 21	Extensions DPD -read	Planning Sub committee
8.2	Sept 21	Liaise with Café management regarding defib box unlocked and weekly checks	KR

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: