

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: Ward Councillor Mike Baynham and Gina Lewis, no parishioners attended.

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Leech– family commitments

Declarations of interest.

None

Cllr Rayner informed the meeting that Cllr Pickering has decided to resign from the Parish Council due to her family commitments. Cllr Pickering was thanked for her contribution to the Parish Council who completely understood her reasons for resigning, having a young family. Cllr Leech is unable to attend tonight's due to family commitments.

Sue Haigh, has expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, Sue confirmed she has lived in the parish for 12 years, and is retired. Sue was on the working group for the neighbourhood plan.

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021. Incorrect reference on application noted for the Hollies. 1355/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 11th October 2021.

3.1 No matters arising

3.2 Note updates from 'Action log, outstanding actions will remain on the log until complete. The following updates were noted:

- Wigwag signs – the next meeting is December
- Speeding – we are expecting a response by the end of November regarding the A54; assured Whitegate Lane wasn't done during half-term; Sutton Fields has been completed and should come through quickly; Cassia Lane ideal solution is for the signs to be removed and limit initiated as per Beauty Bank.
- Cllr Rayner and Cllr Leech attended the ChALC annual meeting, there were 7 motions approved, ChALC has some work to implement them. They were circulated to the parish council.
- Footpath Bark House remains open until the diversion is complete. Delays due to objections. CWAC officer cannot confirm timescales to resolve the situation.
- Perspex has been ordered.
- BHF lifesaving video's are displayed under news items on our website
- Café defibrillator battery has been replaced, and the defibrillator registered with North West Ambulance. The box is locked and NWA know the code.
- Payment on account to solicitor, Cllr Matthews happy to wait until the matter is resolved.
- Thanks, received from community groups for their donations.

3.3 Parish Councillor vacancy – Cllr Baldini proposed and Cllr Matthews seconded Sue Haigh to become a parish councillor for the remaining term of office until the next election. With Felicity resigning we continue to have a vacancy. Clerk to check if this needs readvertising for the statutory period. Sue was welcomed to the Parish Council, Clerk to share paperwork for completion.

Action: Clerk

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 received a call from the person progressing the average speed camera project. We have not made the short-list. They will carryout the pilot with support from PCC.
- We will receive funding of £1600 for 2 properties in the parish as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy, money should be used for community-based projects. It was suggested we use the money towards road safety measures.
- Platinum jubilee – agreed to include on agenda for further discussion.

5. Planning

5.1 1356/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/01391 /FUL	Badgers Wood Dalefords Lane	Single store outbuilding to rear.	No Objection
21/01725 /FUL	Barns 2 and 3 Covert Farm Barns Foxwist Green	Re-roofing of building	No Objection
21/03787 /FUL	Cookstool Farm Dalefords Lane	Single storey link building between farmhouse and barn	No objection

Clerk received an email regarding proposed bungalow on land off Clay Lane, the Parish Council briefly discussed the application with regards to compliance with Local Plan, Neighbourhood plan and viability. We will await an application for comment. Clerk to respond to that effect.

Action: Clerk

Rushmere Lodge – we had expected residents and property owner to attend this meeting, however there has been no representation. The Parish Council contacted CWAC and a meeting between Highways and planning enforcement took place on 18th October. It was determined that a retrospective application was required, but there was no immediate concern by highways. The Parish Council disagree with this and is concerned about the length of time a retrospective application takes (currently 126 days) and the ongoing safety concerns of vehicles entering/exiting Beauty Bank. Further concern about the tall wooden fence (hard boundary) which guidance states will be supported where they do not exceed 1m in height, this fence exceeds 1m. It was decided that the matter should be escalated to a senior highways officer to request a further site meeting. It was agreed Ward Councillor Gina Lewis would contact officer. Cllr Rayner has responded back several times to highways responses. We need to work with our Ward Councillors and CWAC to get a satisfactory outcome. Agreed to respond back to local residents and encourage them to raise their concerns directly with CWAC and copy in ward councillors.

Action: KR / GL

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change still monitoring. Google earth was updated in April

Clay Lane Farm, Chicken sheds – chase planning enforcement for an update.

Wooden structures, Dalefords Lane – awaiting planning enforcement to visit site.

- 5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications: none
- 5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites – the local plan land allocations is in progress, need to monitor land allocations.
- 5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – on hold.
- 5.6 NP non-policy objectives – Cllr Cotterill hasn't done anything yet.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £51,499.24 there is one cheque to be cleared through the bank for the Tesco rent and that will be cancelled and replaced. The current account balance remaining will be £48,059.24 (£74,868.87 including savings accounts) after the following payments:

6.2 1357/21 agreed to pay -

AC & E	Email support 1/6 - 31/5/22			-120.00
Whitegate Recreation Room	Annual community donation			-500.00
Church Wood Community Group	Annual community donation			-342.00
St Marys Whitegate PCC	Annual community donation			-384.00
1st Whitegate Scouts	Annual community donation			-500.00
Whitegate Station Community Group	Annual community donation			-359.00
The Royal British Legion	Annual donation for wreath			-35.00
Tesco	Annual rent - cheque raised in March not presented to be cancelled and reissued			-600.00

6.6 Discussed budget for 2022/23 and agreed changes for approval at December meeting.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – Cllr Rayner prepared a form of words for Cllr Roston to chat with the landowner, no further updates

7.2 Road Safety updates – already discussed above. Ward Cllr Gina Lewis confirmed she is on a speed limit task group looking at the success/failure of the 20mph limits introduced. We remain one of only 3 schools in CWAC where there is not a 20mph limit and that remains one of our two top priorities along-side reducing the speed limit on Chester Lane Brook. Ward Councillor Gina Lewis came with PCSO Ben Lee at school drop-off/pick up time; he was impressed with the process. Cllr Cotterill confirmed they cannot sustain the staffing requirements. There has been two accidents involving parked cars. The ANPR van is regularly in the village but we never receive any feedback regarding statistics of speeding motorists.

7.3 Wig Wag signs – will be discussed at the December Recreation Room meeting.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – no updates. Ward Councillor Lewis confirmed it was a busy week in Winsford litter picking following bonfire weekend.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update – no change, still with Directors, will follow-up again.

8.2 General parish issues – hedge at Marton Hall farm was mentioned and there is tipping in the pond along Nova Scotia – to monitor.

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

8.4 Christmas lights switch on – 4th December at 5.30pm. Unfortunately, we don't have a tree and need to purchase one, budget agreed £180 for a 15-20ft tree. Erect tree on 29th November and Val will decorate it. **Action: All**

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 none

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 21.30pm.

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 – Cllr Cotterill to discuss with Pre-school	VC
Various	Feb 20 ongoing	Finalise lease	Clerk / RM / KR
3.2	Oct 20 ongoing	A54 speed limit reduction / Speed survey Whitegate Lane, Sutton Fields and Cassia Lane	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
3.1	Sept 21	Replace Perspex at the RR noticeboard	DER
5.2	Oct 21	Wall at Rushmere lodge raise with Highways / Planning enforcement	Clerk
3.3	Nov 21	PC vacancy – send info to Sue Haigh and readvertise the vacancy	Clerk
5.1	Nov 21	Land off Clay Lane proposal, respond to enquiry	Clerk
5.1	Nov 21	Rushmere Lodge – road safety liaise with CWAC	GL / KR
5.2	Nov 21	Clay Lane wooden structure – find out progress with enforcmeent	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: