

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

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

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Roston - unwell, Cllr Cotterill – unwell

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021. 1358/21 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 8th November 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 8th November 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 – no update from Cllr Cotterill, meeting was scheduled for December.
- Speeding – Ward Councillor Baynham contacted Cllr Rayner last week, he has been in touch with Highways to get responses on speed monitoring but had no updates. Cllr Baynham arrived at the meeting and provided a further update: Whitegate Lane was assessed at 50 mph (we have not seen the supporting data on the suggested outcome); Chester Lane Brook has been assessed as 40 mph through the bends, again not seen the details as to how far the 40 mph limit will stretch, however this will be enforceable at 40 mph. Ward Councillor will update resident, when the data/more information is available. No news on Sutton Fields and Cassia Lane will need a speed assessment.
- No further update on footpaths
- Perspex for notice board – in hand.

3.3 Parish Councillor vacancy – we are awaiting the statutory notice period to elapse again before we can co-opt. We do not have any representation from Vale Royal Drive, other outer lying areas such as Chester Lane Brook. All were asked to think if there may be anyone interested, and Clerk to advertise the vacancy again.

Action: All/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:

- Resident enquired about use of land in woods. Confirmed with landowner that they were approached by a person interested in setting up a mother and toddler area to teach forest school. Landowner advised them to seek advice from CWAC planning. It is no right of way through the wood, although people do walk through. There will be a fence to keep children in (no planning required for fence). Parking will be by the Paddocks and walk along the public footpath. Noted the Parish Council supportive of such initiatives.

5. Planning

5.1 1359/21 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/04477/PDQ	Bawsgate Farm Cinder Hill Whitegate	Conversion of a vacant and redundant former agricultural building into one residential unit	The Parish Council object to this application as it does not meet the requirements of the Whitegate & Marton Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 1). Housing development which meets the requirements of Policy STRAT9 of the Local Plan, including reuse of existing rural buildings for conversion, should meet the needs of the local community for smaller properties. Dwellings should normally be between one and three bedrooms in size'
21/04733/TPO	Monks Well Cottage Vale Royal Drive	Scots Pine- Fell due to over mature, previous branch failures and low amenity value. Replant with one recommended specimen in a different location on site. Scots Pine- Fell due to over mature, previous branch failures and low amenity value. Replant with one recommended specimen in a different location on sit	No objections

Further application for outline planning permission for an agricultural dwelling just received and will be reviewed.

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

Case Farm – no change still monitoring.

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

The application was withdrawn due to conversations the owner's planning consultant had with the area planning officers and following his successful appeal and submission of an application ref 21/03403/LDC for proposed Two single storey side extensions to the former stable. We have agreed to await the outcome of this application. PC has not been consulted on this LDC application.

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

Rushmere Lodge – the wall has been shortened, taken a brick and half and finished off wooden panelling. Definitely shortened but unclear if back to original position, we understand CWAC Legal team are now involved but have no further information. We understand a planning application has been submitted but don't have application for comment yet as it has not been validated. The PC received approximately 10 responses regarding safety concerns.

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications:

Noted the following applications were granted:

21/00147/ful Totties Hall farm for widening access

21/00068/ful Whitegate House for vehicular access

21/00274/ful Hardy Barn for single storey extension to barn

21/04787/ful Whitegate House for replacement doors

The following applications were refused:

20/04347/ful 2 Earnslow Grange Cottage for various, planners considered the proposal out of character.

5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites – no further updates.

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – no update, white paper due out.

5.6 NP non-policy objectives – we have followed up on a few things, Vicarage Green; footpaths; Community Support volunteers to fund taxi service for monthly coffee morning but they have not yet asked for help.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £51,499.24 there are seven cheques to be cleared through the bank .Tesco rent cheque raised in April has been cancelled and replaced. The current account balance remaining will be £46,795.26 (£73,604.89 including savings accounts) after the following payments:

1360/21 agreed to pay:

6.2 Clerk wages £900 and reimbursement of expenses (including defib batteries) £403.98

6.3 HMRC PAYE £225

6.4 Narked Design £150– website hosting

6.5 Quay Payroll £15– payroll service

6.6 David Roston - reimbursements for Christmas tree £170 and Cllr Cotterill nil for Christmas tree switch on event

6.7 Approved budget for 2022/23; slight changes to the November draft overall no change to totals (trees / queens jubilee – incorporate climate and tree planting - £200 trees; reduce taxi costs by £200 and leave £300 put £400) and precept of £19,500. **Action: Clerk**

Noted Cllr Matthews and Cllr Haigh cannot access their emails, Clerk to contact email host.

Action: Clerk

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – cannot progress further until we have the landowner onboard.

7.2 Road Safety updates – already discussed above.

7.3 Wig Wag signs – no updates.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – Clerk to email CWAC regarding top step on path leaving Whitegate Way towards Whitegate Road.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update. Cllr Matthews has contacted Stephen Judson again.

Clerk to find out if the replacement Tesco cheque has been cashed. **Action: Clerk**

8.2 Christmas light switch on – it worked well, room large for social distancing, unfortunately the Headteacher could not attend at the last moment so we have no music accompaniment.

£52 was raised for the Joshua Tree. Agreed 4th Jan to take tree down.

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 Future meetings due to Covid – PC meetings should be conducted face to face unless legislation is changed.

Parish Councillors were reminded to wear face masks and do Lateral Flow Device tests prior to meetings. Councillor Baldini confirmed he cannot do LFD.

9.2 Ward Councillor Mike Baynham confirmed he has money available in his members' budget. Clerk to put a bid in towards trees and defib batteries and notify café of funding available.

Action: Clerk

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 20.45pm.

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	Road safety - 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
3.3	Nov 21	PC vacancy –readvertise the vacancy	Clerk
6.0	Dec 21	PC emails	Clerk
8.1	Dec 21	Tesco cheque – has it been presented	Clerk
9.1	Dec 21	Members budget request	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: