

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: Ward Councillor Mike Baynham, Iain Ranson.

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Cotterill – family unwell

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021. 1361/22 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 13th December 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, there is a disagreement between Highways and Recreation Room regarding timings of the signs; this has not progressed.
- Speeding – the assessment report is now available for the A54 Chester Lane Brook; the hamlet was identified as requiring a 40mph with 50mph elsewhere along the route. With a 40 mph they will be able to use interactive signs. Section 2 goes into another ward so will need permission of the neighbouring Ward Councillor, who will liaise with the Parish Council; Whitegate Lane came out as 50mph, it was agreed this isn't our top priority. The Sutton Fields and Cassia measurements have not yet been completed. Sutton Fields is already 30mph but is used as a 'rat run' from Winsford.
- Footpaths: this is a neighbourhood plan action. Cllr Cotterill and Cllr Haigh will look into it. Cllr Haigh has looked at the interactive maps but could do with a large map whilst out. Clerk will check if she has a map and let them know (Cllr Rayner can copy it). Need to liaise with Sandiway/Cuddington PC regarding their proposal to establish a footpath across the golf course to Petty Pool, Clerk did initially make contact; Bark House Farm realignment of footpath – this is held up due to one objector, despite registered letters to the objector they have failed to interact with CWAC officer. This will go to planning inspectorate for consideration but will take time. Unfortunately, the PC do not know who the objector is and cannot 'speed up the process'.
- Perspex for notice board – in hand.
- The Tesco cheque is unpresented, Clerk will confirm when the next bank statement arrives.
- There were some issues with webmail access. This has been resolved for Cllr Haigh.
- Clerk submitted a member budget request for a contribution towards trees and defib battery.

Ward Councillor Mike Baynham arrived.

3.3 Parish Councillor vacancy – the statutory notice period has expired and we can co-opt to the vacancy. Iain Ranson, was a member of the Parish Council in 2008 but had to resign due to work commitments. Iain now has more time and is home based so is able to offer more time to the role. Cllr Roston proposed and Cllr Matthews seconded that Iain Ranson be co-opted to the Parish Council. **1362/22 Resolved Iain Ranson was co-opted to the Parish Council**, Clerk will share all the paperwork to complete. The term of office will continue until the next election in May 2023. **Page 699/22**

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

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

5. Planning

5.1 1363/22 resolved the following planning application responses:

21/03975/OUT	Petty Pool Farm	Outline planning application for an agricultural worker dwelling at Petty Pool Farm	No objection from the Parish Council however (1) presumably CWAC will impose a condition whereby the property is for farm workers only and (2) one of the requirements is that the business is financially sound – we have not been privy to their accounts.
21/04676/FUL	4 The Paddocks Marton	Single storey front and rear extensions and alterations to existing dwelling	No objection
21/04635/FUL	Rushmere Lodge	Front porch extension. Demolishing two conservatories and replacing with single storey rear extensions.	No objection
21/04490/FUL	Bawsgate Farm Cinder Hill Whitegate	Conversion of agricultural building into one dwelling	No objection. The amended application now complies with the W&MNP.

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. It was further explained for the benefit of Cllr Ranson that the application which was approved by the planning inspectorate contained a number of inaccuracies, the only way this could be overturned is by judicial review, which is too costly to progress. The PC are informed by the planning manager that this application does not set a precedent within the parish.
- Wooden structures, Dalefords Lane – Clerk was asked to confirm location of sheds in field, this was confirmed by Cllr Leech after the meeting ended.
- Rushmere Lodge – the wall has been shortened, we understand CWAC Legal team are now involved but have no further information. A planning application has been submitted but don't have application for comment yet as it has not been validated.

5.3 updates regarding the following planning applications:

Noted the following applications were granted: none

The following applications were refused: none

5.4 Parish Council/Resident Action Group update on Gypsy Traveller Sites – no further updates. Ward Cllr Mike Baynham confirmed he is still a member of the Local Plan Working Group which has not met since April 2019. He further confirmed that newts were moved to the sites in Marton from Winsford Road One as part of the mitigation measures.

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – all up in the air, looking at new proposals.

5.6 NP non-policy objectives – discussed footpaths on the agenda above.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £51,338.05 there are eight cheques to be cleared through the bank. Tesco rent cheque raised in April has been cancelled and replaced and the replacement cheque has still not been presented. The current account balance remaining will be £48,490.07 (£75,299.70 including savings accounts) after the following payments: None.

For the benefit of the new Councillor, Cllr Rayner confirmed that that the balance is high due to funds held towards the Community Green Space project which is currently on hold pending an access solution, which we are currently working towards. The budget and precept were agreed in December. We set aside money for trees and a jubilee celebration.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – Cllr Rayner relayed an overview of the two schemes providing differing entry/exits between the two proposals. The one we have planning permission for (by October Lodge) was suspended due to issues over land access and lease with the Diocesan. The original proposal which did not progress to planning permission due to vicar at the time preferring the other option, was for an entry/exit the other side of the brook which would require a bridge. Both schemes included carpark with concrete honeycomb where grass grows through, a footpath to the back of the church to avoid parking on Cinder Hill. The cost estimate was over 5 years ago now so prices have likely escalated (suggested 50%). The history of the land was relayed together with the current situation of change of ownership. It was suggested that we re-establish contact to determine if the line of site for the original proposal is considered appropriate. Cllr Rayner will liaise with Dave Cotterill who was the contact with highways/planning.

Action: KR

7.2 Road Safety updates – Cllr Mike Baynham raised a question regarding the suggested 50mph on Whitegate Lane. The PC previously agreed to only accept a 40mph limit. Cllr Baynham suggested an incremental reduction to 50mph and then at a later date move towards a 40mph. The Parish Council discussed and then voted on 2 proposals 1) leave as it is and only accept a 40 mph limit 2) accept the 50 mph limit on offer (subject to costs) and work in future towards a lower speed limit. Resolved 1364/22 six votes in favour of option 2, subject to the costs involved to accept the 50 mph limit with a view to lowering in future to the desired 40 mph. Ward Councillor Baynham to obtain quote for the reduction to 50mph.

Action: MB

7.3 Wig Wag signs – discussed above.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – litter remains a big problem, suggest we agree a litter pick earlier in April due to height of the grass verges in May. To agree a diary date for the litter pick and annual assembly at our February meeting.

Ward Councillor Mike Baynham left the meeting.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update. The update is they will not give a 20-year lease, we have nothing to negotiate with, it is up to us if we want a 10 year break clause. It was agreed that Cllr Mathews would finalise the lease on this basis. Hopefully the lease will be amended by an addendum, Cllr Matthews will progress.

Action: RM

8.2 General parish issues – Roger Pickering want to offer voluntary CPR/AED training in the parish if we can provide a venue for free. Suggested school hall if the Parish Council agrees to pick up the rental cost. All agreed. Clerk to liaise with school about room booking.

Action: Clerk / KR

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 Jubilee celebrations 2nd June - a beacon is not suitable in the parish, but want to celebrate in some way. Suggested a jubilee picnic lunch over the bank holiday weekend, or plant a tree with a plaque. Vicar suggested we plant a permanent Christmas Tree on The Green, agreed we could put a commemorative plaque for the jubilee.

A tree and plaque was agreed, Cllr Roston to source a Christmas tree and Cllr Matthews to draft some wording for the plaque.

Action: RM / DR

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 9.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated
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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 football field lease	RM
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 Large map with footpaths	VC / SH Clerk
7.1	Aug 21	Vicarage green access – farm change of ownership Line if sight with original plan liaise with DC	KR / DR KR
3.1	Sept 21	Replace Perspex at the RR noticeboard	DER
3.1	Jan 22	New councillor paperwork	Clerk
8.2	Jan 22	CPR / AED training – book school hall	Clerk
9.1	Jan 22	Jubilee Christmas tree / plaque	DER/RM

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: