

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: None

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Rayner – holiday

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022. 1370/22 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 14th March 2022.

3.1 No matters arising

3.2 Action Log:

- A54 speed limit reduction – Cllr Baynham has offered to pay for sign changes from his members budget to speed up the process.
- Footpaths – we are trying to agree a date to meet with the PROW officer, Cllr Haigh has also walked another couple of routes and added some improvements to the action list.
- Vicarage Green – no further update.
- Perspex – one side completed, the other side also requested to be done, due to the discolouring and Sellotape which can't be removed.
- Plaque arranged and order will be placed in May.
- Planning enforcement – received a response, there are huge backlogs, everything in a queue; Clerk to ascertain timelines for enforcement enquiries and consider escalating to the Director Environment. **Action Clerk**
- Cllr Baldini has spoken to person who has been tipping along Nova Scotia and informed them that the Parish Council has received complaints and enforcement has been notified.
- Chase WI regarding annual assembly; send reminders to the others.

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 1371/22 resolved the following planning application responses:

22/00749/FUL 6 The Paddocks, for installation of lift with canopy to roof, conversion of loft to include a new windows: No objection

21/04744/FUL Rushmere Lodge Beauty Bank for re-building 1.7m high brick wall along "Beauty Bank" and 1.8 m high feather board fence along Dalefords Lane (retrospective) : The Parish Council objects to this retrospective application on the grounds that the 1.7m high wall creates a serious visibility hazard at the junction of Dalefords Lane and Beauty Bank. The Council has received many letters of complaint from local residents who are concerned about traffic and pedestrian safety and loss of visibility as the wall has already been constructed.

Dalefords Lane is a busy through road with recently recorded traffic volumes exceeding 5000 vehicles per day in either direction. Beauty Bank is the only access road serving a large community and Public House. This narrow road also serves walkers and horse traffic.

1. The visibility splay shown on the application drawing is unrealistic as the road elevation falls away and obscures vehicles travelling from the Sandiway direction.
2. The visibility obstruction for vehicles turning into Beauty Bank has not been considered. Traffic turning onto Beauty Bank slowing from the permitted 40mph can be faced with oncoming traffic as well as walkers and horses.
3. The Site Location plan submitted with the application shows a rounded corner of the boundary of Rushmere Lodge. The new wall as constructed is not rounded and has a sharp corner forming a visual obstruction.

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

- Case Farm – no change still monitoring, on hold.
- Clay Lane Farm – awaiting outcome of LDC planning application.
- Wooden sheds Dalefords Lane – no update from enforcement, as above Clerk to prepare a timeline.
- Wooden shed - Foxwist Green – no update from enforcement.
- Rushmere Lodge – application received and commented upon above.
- Dumping waste – Nova Scotia Lane – see update above, Cllr Baldini has spoken to the person tipping waste. No update from enforcement.
- Hunters Retreat – holiday let, information provided that it may be used as a permanent residence.

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.

5.5 Neighbourhood planning reforms – no further updates.

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £49,593.07 there are five cheques to be cleared through the bank. The current account balance remaining will be £47,275.89 (£74,085.84 including savings accounts) **agreed 1372/22 the following:**

6.2 Pay Simply Signs for repair to notice board £136.80; the cost of the Perspex is expensive, further to the discussion above, if we can clean off the other side of the notice board is that agreed rather than replace it, agreed yes if it will clean off, if it doesn't clean up replace the other side.

6.3 Pay Mid Cheshire Footpath Society £8.00

6.4 Pay ChALC – annual affiliation fee £343.08

6.5 Pay Keith Rayner reimbursement Chairmans fund £129.30

6.6 **1373/22 agreed** grass cutting contract at the Beaches – quote from R Jackson £10 increase per cut for fuel; agreed first cut mid-June – and second cut first week September. Clerk to prepare draft contract.

6.7 Noted the draft accounts have been prepared and circulated, everything balances. Struggling to get someone to review, will ask Julia Roscher if she is not available will ask Gary Cliffe.

7. Road Safety update

7.1 Vicarage Green – no further update from the last meeting, on hold until there is a resolution around accessing the site.

7.2 Road Safety updates – Noted that the ANPR van has been on Dalefords Lane and the top of Cinder Hill as well as motor cycles at the bottom of Cinder Hill, and a police car opposite Marton Sands. Clerk to enquire if the PCSO can provide some statistics on the speed monitoring in the parish ahead of the annual assembly. **Action: Clerk**

7.3 Wig Wag signs –project on hold.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – discussed above already.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update. Same as last month, Cllr Matthews has chased the Solicitors today, can't deal with sub-lease until the main lease is complete.

8.2 Arrangement for annual assembly – Wednesday 27th April 8pm. Clerk to send reminders about the annual assembly and Cllr Roston to put up the banner at the Beaches with the new date for 2 days. Clerk to purchase refreshments (will buy enough for the jubilee too).

Action: Clerk/ DER

8.3 The new posts have been erected on Church Green, by a working party. The Parish Council expressed thanks to the working party for their hard work. The Parish Council has agreed to pay for the posts as the donation request by the PCC.

8.3 General parish issues – Jubilee event 5th June 2pm – 4pm Vintage Tea party.

Cllr Leech ran through the arrangements list, everyone took notes of what they are doing. Clerk to collect prize from the Hollies and Café. Everyone volunteered to research a 1950's invention for our 1950's exhibition with info. Displayed on a powerpoint presentation, Cllr Ranson to pull together the powerpoint. If everyone can send details by end of April.

(Nylon – Val; Polyethylene – Chris; Guitar – Chris; Barcodes - Julie; Optic fibre – Julie; Credit/diners card – Robert; Radial tyres – Robert; Polio vaccine – Sue; 1950's Tractor – Peter; Milk bucket – Dave) Cllr Matthews to draft the flyer. Cllr Baldini will provide the urn for annual assembly and jubilee. Cllr Cotterill may not be available on the day.

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 8.37pm.

Signed by the Chairman Dated

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
Various	Feb 20 ongoing	Finalise football field sub-lease	RM
3.2	Oct 20 ongoing	Road safety - A54 speed limit reduction (40mph) / Whitegate Lane (50mph) / Speed survey Sutton Fields and Cassia Lane	MB
5.6	Aug 21 ongoing	Footpaths – linking up / improvements	VC / SH Clerk
7.1	Aug 21	Vicarage green access – farm change of ownership; Line of sight with original plan liaise with DC	KR / DR
3.1	Apr 22	Clean or replace other half of Perspex at the RR noticeboard	DER
9.1	Jan 22	Jubilee plaque – order as agreed, free standing	RM
3.2	Apr 22	Planning enforcement – timeline of enforcement requests	Clerk
	Mar 22	Tree planting – contact R Goulding	Clerk
8.2	Apr 22	Annual assembly – send reminders Ask PCSO if they have any stats for speed monitoring Banner advertising annual assembly 27/4	Clerk DER
6.6	Apr 22	Grass cutting contract	Clerk
8.2	Feb 22 ongoing	Jubilee celebrations - Vintage tea party - various	All

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: