

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: Ward Councillor Mike Baynham

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

1. Apologise for absence.

Cllr Leech – Ill

Cllr Haigh – Holiday

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022. 1388/22 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022. Agreed the notes of the Annual Assembly held on 27th April as a correct record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the ordinary meeting on Monday 11th April 2022.

3.1 No matters arising

3.2 Action Log:

- Feedback from annual meeting, we have so much happening for a small parish, it's a shame not many turned up to find out.
- A54 is progressing we have now got funding approval; Cllr Baynham will enquire with resident to confirm if CWAC letters have gone out.
- Whitegate Lane – Cllr Baynham has not progress this yet
- Speed survey – Sutton field speed survey done. Cassia noted there was a box at telegraph pole.
- Perspex Cllr Roston has cleaned it up, and looks satisfactory.
- Jubilee plaque – this has been ordered and will arrive this week – need to agree how to fix it and the location – to be agreed after the meeting, cover the plaque over for unveiling maybe Union Jack painted plant pot.
- Enforcement resources inadequate, standard response by Council to enforcement requests is there is a large backlog and this will be in a queue, discussion took place on how this could be addressed, they are obviously aware there are backlogs which is unhelpful to T&PC's. Cllr Baynham has agreed to ask the very specific question Cllr Rayner commented in the NALC questionnaire at full council, Cllr Rayner will send words referring to numerous examples and Clerk will send our enforcement list.

Action: MB, KR, 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.

5. Planning

5.1 1389/22 resolved the following planning application responses:

22/01303/TPO Larch Cottage for Fell 2 silver birch – no objection

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
- Wooden shed - Foxwist Green – no update from enforcement.

- Rushmere Lodge – planning enforcement/application for retrospective planning permission. It is noted that a Freedom of Information (FOI) request to CWAC for correspondence between Chair of W&MPC and Ward Councillors was requested. Redacted emails have been shared. Resident advised if he has any concerns to go directly to the Monitoring Officer (MO). Resident was also advised by the Parish Council to direct any correspondence to the Clerk and if they consider there to be a code of conduct issue to contact the MO, no further correspondence received.
- Dumping waste – Nova Scotia Lane Cllr Baldini has spoken to the person tipping waste. No update from enforcement.
- Hunters Retreat – planning enforcement have reopened their case to review the status of the premises as concern has been raised by residents that the property is being used as a permanent residence. It was also noted different council tax/ business rates may be applicable dependent upon status of the usage.
- Coach Road Farm – the property has been built for quite a while, but the static caravan remains on the site, Clerk to enquire with planning about removal. **Action: Clerk**

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 £68,002.07 there are six cheques to be cleared through the bank. The current account balance remaining will be £66,360.73 (£93,170.68 including savings accounts) **agreed 1388/22 the following:**

6.2 Pay Insurance fee £295.16

6.3 Pay AC&E email hosting £120

6.4 Agreed gift to auditor – agreed voucher for the Hollies Farm Shop and a bottle of wine.

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 –

- the statistics provided by the PCSO at annual assembly were useful. Active enforcement on Dalefords Lane (no enforcement issues) and Cinder Hill noted 68 activations forwarded to the central ticket office with the highest speed recorded as 56 mph.
- A54 (Chester Road) will be funded 100% at a cost of £2,600 (£800 Cllr Moore-Dutton) more road in her parish, Cllr Baynham paying the rest from his members budget £1,800.
- Whitegate Road cost is £3,000 there is a requirement for 50% funding contribution £1500, agreed to ask Ward Councillors for contributions, if unsuccessful the Parish Council agreed to fund the balance remaining, ideally, we would like to secure funding as we have other projects to spend our funding on. Clerk to ask our ward councillors. **Action: Clerk**

7.3 Wig Wag signs –project on hold.

7.4 Litter, footpaths and styles – met with Public Rights of Way officer he was receptive to our ideas and priorities, and agreed a future meeting. He will also chase the diversion around Bark House Farm.

Litter pick was very successful with a good turnout from members of the parish. Agreed a date in April would be better as the grass was too long. There were lots of appreciation from cyclists and motorists, Cllr Rayner expressed his thanks to everyone who took part.

8. Parish Issues

8.1 Football field lease update. No change. Clerk to chase invoice for this year.

8.2 Annual Parish Assembly – discussed above

8.3 Arrangements for Jubilee event 5th June 2pm – 4pm Vintage Tea party.

Cllr Rayner ran through the arrangements list, everyone took notes of what they are doing.

Agreed to meet at 11am to set up for 2pm start. Agreed Clerk can spend upto £50 on games/toys for the event to keep children entertained. Agreed lids for drinks required.

Action: All

8.4 Taxi Service for residents – there is a former resident who now lives in Winsford but is unable to travel to parish events / church. Discussion took place regarding the need for a policy and criteria otherwise where draw the line, audit trail etc. Then agreed it might be better to offer the PCC a £200 hardship fund for them to administer for the benefit of parishioners. Cllr Roston to enquire if the church will administer this fund?

8.5 Tree planting – there is a lack of trees on Mill Lane, and could plant some next to football field. Clerk to write back to CWAC officer and ask if we can review in October when it's the best time to plant, by then we will have a list of locations.

Action: Clerk

8.6 There is an open public meeting tomorrow 2.30 – 6.30 hosted by United Utilities, Cllr Rayner will attend.

9. Items for information and discussion only.

9.1 None

There being no further business this meeting was closed by the chairman at 9.38pm.

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 KR
9.1	Jan 22	Jubilee plaque – order as agreed, free standing location agreed. KR to make something to be unveiled at ceremony.	RM / KR
	Mar 22	Tree planting – contact R Goulding – respond back ask to defer until October	Clerk
8.2	Feb 22 ongoing	Jubilee celebrations - Vintage tea party - various	All
3.2	May 22	Question at full Council regarding enforcement and backlogs	MB/KR/Clerk
5.2	May 22	Enforcement – coach road farm – static caravan removal	Clerk
7.2	May	Ask Ward Councillors to support funding speed limit reduction costs	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: