

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: Ward Councillor Mike Baynham, Helen Conlon.

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

1. Apologise for absence.

None

Declarations of interest.

RM – Hunters Retreat

VC, CL, PB, DR - Recreation Room SH -
United Utilities

2.1 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022. 1410/23 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022.

3. Matters arising from the minutes Ordinary meeting on Monday 12th December 2022.

3.1 No matters arising

3.2 Notes from action Log:

- A54 updates from Ward Councillor Baynham received today circulated confirmed work due.
- Neighbourhood Pride funding to be used to fund Whitegate Way improvements, there was some additional money, they will continue with improvements until all the funding is spent. Cllr Baynham confirm he still has some members budget to spend, the football club have applied. Applications must be in by the end of this month and spend by the end of March.
- Whitegate lane change of speed limit to 50mph- no update, Cllr Baynham will follow up.
- Speed survey Cassia Lane - Cllr Baynham will progress this
- Cllr Baynham will forward the Full Council response regarding enforcement backlog caused by staffing shortages.
- Rushmere Lodge – nothing from planners, Cllr Baynham will follow-up
- White lines on Grange Lane – these were not completed in November when the double yellow lines were repainted. Cllr Baynham will follow up as he agreed to fund this.
- Also zig zag lines extending outside school towards the vicarage due to issues with parking.
- Resident emailed regarding home watch co-ordinator role has not responded.
- New PC/PCSO invited to February meeting; PC confirmed attendance.

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

4.1 Discussed and agreed action to Clerk's report and correspondence: actions complete or on the agenda. None

5. Planning

5.1 1411/23 resolved the following planning application responses:

22/04422/LBC The Old Vicarage Internal alterations, including removal of some internal walls plus minor external alteration to create new access to the rear. No objection.

5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

- Case Farm – no update, on hold.
- Wooden buildings on Dalefords Lane – awaiting copy of written response to enforcement backlog.
- Rushmere Lodge – called in a while ago, no one has been assigned to it, it was called in. Cllr Baynham to enquire and respond back.
- Barn at Marton Hall farm – clerk has enquired, no further update informed could take a while.

- Hunters Retreat – concerns locally regarding lots of excavations and building works in field which could be a change of use, clerk to enquire with planning enforcement.
- Raised concerns regarding The Stables, Clay Lane. This has recently been checked with planning enforcement, no further action at present.

Noted the following applications were granted: none

The following applications were refused: none

MB left 8pm

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statement for the current account showed a balance of £47,815.18 there is nine cheques to be cleared through the bank. The current account balance remaining will be £43,590.68 (£70,400.63 including savings accounts) **agreed 1412/23 the following:**

6.2 Pay reimbursement to clerk for purchase of printer and ink £320 as agreed by K Rayner to go ahead and purchase. To pay reimbursement using the online banking.

6.3 discussion took place regarding wheelie bin stickers and quantity per household to be distributed. Agreed purchase of wheelie bin stickers 250 x 30 mph and 500 x 40 mph. Clerk to explore options for non-speed limit stickers for properties in national speed limit areas. To reimburse clerk online once purchased.

6.4 Noted precept has been submitted for 2023/24.

7. The Beeches

7.1 The Beeches update from sub-committee – Cllr Matthews met with Highways to discuss progress; correspondence is ongoing with highways regarding public liability. Actions:

- To ascertain public liability by writing formally to CWAC.
- Arrange another meeting with CWAC regarding ongoing maintenance commitments
- Seek clarification from solicitor regarding costs/options.

7.2 Requested payments to be approved - none

7.3 Any other business relating to the Beeches - none

8. Road Safety update

8.1 items discussed elsewhere on the agenda. It was raised regarding entrance to rear of properties on Chester Lane Brook (Winsford side) and wider community use, the current user fearful of losing permission from CWAC for access if the access is used on a regular basis. No action from PC at this time.

8.2 Litter, footpaths, styles. – No updates.

9. Parish Issues

9.1 United Utilities (UU) update – none, we have commented upon both planning applications.

9.2 Neighbourhood Pride – discussed above

9.3 Discuss any general parish issues - none

9.4 Elections 2023 – clerk confirmed application deadline 4th April for parish council applications to be submitted. Notice will need to be published in March advertising the election. Clerk outlined the new process regarding election voter identification.

9.5 Due to additional bank holiday agreed 15th May for Ordinary / Annual meeting.

10. Items for information and discussion only.

Cllr Rayner thanked everyone for their efforts with the Christmas tree and lights switch on. Annual Parish Council meal now 23rd January.

There being no further business meeting was closed by the chairman at 9.11pm

Signed by the Chairman Dated

Outstanding actions (if removed they are complete)

Ref	Date	Action Log	Responsible
3.2	ongoing	Road safety - A54 speed limit reduction (40mph) PENDING/ Whitegate Lane (50mph) / Speed survey Cassia Lane, white lines Grange Lane, Zig Zag line extended towards vicarage outside school	MB / GL
5.2	Nov 22	Circulate response from Full Council regarding planning enforcement	MB
5.2	Nov 22	Rushmere Lodge – chase up	MB
7.1	Nov 22	The Beeches	RM/Clerk
8.1	Dec 22	Purchase Speed limit wheelie bin signs, review signs available other area in national speed limit.	Clerk
6.9	Dec 22	Buy replacement bulbs (12)	DER
3.1	Dec 22	Line painting – why not done Grange Ln driveway – white line	MB
5.2	Jan 23	Hunters Retreat – enquire regarding works with enforcement team	Clerk
6.2	Jan 23	Use online banking to reimburse clerk for printer and wheelie bin stickers	Clerk/KR

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
5.2	Feb 2023	Static caravan - Coachwood Farm
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave
	Oct 2023	Hunter Lodge - holiday let

Notes: KR absent Feb meeting