

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: None

Members of the Council present: Cllr Leech (Chair), Cllr Haigh, Cllr Campbell.

1.1 Apologise for absence.

Cllr Rayner, Cllr Cotterill, Cllr Matthews - holiday

Cllr Baldini & Cllr Heath - work

Declarations of interest.

None

2.1 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023. 1449/23 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 14th August 2023.

3. Matters arising from the minutes Ordinary meeting on Monday 14th August 2023.

3.1 updates noted as follows:

- A54 – progressing
- Highways acknowledge email regarding zig zag lines and will look in to it.
- NP review was updated and posted on website (a brief discussion took place regarding the planning officer visit last month), Cllr Rayner has sent a thank you email and follow on information.
- CIL completed

4. Clerk's report and correspondence

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

- Clerk to check if Cllr Rayner is attending the ChALC AGM
- Clerk has chased the football club rent
- Clerk informed the meeting that the External Auditor wants the level of reserves quantifying. Cllr Rayner was happy with the response provided so far but they require the figures quantifying Agreed £30k Beeches and £40k road safety improvements. Clerk to respond.
- Dave Roston raised with Cllr Cotterill parking on Cinder Hill, discussed implications of parking bays on the other side of road from footpath and concerns about crossing the road, also risk of created bays beneath trees risk of falling branches/trees. Clerk to respond back to confirm we have no current plans.
- Cllr Campbell has reported two branches overhanging the highway using the report it tool.

5. Planning

5.1 1450/23 resolved the following planning application responses:

23/02778/TPO	Casia Green, Cassia Ln	1x Quercus Robur (Oak) Tree (entrance to field boundary) works required: crown lifting of lower branches to facilitate construction vehicles in association with improvement works to Marton North Wastewater Treatment Works(WwTW)	No objection subject to review by Tree officer. (Noted location is at existing water works not new site proposed)
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5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints: No updates

Take off Coachwood as static caravan has been removed. The container and The Mosses lodge have been logged with planning enforcement.

5.3 Updates Granted/declined/public speaking/enforcement No updates.

The following applications were refused: None

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statements remain unchanged: Lloyds account showed a balance remaining of £61,085.81. The Barclays account balance is £18,304.98 (£82,637.28 including savings accounts). There were the following payments to be made **1451/23 agreed:**

Pay Clerk Wages £980

HMRC £245

Quay Payroll – waived fee this month for payroll services;

Grass Cutting contract £245 (invoice not yet received/grass not yet cut), agreed to pay once receive.

6.2 Form received from Barclays asking us to confirm persons on account, await signature from KR to be completed when available.

6.3 Noted correspondence ongoing with External Auditor for sign off of accounts, as discussed above.

8. Road Safety update

8.1 To discuss general road safety updates / speed limits objectives around parish:

PCSO provided an email update, including Cinder Hill speed activations and none on Dalefords Lane, to include in parish report.

School parking – update noted above.

Litter, footpaths, styles, tree planting. – no updates

9. Parish Issues

9.1 United Utilities (UU) noted planning application tree work at existing site entrance.

Cllr Haigh met with Whitegate Station Community Group (WSCG) who provided the following update, they want to work closer with the PC: Mike Baynham has joined as part of the executive team. They are now employing a bookkeeper and accountant. PCSO visiting regularly due to number of thefts on the carpark (receiving free brew). The cabin has been refurbished for toddlers. Looking to introduce a pie club for men 6pm-10pm and they have 'permission from CWAC' (not sure of the form of this permission). Clerk confirmed from previous findings that a Temporary Event notice (TEN) may be granted but the licencing legislation does not take account of planning legislation and restrictions imposed through planning conditions (which restricts the café opening beyond 7pm to reduce impact on neighbouring properties). Carpark also closes at 5pm during winter and 8pm during summer. Holding a Macmillan event during the day. Asked about dedib. at the cafe, it was confirmed that the grant to purchase was done by WSCG and donation received from CWAC members budget to WSCG directly (not parish council). Cllr Haigh will respond back.

Christmas tree – deferred for discuss at next meeting. Cllr Haigh mentioned that Northwich Town Council offer to install, Cllr Haigh to find out more information regarding their service and update at the October meeting.

Noted there was an accident at the Beeches on the day of the village show (before open to public 1-2pm) an ambulance was onsite for approx. 1 hour, person on a moped came off.

10. Items for information and discussion only.

Cllr Haigh asked if we were celebrating 80 years DDay - defer to next meeting

There being no further business meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.23pm

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) PENDING/ Speed limit 40mph Cassia Lane PENDING Clerk to ask GL to chase progress	Pending implementation
7.4	Feb 22	Add RM to bank signatory for Barclays A/c – completed online awaiting confirmation and receipt of paperwork/card/reader	RM
8.1	June 23	Take forward school action regarding zig zag lines with Highways following confirmation no planning required	Clerk
4.1	Sept 23	ChALC AGM – is KR attending	Clerk
4.1	Sept 23	Chase football club rent	Clerk
4.1	Sept 23	Respond to external auditor	Clerk
4.1	Sept 23	Respond to D Roston suggestion regarding Cinder Hill	Clerk
9.1	Sept 23	Respond back to WSCG	SH

Agenda Call forward

Ref	Call forward date	Description
	Tbc	VRA re gritting, nuns grave
	Oct 23	Tree planting PB

Notes: