

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held at Whitegate Primary School Hall on Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Members of the public present: Iaian Ranson

Members of the Council present: Cllr Rayner (Chair), Cllr Matthews, Cllr Leech, Cllr Haigh, Cllr Cotterill, Cllr Campbell

1.1 Apologise for absence.

Cllr Baldini / Cllr Heath - working

Declarations of interest.

None

Iain Ranson attended to discuss works being undertaken in field off Clay Lane opposite houses. PC confirmed there is an application with approval for the relocation of 4 sheds and works. whilst the PC objected it was approved. There looks to be a track to an existing gate opposite Coach Road Villa and lots of groundworks. PC noted the drawings shows an internal track with existing access retained. We objected on the grounds of overdevelopment, CWAC approved application for 4 new shed and condition for existing sheds to be removed within 1 month. Residents concerned not sure of future use of site; it was noted CWAC can only make a decision on what is presented to them. Also noted no residents objected to this application, PC advised residents should always make representation, it was commented that they had not received a letter from planning regarding the application, CWAC did place a notice at the site. Residents to monitor to ensure the condition to remove the sheds is actioned. We used this as an example with the planning manager of an example of over development of a site.

2.1 To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024. 1463/24 resolved that the Council approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024.

3. Matters arising from the minutes Ordinary meeting on Monday 12th February 2024.

3.1 no matters arising not included on the agenda.

3.2 action log update was noted.

- A54 – still waiting for date. K Rayner spoke to Colas, if we obtain the job number they can confirm where on the list it is. Clerk to ask Highways for the job number.
- Bank – Clerk spent 1 hour on telephone, and hope to have resolved the mandate issue
- Landowners – P Baldini has not yet at opportunity to mention to landowners
- Bulbs – C Leech to source, plenty of time before next Christmas
- Caravan Nova Scotia – has been removed
- Cookstool Farm noted there was an AGR application, which the PC are not consulted upon.
- Case / Covert farm – machinery - remove from our list.
- Clerk sent Ward Councillor Lewis a reminder.
- Daffodils at the Beeches look good - more daffodils would be nice, Clerk to ask Richard pay or make donation.

3.3 Cllr Rayner gave feedback from CWAC T&PC event: £30m budget cuts 2/3rd of budget is spent on adult and child social care. There is money available for energy saving initiatives e.g. solar panels on parish halls. They have recruited five new planning officer and have improved contracts of employment to try and retain them. Neighbourhood Plans to be impacted by Local Plan changes. Spoke to Jackie Weaver regarding the Beeches.

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 1464/24 resolved the following planning application responses:

24/00164/LBC	Whitegate Cottage Whitegate Road	Installing secondary glazing to ground floor window	No objection
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5.2 To discuss enforcement/complaints:

- Discussed land at Clay Lane above.
- Case Farm – agreed to take off the list.
- Nova Scotia Lane – container has been moved close to entrance for removal and caravan has gone.

5.3 Updates Granted/declined/public speaking/enforcement – none

6. Finances

6.1 The bank statements: Lloyd's account showed a balance remaining of £61,085.81. The Barclays account balance is £13273.20 (£76290.62 including savings accounts).

6.2 Clerk has spoken with Barclays in an effort to resolve the bank mandate change.

There were the following payments to be made **1465/24 agreed**:

6.3 Deposit paid £300 for D-day bench

6.4 Pay Clerk Wages £1060 HMRC £265 Quay Payroll £15

6.5 Clerk has as Julia Roscher (retired accountant) to review the accounts.

8. Road Safety update

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

Of our six priority areas, the most supported location is outside school and Cinder Hill. K Rayner suggests: 1) formally write to CWAC asking for CWAC of 20 mph outside school 2) do something with interactive signs on Cinder Hill, all agreed. K Rayner to draft and email for Clerk to send to Highways. We will share the summary from our road safety survey at our annual meeting.

Action: KR / Clerk

8.2 Consultation school zig zag lines – this is progressing, new notices are up with proposal of zigzag lines from school to vicarage entrance.

9. Parish Issues

9.1 The Beeches – update following meeting with Highways. Met with Jamie Barron at request of Jackie Weaver, it was a constructive discussion. Land at Beeches is a layby not a carpark. Agreed to list outcomes required. V Cotterill asked if the signs should be taken down? Agreed not yet. K Rayner and R Matthews to agree list to share with J Barron outlining what we propose to do. P Baldini has obtained a quote to fill potholes on layby.

Action: KR / RM

9.2 United Utilities (UU) works to improve treatment at existing site – no update. Noted accident due to signage in road, vehicle overturned.

9.3 Discuss any general parish issues: Memorial benches and memorabilia – draft policy prepared and circulated. Minor change to wording and Clerk to post on website and reply to resident.

Action: Clerk

Sandy Lane resident letter regarding speed and frequency of tractors – Clerk to respond to say speeding is a police matter, and suggest they speak to PCSO. We have previously liaised with United Utilities and they are not prepared to revise their current arrangements at this site.

Action: Clerk

9.4 Litter, footpaths, styles – annual litter pick 24th March at 9.30am meeting at the Recreation Room. Agreed clerk to purchase a dozen circular rings to help with litter pick. Action: Clerk

9.5 D-day celebrations – 80 years anniversary – 6th June 2024. Bench is ordered. Working party will source fixing and paving's for level surface. Bench to be delivered to R Matthews. L Campbell struggled to get people on board. There are other activities taking place at the café and school. PC decided to place the bench in commemoration but not to hold an opening ceremony due to lack of interest. V Cotterill will inform the school there will be no ceremony. Action: KR, RM, VC

9.6 Annual Assembly – discussed arrangements and advertising, shame poor attendance as the community groups have so much positive news to share. C Leech to ask D Roston for old sign, suggest change wording to annual village meeting (annual assembly might put people off / sound religious), price up banners to advertise. Clerk has already invited community groups.
Action: Clerk / All

10. Items for information and discussion only.

None

There being no further business meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.54pm

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) Speed limit 40mph Cassia Lane PENDING	Pending implementation
8.1	June 23	Zig Zag lines – pending	
8.1	Oct 23	Speak to landowners regarding PROW and respond to walkers	PB
9.5	Dec 23	D-day commemoration bench installation	Working group
9.2	Feb 24	Memorial bench policy on website	Clerk
9.4	Jan 24	Purchase replacement bulbs green/yellow for tree	CL
9.1	Feb 24	Draft list of outcomes for The Beeches	KR / RM
8.1	Mar 24	Email Highways regarding speed indicator signs and 20 mph at school	KR / Clerk
9.3	Mar 24	Amend and post memorial policy on website	Clerk
9.3	Mar 24	Respond regarding tactors, suggest report to PCSO	Clerk
9.4	Mar 24	Order litter pick circles	Clerk
9.5	Mar 24	Change to DD arrangements / installation of Bench	All
9.6	Mar 24	Publicity for annual meeting	Clerk

Agenda Call forward

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

Notes: RM not available April. LC not available April/May VC not available May