



WHITFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Whitfield Parish Council held on 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Cranleigh Drive, Whitfield.

Present

Councillor W. Bowman (Vice Chair)
Councillor K. Gowland
Councillor J. Cummings
Councillor J. Hudson
Councillor K. Colyer

Apologies: Councillor J. Gould, Councillor J. Goodsell (Chair) and Councillor C. Moore

Reasons for Absence: Accepted by the Council

In Attendance: Mrs J. Matcham (Parish Clerk), PCSO Brett, DDC Councillor N Collor and 1 member of the public were in attendance.

The Chair of the Meeting was taken by the Vice Chair, Councillor W. Bowman, in the absence of the Chair, Councillor J. Goodsell.

Councillor K. Gowland raised a Point of Order regarding attendance rules. The Clerk indicated that clarification of the rule shall be investigated.

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

142. MINUTES

The Council considered the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, which took place on 8th March 2022.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8th March 2022 be accepted and signed by the Chairman.

143. FINANCE

The Council considered the Parish Council Finance Report for the period ending February 2022.

The Council noted the latest Bank Reconciliation (to the end of February) of the Parish Council's Current Bank Account 2 x savings accounts and Petty Cash.

RESOLVED: 1) That the Finance Report to the end of February 2022 be, accepted and signed by the Chair.

2) That the bank reconciliation for the 4no. Parish Accounts are noted and accepted.

144. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Council noted the planning applications received to 31st March 2022 and received a short update from the Chair of the Planning Committee.

There were no other matters for note or discussion in respect of Planning Committee matters.

145. RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Council noted the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting, which took place on 22nd March 2022.

146. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk gave an update on the following matters:

- That the replacement Speed Indicator Device has been received and will be sited this week.
- That the damaged bus shelters on Honeywood Parkway and non-functioning street light at the underpass, reported by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk in December, have now been repaired / replaced.
- That the Clerk reported the new building valuation sums to our insurer and the increase has been noted. This does not affect the premium for the remaining year, but will result in an increase for the next insurance year premium.
- That the Jubilee Bench has been ordered, delivery advice is awaited.
- That Freshair Fitness will be attending to undertake service / repair of adult and child gym equipment on 26th April.
- That Safeplay have completed the repairs to the roundabout, the basketball back boards, the BMX track and some residual screws and caps on the Kompan gym equipment.
- That the Internal Auditor is due to attend on 26th April.
- That the electrician is hoping to attend the site this week with a view to fixing the non-functioning street light on the Recreation Ground.
- That enquiries continue as to the suitability and cost of a new Recreation Vehicle. The Chair suggests making some modifications to the existing Recreation vehicle before committing to an potentially expensive spend on a new vehicle.
- That the Clerk has received the renewal information for KALC membership for 2022/2023. This will be circulated to Councillors and placed on the May Meeting Agenda for resolution.

147. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk has received the following correspondence in the preceding period:

- Kent County Council Strategy, which was circulated to Councillors.
- An initial approach from the WVHMC for consideration of funding for a future project.
- Continued resident concerns in respect of queueing traffic at McDonald's.
- Resident concerns in respect of numerous planning applications at Archers Court Road.

148. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PCSO Brett gave an update report on incidents occurring in the Parish for the preceding month.

149. DOVER DISTRICT AND KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Dover District Councillor N. Collor was in attendance and gave an update report on the following matters:

- That the FastTrack exhibition has taken place at Whitfield Village Hall.
- That he is doing all that he can to address the problems of the past few weeks in respect of traffic and access to the Port of Dover. Councillor Collor fielded various questions and comments on this matter.
- That concerns continue in respect of increased HGV traffic particularly with the proposed IBF, DeFRA and Willesden Road HGV facilities. Traffic levels will be monitored.
- That Kent County Council intend to make a submission for improved access to Dover under the RIS 3 Government Initiative.
- That KCC continues to try and make savings of £62.2 million.
- That bus service restructure is one of the areas identified to make savings.

150. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

There were no Reports from Representatives for note / consideration.

151. BT PHONE LINE AT BEECHES BOUNDARY

The Council considered the quotation received from Openreach to run the existing overhead telephone cables that supply the Pavilion underground at a cost of £5,547.67 incl VAT.

The Clerk advised the Council that the papers that they had been provided with were dated 28th March 2022, however on 11th April 2022 a further quotation figure was received from BT Openreach in the sum of £5,833.45 inclusive of VAT. The Clerk has emailed Openreach to query the matter, but a response has not yet been received.

In view of the above, the Council requested that this matter be deferred to the May Meeting pending a response to the Clerks enquiry

152. NALC REQUEST TO SMALLER LOCAL COUNCILS

The Council considered the request from NALC asking for any specific issues that we are having that we would like to feed back to NALC for them to pursue at a National level.

The Council noted the request, but had no items to suggest at this time.

153. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled to take place next Wednesday 20th April 2022 at the Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 20.20

**COUNCILLOR W. BOWMAN
VICE CHAIR**

Please note these minutes will be approved at the next WPC meeting.