

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Whitley Village Hall, Village Lane on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors: * Cllr R Brock (Chairman)

 * Cllr P Barber
 Cllr M Bratherton

 * Cllr J Cooper
 Cllr M Crook
 Cllr M Thompson (Vice Chairman)

 * Cllr G Warburton

 * denotes attendance

Also in Attendance: T Noble (Clerk)
 Russell David – Head of School
 PCSO Diana Wiggins
 Five Members of the Public

24/125. **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Bratherton, Cllr M Crook and Cllr M Thompson.

24/126. **Declarations of Interest**
Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or prejudicial interest that they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when the item is reached.

24/127. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th February 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/128. **Public Forum**
Members of the public were invited by the Chairman to address the Councillors with any concerns or issues that they may have.

The Head of School had forwarded a report for the Parish Council with updates on the village school including the dangers of walking from the Village Hall car park to the school as there is no pavement.

Residents had concerns about damaged and missing road signs (a map had been produced indicating which signs), Greenhill Lane potholes and drainage, still nothing has been rectified. The application for Stretton Golf Range on the Warrington Borough planning page, public comments have been redacted including Whitley Parish Councils for objections.

The Chairman thanked the residents and visitors for their input.

24/129. **Cheshire West and Chester Borough Councillors Reports**
Borough Cllr P Marshall and Borough Cllr N Wright sent apologies.
Borough Cllr L Gibbons attended the meeting to give an update on local news.

The Members Budget will again be available, the open date is 1st April 2024
also Space Hive Funding will become available at a later date.

Cllr J Cooper and Cllr P Barber declared a personal interest and took no part in the following planning application resulting in the committee not being quorate.

24/130. **Planning (1)**
Reference Number: 24/00439/FUL
Address: Springpool Fisheries, Lake Lane, Whitley
Proposal: Change of use of existing changing room/shower block to 2 holiday pods.

Appeals (0)

Notice of Decisions (0)

Appeal Decisions (0)

24/131. **Correspondence**
Resolved that the Clerk had circulated by email to the Parish Councillors documents received to date.

Cllr P Barber received a quote to update the Village Hall's internet, match funding will be sought from the Members Budget after the 1st April 2024.

24/132. **Finance**
March

Moore Plant
Millennium Gardens
Bank Transfer £ 50.00

Resolved that payments listed were approved.

24/132.i. The Clerk informed the committee that notification instructions had been received from PKF Littlejohn regarding the 2023/2024 AGAR.

24/132.ii. VAT reclaim for the period of 1st February 2023 to the 29th February 2024 has been received for the sum of £ 896.33.

21/133. **Biodiversity Policy**
Resolved Cllr G Warburton and the Clerk to collate ideas for changing parts of the policy before being adopted.

24/134. **Standing Orders**
Cllr J Cooper requested that the quorum number be increased from three to four Cllrs in attendance.

28 **Resolved** that the Standing Orders be changed from three to four Cllrs and be adopted at a future date.

Chairman Initials

- 24/135. **Greenhill Lane**
 There is still no improvement on Greenhill Lane, cars are being damaged and it would be extremely difficult for emergency vehicles to access residents. This item is to be placed on the agenda until further notice.
Noted that the Clerk will email Borough Cllr P Marshall and Head of Highways expressing the urgency in this matter and that a resident’s car has had suspension damage due to the Lane condition.
- 24/136. **Village Accessibility**
 As there are few pavements in the village, one of the concerns is the accessibility from the Village Hall to the Village School. A project would be too large and out of budget for the Parish Council.
Noted that Cllr R Brock meet with the Head of the School.
- 24/137. **Millennium Gardens**
 Cllr R Brock and Cllr P Barber with three helpful residents, pulled up the old dying plants, replanted, took the wire down and put new posts in with new wire. The committee thanked all for their help.
- 24/138. **Village Street/Road Signs**
 A resident has thoughtfully supplied a map with the missing and damaged signs in the village.
Resolved that the Clerk forward the map to Borough Cllr L Gibbons for help in requesting replacements.
- 24/139. **Whitley Village Nature Reserve**
 A local timber supplier will be contacted to measure up for the timber posts.
Noted Cllr R Brock to arrange.
- 24/140. **To Note Matters Arising**
 The Parish Council expressed concerns that the D-Day event, following on from the Rose Queen event, would be too long for the residents, Cllr J Cooper will contact Dutton Parish Council to inform them that no separate D-Day event will be held.
- 24/141. **Time and Date of Next Meeting**
 The Parish Council meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7.00pm in Whitley Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed as a true record:

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**Cllr R Brock
 Chairman**

Dated: 16th April 2024