

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2011

Present: Mr. S.R.Webb– in the Chair  
Mr. M.R.Bounds  
Mr. M.C.Burley  
Mr. L.M.Phillimore  
Mr.J.Kenney  
Mr. D.Garratt  
Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

Mrs. A.M.Tyler  
Mr.P.Cox  
Mr. K.Coles  
Mr. M.E.Jackson  
Mr. J.Dunkley  
LCC Cllr Mr.D.Jennings

### **146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from: Mr. R.Benford – illness, Mr. A.C.Tanner – other Meeting and Mrs. J. Forey – other Meeting.

RESOLVED: To receive apologies.

### **147. CHAIRS REPORT AND REMARKS**

The Chairman had received 60 letters from Year 6 pupils at Badgerbrook School regarding the David Wilson planning application. These had been sent onto BDC Planning Officers by the Clerk for inclusion in the planning consultation. The Chairman had received and accepted an invitation to attend the welcoming of the new Vicar to St Peters Church.

### **148. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Mr. K.Coles declared a prejudicial interest in any matters relating to his cabinet portfolio at BDC.

### **149. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **150. TO RECEIVE MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th January 2011 be received. RESOLVED: The verbal report be received.

### **151. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) Public Speaking Protocol - No Requests were received by the protocol deadline.
- b) The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about any item not on the agenda (old parishioner's time).
  - i) An update was requested regarding the Railway bridge. At an LCC Transport Forum meeting it had been discussed. The plans shown to the Parish Council via the LCC were no longer current. The revised plans had not been issued to local affected Parishes. It was requested the Clerk write to Network Rail asking for community compensation for affected residents. A series of weekend closures were now being planned.
  - ii) Parking by users of the sports facilities on Warwick Road were mentioned. They were deemed to be inconsiderate in the way they were parking. The condition of the Dicken car park was noted and this was known about. The Clerk would re affirm the need for considerate parking to Blaby United and the Boys Club.
  - iii) A request had been made regarding a street name after a former Chairman on the Council. The system was handled by BDC. The Clerk would note this should future road names be requested with a local relevance.
  - iv) The Care and Repair service was having funding withdrawn. It provided local elderly people with a safe recommended DIY service. The Clerk was asked to write to BDC

regarding this important service provision and to look at funding possibilities.

v) The LCC light switching off program was criticised for its unacceptable signage on the bypass where lighting was being switched off to save costs. This was agreed by all present. This also impacted the roadwork's on the Enderby Road.

**152. REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE**

No Police officers were in attendance due to rota issues. PC Nick Taylor had tabled a report for the meeting on his behalf. This was read. The crime figures were in the agenda pack. RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

**153. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

BDC Cllr. Mr. K.Coles reported that the planned removal of the Free Bus travel scheme had been withdrawn. It would be reviewed in a year's time. He would send an update item for the Duckpaddle to the office. LCC Cllr. Mr.D.Jennings reported that changes had been approved affecting the concessionary travel fares in the County. He also informed the meeting that a housing appeal in Countesthorpe had been dismissed by the Inspector. He had stated that "it was wrong to try and build houses where there was no need". This was also as indicated by the local representation. This was "a victory for common sense". RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

**154. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

No written or verbal reports had been received.

**155. UPDATE ON VILLAGE SIGN**

The Clerk reported that the sign company had been asked to "re-jig" the preferred design and make the changes suggested. This was not back as yet.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update be noted.

**156. FINANCE – TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET**

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of January 2011 are confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

**157. CLERKS REPORT**

The ground staff work schedule had been distributed. The Clerk reported the following: Station street update – The PWLB monies had now been received. The Solicitor was awaiting the vendors Solicitors to complete the overage agreement to a satisfactory level.

On staffing, the Clerk reported all staff were now back at work. On the Cemetery, the Yew hedge was to be planted in March. On Oliver Park, the area cleared was to be levelled and the hawthorn hedge planted. The Clerk asked permission and it was agreed to order the name pin bars for the Chain of Office to bring it "upto date". The cost was £169.70 in total. A discussion took place on the protocol for wearing the Chain. It was agreed that the Chairman should attempt to wear the chain as often as was possible, depending on the type of event and the protocols in place on any official invitation.

The S106 project was ongoing. The Car park "Toptrack" surface was to be viewed in the next few weeks. Costings were being obtained with manufacturers discounts on the various types of play equipment.

The Clerk requested permission to purchase the agreed cemetery lawnmower. The invoice was being discounted and a saving of not having to service the existing mower before trade in was being made. The machine would need to be onsite by the end of March. This was agreed. The car park at the top of yard needed "resurfacing" to address

the poor deteriorated surface. The Clerk would look at solutions and bring pricings back to the meeting.

The Ground staff had removed graffiti on the village shop at request from the Police. The Church Yard wall graffiti was awaiting for the repair of the Bowser pump casing which had cracked in the extreme weather, even though being stored in the garage.

Regarding the David Wilson application, as mentioned in the Chairman's report, 60 letters had been delivered to BDC from Badgerbrook School. No date had been confirmed for the BDC development control meeting. The first approved leaflet had been delivered to the village.

The Clerk had received documentation on Data Transparency, the Localism Bill and the Local Council Elections on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011. These were available if Members wished to read. It was agreed that the Clerk should find a suitable format to advertise on the notice boards of the elections due and the opportunity for people to become Parish Councillors.

The Clerk was thanked for his report.

#### **158. CORRESPONDENCE**

**To receive correspondence report:** All correspondence has been copied to members.

- a) LCC – Waste Development Framework – Consultation document – To be discussed at March Full Council.
- b) BDC – 2010 Annual Report - a copy was available in the office.
- c) BDC – 2010 Community Governance Review – update letter on process so far.
- d) BDC – Evaluation of Local Council Seminar – feedback to questions raised.
- e) Arriva – Changes to local Bus Services – for information only.
- f) BDC CSP – Survey on priorities – noted.

RESOLVED: The letters be received and any actions noted.

#### **159. APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER MEETINGS**

- a) LCC – Local Resilience Forum event – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – details noted.
- b) St Peters Church – Invitation to Welcoming of the new Vicar – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 to Chairman – Chairman attending.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.