

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

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

15<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Present: - Mr.P.Cox– Elected Chairman

Mr. M.R.Bounds

Mr. L.M.Phillimore

Mr.A.Greenwood

Mr. D.Smith

Ms. S.Tomlinson

Mr. A.Tanner

Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

Mrs. A.M.Tyler

Mr. A.Greenwood

Mr. J.Riley

Mr. M.C.Burley

Mrs. P.Kenney

Mr. S.Webb

LCC/BDC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles

Mrs. S. Coe – (Deputy Clerk)

No Parishioners.

### **14. Election of Chair of Council**

One nomination was received.

RESOLVED: Mr. P. Cox was elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year and signed the declaration of Office and took the Chair.

The Outgoing Chairman Mr. A. Greenwood presented the chain of office. The Chairman thanked him for his excellent work over the last year.

### **15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from: LCC Cllr Mr. D.Jennings – other meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

### **16. CHAIRS REPORT AND REMARKS**

He thanked members for their vote and looked forward to representing the Parish in Civic roles on behalf of the Council.

### **17. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

One nomination was received for the position of Vice-Chairman which was seconded and agreed by all members.

RESOLVED: Mr. M. Bounds was elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year and congratulations were given by members.

### **18. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

Mr. A.Greenwood declared a prejudicial interest as a Board member of the Blaby and Whetstone Youth Cub. Mr. D. Smith declared an interest in agenda items 24. and 25.a) as an employee of STWA.

### **19. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 17th APRIL 2014**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **20. TO RECEIVE MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 be received.

### **21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

a) Public Speaking Protocol - No Requests had been 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 parishioners time).
- i) Grass cutting was highlighted as an issue. Cutting had not taken place in certain areas.
- ii) There was no update on the Wheatsheaf Public House to give.
- iii) An update was given regarding Springwell Lane and the Parliamentary Ombudsman.
- iv) An update was given by Mr.A.Greenwood as to the former Electroform site and the enforcement notice regarding it being an untidy site. It was noted that the wall fronting onto the High Street had some dangerous cracks appearing in it.
- v) The former Co-op High street store planning update was given.
- vi) The signpost on East Avenue was overgrown.
- vii) It was suggested that a follow up report be given as to matters raised under this section. The Clerk reminded members that most of the matters raised were sign posting matters to other authorities. A report would be generated based on the previous minutes and matters raised.

## **22. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

LCC Cllr. Mr. K.Coles offered his congratulations to the Chairman on his election. He highlighted current issues he was dealing with including issues on the lay by on the Blaby Bypass with drivers urinating in the layby on a regular basis. This was an offence in law. The bungalows on Avon Drive were looking shabby due to no grass cutting. The Baptist Church offered a voluntary service as community based projects. Mr.J.Riley would take this up as a potential project.

He thanked Mr.M.Jackson for his assistance on an Armed Forces covenant being agreed with BDC. He also thanked Mr.A.Greenwood for his kind words in the Parish Meeting held earlier that evening.

BDC Cllr. Mr. A.Tanner had now come to the end of his term of office as Chairman to BDC. He overviewed his year in office. He was looking for support in retaining Library services in Cosby. Legislation meant Parish Councils did not have powers in running library services, unless power of competence had been adopted.

BDC Cllr. Mr.A.Greenwood updated members on the judicial review regarding BDC and Leics. Police. He gave an overview of the new Development Control Committee to be effective from June.

RESOLVED: That the verbal reports given be received.

## **23. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

## **24. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a)To appoint members to a planning Committee and to working parties for the ensuing year**

A list of current committees and working parties has been distributed.

RESOLVED: The list as amended be accepted and issued to members as Appendix 1.

### **b) NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

A list of known representatives had been distributed.

**RESOLVED:** The list was approved and issued as Appendix 2 with these minutes for members.

### **c) APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF BODIES, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES**

The list of current subscriptions had been distributed.

RESOLVED: The list was approved.

**d) KEY HOLDERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICES**

All staff have keys and fobs for the alarm system. RESOLVED: The list was received.

**e) CONFIRM CHQ SIGNATORIES**

The current Chq signatories were listed. RESOLVED: That the list be approved.

**f) DECLARE NUMBER OF ELECTORS IN PARISH AND S137 LIMIT FOR 2014/15**

RESOLVED: The total number of electors was 4851. The S137 expenditure limit for 2014/15 was £7.20 per elector.

**g) APPROVE CAR ALLOWANCES**

RESOLVED: That the rate of 45 pence per mile for 2014/15 be accepted.

Mr.K.Coles and Mr.A.Greenwood left the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

**25. CLERKS REPORT**

**General report and Ground Staff Work Schedule**

The ground staff work schedule had been distributed.

The Clerk reported the following: The Warwick Road GEC site Planning application for 97 homes was classed as a major application and would be looked at, at the next Full Council meeting. Two planning applications were received this week which would mean a planning meeting to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Clerk gave an update on Davidson's. He had held a meeting with the STWA contractors who would be replacing the Overflow pit on the Dicken. They were looking to use of part of Dicken car park. This would be at an agreed rate.

The Finance RBS system had been closed for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> and no issues were reported. Next month would see April and May figures as per the usual finance reporting plus the internal audit report, Annual Return and Governance statement ahead of the External Auditor submission.

There had been issues with school parking from parents to St. Peters. This had been reported to the school.

The Clerk had received an email of Resignation from Mr. B.Drury which he read out. The Clerk would notify BDC of the vacancy.

**26. CORRESPONDENCE**

**To receive correspondence report:** RESOLVED: The list be received and noted.

a) NMC Nomeca – Re: POS Land usage at Vicarage Lane – noted.

b) BDC – Including Confirmation of New Homes Bonus – for information.

c) BDC – Economic Development Bulletin – noted.

d) Parishioner Letter re: Complaint – The open space was Parish owned and was regularly litter picked, maintained and walked. It was no more of an issue than any other open spaces. There was a Dog waste Bin on there. The Deputy Clerk would publicise in Duckpaddle.

e) BDC – Notification of Appeal – The Clerk had submitted the original submissions which were part of the case sent to the Inspector.

f) CAP – Newsletter – noted.

RESOLVED: The letters be received

**27. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

In accordance with the Public bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public will be excluded from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (staffing) and will be requested to withdraw.

**ALL CONFIDENTIAL TEXT HAS BEEN REMOVED**

With there being no further business, the chair closed the meeting at 9.40 p.m.