

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

17TH July 2014

Present:– Mr. M.R.Bounds - Chairman
Mr. M.E.Jackson
Mr. J.Riley
Ms. S.Tomlinson
Mr. R.Simmons
Mr. D.Smith
BDC Cllr. Mrs. J.Forey
Mrs. S.Coe – Deputy Clerk

Mrs. A.M.Tyler
Mr. L.M.Phillimore
Mrs. P.Kenney
Mr. A.Greenwood
Mr. M.C.Burley
LCC/BDC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles
Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

4 Parishioners in attendance.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from:– Mr. A.Tanner – other meeting, Mr. S.Webb – holiday, Mr. P.Cox – holiday, LCC Cllr. Mr. D.Jennings – other meeting.
RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

42. CHAIRS REPORT AND REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed members of the public and Jason Glover from Davidsons to the meeting.

43. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Mr. A.Greenwood declared a prejudicial interest as a Board member of the Blaby and Whetstone Youth Cub. Mr. M.Jackson declared a prejudicial interest as Secretary of the Whetstone Allotment Society and Mr. D. Smith declared an interest as an employee of STWA.

44. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 12TH JUNE 2014

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings dated 12th June 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

45. TO RECEIVE MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Community Premises & Public Open Spaces working party meeting held on 30th June 2014 be received.

46. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public Speaking Protocol - **Two** requests had been received on agenda item 9. Planning application.

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) The hanging baskets and village green were complimented and the Clerk asked to pass on thanks to the Ground staff.

ii) An update was given on Springwell Lane regarding traffic using the lane illegally as it was weight restricted, during anti social hours, and using the access to the fields, ahead of construction work commencing which should incur the use of the haul road for all construction traffic. Direct contact was now being made with DWH Directors and also the site manager. The Considerate Construction Scheme was overviewed and it was noted that as yet, this site was not registered as part of that scheme. Bad language was also being used on site. This was a Policing matter as ASB.

iii) A telecoms box on Burnham Drive had been tagged.

47. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO WHETSTONE

The Police were not in attendance. The Clerk was asked to invite the Police to the next meeting as it was important they attended, as they did with other Parish Council meetings. The Clerk had tabled the “Wheatsheaf Tagger” article from the Leicester Mercury who was offered restorative justice.

48. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM DAVIDSONS ON THEIR DOG & GUN DEVELOPMENT.

Jason Glover was introduced and gave his report. 9 properties were sold and the development was progressing well. An agreement had been signed with Waterloo Housing to manage the Affordable aspect of the development with 5 houses being rented and 2 being part ownership. The rising mains works were completed. The Elliot Close POS frontage had been improved. The POS areas were nearing completion as were the footpaths.

The following questions were asked:

Q. Would the Whetstone Allotment Association be able to be given any rubble or wood waste from the development for its site? This could be collected. Contact details were exchanged to facilitate this. Davidsons were happy to assist local community schemes.

Q. Site traffic from DWH were using the Davidson site for overnight storage. Could this be stopped? This would be looked at and would be stopped. It was stressed that Davidsons and DWH were two separate companies.

With no further questions, the Chairman thanked Jason for his presentation and he left the meeting at 7.50 p.m.

RESOLVED: The verbal report be received.

49. PLANNING MATTERS

This application was classed as a major application: **14/0577/1/PX** – Erection of two storey detached building comprising retail unit to ground floor and 1 & 2 bedroom flats to first floor and associated car parking (including demolition of existing barn) – Land at Warwick Road / Cambridge Road.

The Clerk had the key documents on the laptop and they had been copied to Members in the agenda pack. New aspects since the pre-application were reviewed (the comments had been tabled from previous meeting held for Members), these were the continuation of the cycle way along Warwick Road within the site curtilage upto Cambridge Road.

The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs. Barron of 1 Warwick Road which was copied to Members. The Clerk would reply to the letter as per the request.

The Chairman invited the public speakers, Mr. S. Collins from Londis and Mr Shah from the Cambridge Road Service Station to address the meeting.

Mr. Shah read his submission made to BDC on the planning application. Mr. Collins asked Members if they had read his submission to BDC which had been copied to them by the Clerk. He updated Members with action he had taken through his customers. He had issues with the way BDC had notified affected residents. They had complied with the legal requirement but no more. He was disappointed with the Parish Council for not making the Village aware. The Clerk had copied Members with the pre application minutes as to what action the Council had taken. The latest edition of the Duckpaddle was generated before this application was validated and released for consultation.

Mr. A.Greenwood said he had arranged for an onsite meeting with Rob Back, Group Planning Manager at BDC to look at this site and also the Co-op High Street site.

RESOLVED: That Council defer to make representation on this application until the above meeting has taken place.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Public for their attendance and they left the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

50. PLANNING MATTERS

Amendment to previous application – **14/0365/1/PX** – Change of use of existing retail premises to restaurant and offices – 86A High Street.

The Clerk had copied the main amendment in the agenda pack. The new aspects since the application was last reviewed was the continuation of the ground floor as retail (no longer a restaurant), the addition of a one way traffic in and out system and fewer spaces on the car park. The LCC letter for objecting to the previous application had been copied to members.

RESOLVED: That no additional comments be made

51. PLANNING MATTERS

Neighbouring Parish application - Amendment to previously commented on application – **14/0211/1/OX** – Proposed residential development (maximum 150 dwellings) associated landscaping and POS with vehicular access off Willoughby Road (outline).

The Clerk had the key documents on the laptop and these were shown to Members. New aspects since the pre application were reviewed (comments had been tabled from previous meeting held for Members) as noted on the application form.

The issues were still the overall impact on the neighbouring infrastructure and the merging of the settlements.

RESOLVED: Council wished to **object** on the following grounds: The impact on the road infrastructure may be effective within the immediate site and its exit on to the Cosby Road, but no allowance is made for the effect on the wider road infrastructure and other services on Whetstone, Blaby, Glen Parva, Enderby or Littlethorpe / Narborough. Council wish to **comment** that the settlement of Countesthorpe is getting nearer to Whetstone with this application.

52. PLANNING MATTERS - TO DISCUSS / SHARE PLANNING TRAINING RECEIVED AND LATEST LEGISLATION UPDATE.

Mrs. A.Tyler overviewed her notes which had been copied to Members. She highlighted the key points from her notes. She recommended the Planning Portal as an excellent source of information related to planning.

BDC Cllr. Mrs.J.Forey left the meeting at 9.15 p.m.

RESOLVED: That the training notes and update be received.

53. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

LCC/ BDC Cllr. Mr.K.Coles gave the following report: He was pleased that the Blaby By Pass speed decrease was going through its formal consultation process. The Clerk showed the scheme to Members. He highlighted the problem of urination in the layby that

was still happening. This was a Police matter. He shared with Members his experience of being asked to complete a traffic census form on behalf of LCC.

BDC Cllr. Mr. A.Greenwood congratulated him on his work regarding the Blaby Bypass. He had attended a new initiative regarding the various agencies working together. He would copy the presentation information to the Clerk for Distribution.

RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

54. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

55. FINANCE – TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of June 2014 are confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement dated 30th June 2014 was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

56. CLERKS REPORT

General report and Ground Staff Work Schedule

The ground staff work schedule and meetings schedule has been distributed.

The Clerk reported the following: The painting of the Cemetery railings was underway. The Clerk gave an update on the Warwick Road Sports Ground injury as reported in the Leicester Mercury. The Vicarage Lane POS was now reopened. STWA had completed the works and had done a good job in restoring the area. The High Street Car Park had seen car parked overnight with occupants sleeping in it. This had been reported to the relevant agencies. The damaged tree on Sanderson Close was being monitored.

The Clerk tabled an email relating to the St Peters Church roof works for information. The Clerk tabled an email relating to a request from the Blaby and Whetstone Boys Club regarding a mid week pitch use. The Clerk was asked to inform Dave Palmer that this was acceptable within the lease agreement.

The Clerk informed Members that the Deputy Clerk had been successful in becoming Clerk to Wymondham & Edmondthorpe Parish Council which was a 10 hour per week commitment. She was congratulated. This did not impact on her duties at Whetstone Parish Council.

57. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence report: RESOLVED: The list be received and noted. All correspondence had been copied to members.

a) BDC – Lubbethorpe Application – noted.

b) LCC – Highways response to Planning application – Strata Homes – Warwick Road – for information only.

c) BDC – Planning approval notice – 14/0405/1/HPX – 5 Browns Way – noted.

d) BDC – Planning approval notice – 14/0412/1/HPX – 74 Attfield Drive – noted.

RESOLVED: The letters be received and actions noted.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00 p.m.