

**WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL**

**HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash

**PRESENT** Councillors: I Colls – Chairman  
S Button  
Mrs K Crutchley  
R Margrave  
S McFadden  
R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

**H41/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs Falp, Nayar, Shepherd, Vaughan and Dave Herbert. Apologies were accepted.

**H42/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Mrs Crutchley and Sparkes declared an interest in item 8 (Rugby League Licence Renewal) on the agenda.

**H43/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

**H44/15 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES**

**H35/14** – Cllr Button proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Ian Colls for project managing the asbestos remedial work at the Hall. He also thanked all the volunteers from the Short Mat Bowls Club who helped with the decorating and various other jobs.

**H36/14** - A new bench has been donated and installed outside the chemist.

**H45/15 ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARDS**

Cllr McFadden asked for this item to be included and attended the meeting. He questioned whether the notice boards around the town are effective and suggested that electronic notice boards may be more noticeable. There are

various options as to where an electronic notice board can be placed – library, Acre Close shop, bus shelter, Plough Green. Cllr McFadden was asked to look into costs etc.

*Cllr McFadden left the meeting after this item was discussed.*

#### H46/15 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 was presented to members.

Members were notified of the payment of £35,000 from development on Franklin Road towards the provision or enhancement of public open space.

#### H47/15 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

Quotation for street lighting maintenance was received from Warwickshire County Council for 2014 / 2015 period. The cost is £7.72 per lighting point and there is no increase on last year's quotation. Members proposed this quotation is accepted.

Cllr Colls also mentioned that the Committee needs to look into installing a solar light and panel with remote control at the entrance gate as the area is very dark and it is a problem when locking the gate at night.

#### H48/15 RUGBY LEAGUE LICENCE RENEWAL

The Rugby League Licence is due for renewal. It was proposed that the licence is renewed for a period of two years at the current rate. Ashley Howlett will be invited to attend the Hall and Playing Fields meeting to provide an update on the Club.

*Cllrs Mrs Crutchley and Sparkes declared an interest.*

#### H49/15 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

The Hall and Playing Fields project list was discussed and updated.

The Clerk will write to Dave Stocks to find out if he will still be maintaining the flower bed at the Heathcote / Tachbrook Road traffic lights. They will be reimbursed for any expenses incurred.

The Asbestos Management remedial work has been completed. Some decorating still needs to be completed.

Cllr Colls asked members for suggestions regarding the blinds in the hall as these no longer fit properly after the remedial work to the walls in the hall. Members will look at the blinds at the next meeting in the hall.

H51/15 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

The Solicitor has suggested that three quotations are sourced to undertake remedial work on the floor at the Community Hall and then pressing Warwickshire County Council for a contribution towards the costs. Cllr Colls has obtained one quotation to date. Supply and fix a new floor - £8934.53 + VAT and to repair the section of floor that is damaged only - £1346.25 + VAT. Two more quotations need to be sourced to submit to the Solicitor.

H52/15 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

The Community Forum Grant money for the WW1 Commemoration Garden was discussed. As this money has not been spent members proposed that approval be sought from Jane Coates to change the use of the funding on improvements around the War Memorial on Church Green or to return the money and reapply to improve the current War Memorial.

H53/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Whitnash Sports & Social Club re installation of a hard standing ramp which will run approximately 4 feet into Acre Close playing fields. Members proposed that a site visit is undertaken on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 10h00 before making a decision. *Cllrs Mrs Crutchley and Sparkes declared an interest.*
2. Quote from Baginton's for 20 summer tubs at £56.00 per tub + VAT was approved.
3. Thank you letter from Whitnash Fun Day Committee. *Cllrs Mrs Crutchley and Sparkes declared an interest.*

H54/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

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