

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10th March 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs J Falp
 S Button
 G Cancilla
 R Margrave
 S McFadden
 T Shepherd
 R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

In attendance: Mr D Clough

H50/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Dave Herbert. Apologies were accepted.

H51/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

H52/16 TREES ON BUND

Mr Clough attended the meeting and informed Members that the Woodland Trust is involved in a scheme called 'Planting in the Community' and are offering different types of trees for free. It was suggested that the Town Council may consider planting trees on the bund at Acre Close. The only stipulation the Woodland Trust requires is permission from the Town Council and land owner as well as where the trees will be positioned marked out on the ordnance survey. These trees will be available for planting in autumn 2016 and the application form needs to be submitted in July 2016. Co-operative Energy carry out work in the community and they have indicated to Mr Clough that they would be willing to plant these trees if the Town Council accepted the scheme.

Mr Clough was thanked for proposal.

H53/16 BOOT CAMP

Leila Javadi who is qualified to run boot camps and would like to run introductory sessions on 'How to' or mini boot camps to engage the

community on Acre Close Playing Field was asked to do a presentation at the meeting, but did not arrive.

H54/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

H55/16 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

H25/17 Whitnash Open Spaces – Members decided it was not cost effective to hire a verti-drain.

H34/15 Precept 2016 – 2017 – the new light column at Acre Close has not been installed yet.

H46/16 Whitnash Open Spaces – sections of the Measured Mile are still under water and Cllr Cancilla said asked if quotations had been sourced yet. He also asked if we had received a reply from Warwick District Council regarding the request for recycling bins, but to date nothing has been received.

H56/16 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Members were forwarded a copy of the income and expenditure report as at 2nd March 2016. Overspends as reported previously – Hearing Loop Maintenance and Hall Cleaning for caretaker cover. There will also be an overspend for salaries as a result of additional costs for caretaker cover.

H57/16 MILLENNIUM GARDEN

Cllr Mrs Falp is willing to find grants to enhance the Millennium Garden, but Members need to decide what must be done. Maintenance costs are ongoing. A site visit will take place before the next Hall and Playing Fields Meeting on Thursday, 12th May 2016.

H58/16 RED PHONE BOX

A blast cleaning company has quoted to blast clean and paint the red phone box for an amount of +-£600.

The glass from the phone box will need to be removed and the whole area would need to be screened off and scaffolding is also required. A new glazing kit is also required as apparently the glass usually breaks when trying to remove it. The estimated cost to refurbish the phone box will be +-£1700 and the budget for refurbishing is £500. Cllr Mrs Falp said the options are to: Refurbishment by outside contractors; Refurbishment by Members / volunteers or to get rid of the phone box? Members proposed that a grant is sourced for the balance and that the phone box is refurbished as it is a

community asset.

H59/16 LICENCE AGREEMENT

The Football Licence Agreement expires on 30th April 2016. Members proposed an increase of £25 per year for the next two-year licence agreement. Five Members voted in favour and there were two abstentions. *Cllrs Button and Sparkes declared an interest.*

H60/16 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

The following is due to be done in April 2016 - annual heating service, PAT testing and emergency lighting in hall is due in April 2016. The football licence is due for renewal in April.
It was proposed that a thank you email is sent to Ian Colls thanking him for his continued help in the maintenance of the Community Hall.

H61/16 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Trespassing and anti-social behaviour has been a problem at the Community Hall recently. Youths were apprehended by the Zumba class and the Police called. The Police were informed of these incidents on 17th February and the problem persisted until 3 March 2016 before the Police were involved. The youths involved will be getting warning letters sent out by WDC regarding their behaviour. Members proposed that a letter is sent to Daffyd Goddard and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meet with him to express concern about the current spate of anti-social behaviour. Pete Cutts at Warwick District will also be notified of the recent incidents of anti-social behaviour.

Members proposed a 50p increase in hall hire rates. Rates were last increased in April 2013. This increase is from April 2016.

H62/16 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Cllr Mrs Falp reported that the closing date for the programme of community development support closes this week. During the Spring / Summer 2016 the project will engage residents creatively around the following issues: the use of green spaces and the selection of play equipment, the content and design of the community newsletter and the potential for using other communication methods and the opportunities to get more involved in the local community.

More litter bins are needed around Whitnash. Dog poo bags are dropped on the pavements, because there are not enough bins. Cllr Mrs Falp will speak to Warwick District Council.

Four tenders were received for the grass cutting contract, but the bund is not included in this contractual agreement
The bund is an ongoing issue and the various options – trees / wild flowers was discussed. Cllr Mrs Falp will seek advice from John Holmes at Warwick

District Council.
After the heavy rain recently Members reconsidered verti-draining again. Cllr McFadden will review the prices for this exercise.

H63/16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Whitnash Fun Day Committee letter requesting the use of the Committee room as a change room for the Fun Day on 3 July 2016. Members proposed the Fun Day may use the committee room on condition there is a named key holder for the duration of the event and that the committee room is kept locked at all times. The Fun Day Committee will be liable for any damages and need to produce a copy of their public liability insurance before the key will be handed over. The Fun Day Committee will have to apply to Warwick District Council for a Temporary Event Notice to sell alcohol at the event. A copy of this notice is also required a week before the event.

H64/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 12th May 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

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

SIGNED DATE