

# **Whyteleafe Parish Council**

## **Minutes of Meeting No. 66 held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm in St. Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe**

### **Present:**

Cllr David Rudland (Chairman)  
Cllr Rod Nash  
Cllr Alison Pannett

Cllr Brian Hargreaves  
Cllr Helen McDonnell  
Cllr Celia Rudland

### **In attendance:**

Joanne O'Connell (Clerk)  
TDCllr Sakina Bradbury  
SCCllr Sally Marks

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr B. McDonnell.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr D. Rudland and Cllr C. Rudland declared an interest in item 10 regarding Church Road.

### **3. Minutes of Meeting No. 65 held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by the Parish Councillors and signed by Cllr D. Rudland.

### **4. Public Participation**

Mr Jackson-Robbins reported that he had spoken to Roger Packham of the Bourne Society, and the Planning Department at TDC regarding 74 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe. The view of TDC was that the building had limited development potential.

The Parish Councillors felt that the site needed tidying up in the short term. The Parish Councillors decided to review the situation if a planning application is presented. The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Mrs Massey who originally brought the matter to their attention. **JO**

### **5. Planning**

#### **5.1 Planning Applications**

##### **5.1.1 Land rear of 136 Godstone Road (TA/2006/1567)**

The Parish Councillors expressed a number of concerns about this application: loss of amenity, increase in run off of rainfall due to concreting over of area would exacerbate flooding problems, new roofline, a precedent would be set for infilling of land, there is already a high concentration of flats in Whyteleafe. Cllr A. Pannett agreed to look at the plans and report back to the Parish Council.

## **5.2 Planning Decisions**

The Clerk reported the decisions on Torwood Cottage, 82 Whyteleafe Hill TA/2005/1826/A (approved), 250 Godstone Road TA/2006/1445 (approved), and Stoneycroft, corner of Succombs Hill and Godstone Road TA/2006/510 (approved).

## **5.3 Planning Appeals**

None to report.

## **6. Public Transport**

SCCllr Marks reported that SEEDA were going to withdraw their funding of 'Buses 4 U' in spring 2007.

## **7. Highways**

SCCllr Marks asked the Parish Councillors to report any highways issues to the Clerk who will then collate them and forward to SCCllr Marks. The number of the contact centre for members of public to report highways concerns is 08456 009 009.

## **8. Projects**

### **8.1 Newsletter**

The Clerk reported that she had looked into the possible distribution of the newsletter by the Royal Mail. Given the small numbers involved the Parish Councillors decided that it would not be cost effective to do this. The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to look into the possibility of local Scouts or Guides distributing the newsletter, and the Parish Council would make a donation to the group involved. **JO**

The Parish Councillors agreed to set up a sub-committee to review the newsletter.

### **8.2 Hanging Baskets**

The Parish Councillors voted to use some of the money which had been budgeted for summer hanging baskets for 2006 for planting up winter hanging baskets. **JO**

## **9. Finance**

### **9.1 External Audit for 2005/6**

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had approved the annual return for the Parish Council. She read out the areas for improvement for next year's annual return.

### **9.2 Budget 2007/8**

Cllr D. Rudland reported that the Parish Councillors met at the end of November to discuss the budget for the following year. Cllr Rudland read out the budget (see appendix A) and the reasons for changes from the current year's budget. Following a discussion, the Parish Councillors voted 5:1 (Cllr Hargreaves voted against the motion) to add £1,000 for Environmental Enhancement initiatives into the budget.

### **9.3 Precept 2007/8**

The Parish Councillors voted 5:1 (Cllr Hargreaves voted against the motion) to agree a precept of £15,500 for 2007/8.

#### **10. Correspondence**

Cllr D. Rudland reported that the Parish Council had been sent another anonymous e-mail regarding problems of fighting and litter outside the social club on Church Road on Saturday evenings after it closes. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to Contact Cllr Gray to get an update on the situation as he has been closely involved with talking to police and residents. **JO**

The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the police to request that the next PCPG meeting is held in Whyteleafe. **JO**

The Parish Councillors also asked the Clerk to contact TDC to ask for a copy of the licence agreement for the social club. **JO**

#### **11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 8.00pm in the entrance to St. Luke's church.

#### **12. AOB – Urgent matters as previously notified to the Chairman**

No matters were raised.

The Chairman wished everyone a very happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

## Whyteleafe Parish Council Budget 2007/8

	<b>2006/7 Budget</b>	<b>2006/7 Actual or Projected Figures</b>	<b>2007/8 Budget (Estimated Figures)</b>	<b>Reason for Increase</b>
<b>Item</b>				
Clerk's Salary	3,565	3,100	3,651	(1)
Office Costs	600	600	624	(2)
Insurance	380	306.33	380	Remains the same
Audit Fee	153	153	153	(3)
Hall Hire	250	220	256	(4)
Membership Fees	1,350	1,000	1,350	
Web Site	50	50	100	(5)
Election Fees	0	0	500	(6)
Refreshments	80	60	80	
Donations	500	1,690	1,000	(7)
Community Garden	1,100		1,100	
Hanging Baskets	3,000	0	5,000	(8)
Newsletter/Publicity	200	200	300	
Noticeboard	1,200		1,200	
Training	500	350	500	
Environmental Enhancement	1,000		1,000	
Good Citizen Award			100	(9)
Flashing Speed Sign			5,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,928</b>		<b>22,294</b>	

### Donations:

Parish Plan £1,000

East Surrey Museum £500

Surrey Crimestoppers £40

- (1) Although projected spend for 2006/7 is less than amount budgeted for salary, the Parish Council anticipates an increase in work on projects in 2007/8, plus a rise of 2.4% in line with inflation.
- (2) Has not been increased since Parish Council started. There have increases in postage, telephone and heating and lighting costs. Increase is just over the rate of inflation.
- (3) Audit fee remains the same for 2007/8.
- (4) Allowance made for emergency meetings, plus an increase in line with inflation.
- (5) Increased by 50% to allow for some reworking of website.
- (6) To part fund cost of possible election at the end of the term of this Parish Council. £500 is provision for 2 years as no provision was made last year. £250 will be budgeted for in each of the next 2 years.
- (7) To allow the Parish Council to support more local groups and initiatives.
- (8) The hanging baskets have been very popular with the public. The Parish Councillors would like to increase the number of baskets in 2007/8.
- (9) To recognise the voluntary work put in by local people in improving Whyteleafe and helping its residents.