

Whyteleafe Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting No. 67 held on Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 8.00pm in St. Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr D. Rudland(Chairman)
Cllr Rod Nash
Cllr Alison Pannett
Cllr Bob McDonnell

Cllr Brian Hargreaves
Cllr Helen McDonnell
Cllr Celia Rudland

In attendance:

Joanne O'Connell (Clerk)
SCCllr Sally Marks
TDCllr Jeffrey Gray

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr D. Rudland and Cllr C. Rudland declared an interest in item 13 on the agenda, and said that given the nature of their interest, they would leave the meeting while it was being discussed.

3. Minutes of Meeting No. 67 held on 9th January 2007 and Matters Arising

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

The Clerk said that she had e-mailed the anonymous Church Road residents who had contacted the Parish Council with concerns about the social club at Whyteleafe Football Ground, but had not received a reply. The Parish Councillors decided that there was nothing further they could do about the matter.

The Clerk also reported that she had not received a reply to her letter regarding the signage on the Travelodge on Godstone Road.

4. Public Participation

Cllr Sally Marks mentioned the meeting for the Parish Council with the Highways Community Gang on 22nd February at TDC. The Parish Councillors agreed that Cllr Pannett should attend on behalf of the Parish Council. **AP**

Cllr Jeffrey Gray raised the matter of the planning application for 13, Station Road, Whyteleafe. He explained that access to the proposed development was via Westview Road which is an unadopted road. Therefore the residents of Westview Avenue may have a greater say in the application as the road does not come under Highways authority.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

5.1.1 Kenley Aerodrome (TA/2007/85)

The Parish Councillors were opposed to the erection of a fence. They felt that it was an unnecessary intrusion to the landscape. The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Planning department opposing the application, and requesting that any infringement of the rules of using the aerodrome be enforced, rather than erecting something which would be an eyesore.

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5.1.2 Land and Garages rear of 246-250 Godstone Road (TA/2006/1425)

Cllr Pannett agreed to look at the plans for this application and report back to the Parish Councillors.

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5.2 Planning Decisions

Cllr B. McDonnell reported that two recent applications had been refused: 15-23 Hillbury Road and 8A-14 Whyteleafe Hill; and 145-147 Godstone Road had been agreed.

5.3 Planning Appeals

Cllr Jeffrey Gray reported that the Gadoline House appeal had been allowed, but the Rose and Crown appeal had been turned down.

The Clerk reported that the Court Bushes Road appeal had been withdrawn, and that there would be a public enquiry instead.

Cllr Jeffrey Gray reported the growing concerns regarding the Well Farm Heights development.

6. Public Transport

Chris Kelly reported that the 409 and 411 bus routes would be going out to tender. They would continue to be run by South Downs until June 2007. The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to write in support of the bus service to SCC.

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She also reported that lifts were being installed at Purley Station. She reminded people using the station to allow extra time for connections while the work was on going.

Cllr Hargreaves raised concerns about the length of time the barrier is down at Whyteleafe South Station. The Parish Councillors asked the Clerk to contact Network Rail.

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7. Highways

The Clerk was asked to follow up with Highways about the potential cost of portable speed signs.

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8. Projects

8.1 Newsletter

Cllr B. McDonnell reported that the newsletter had been printed and was ready to be sent out.

9. Finance

The Clerk reported that following advice from the external auditors at the last audit, the Parish Council should write back an uncashed cheque for £200 from financial year 2004/5 back into the accounts for 2007/8. The Parish Councillors voted to agree this.

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10. Correspondence

10.1 Request for funding – Kenley Air Cadets

The Clerk was asked to find out which instruments they were hoping to buy.

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10.2 Request for funding – Saturday Venture Association

The Clerk was asked to find out what benefit supporting this association would bring to the local community.

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10.3 TVSC – Request for funding and Subscription for 2007/8

The Parish Councillors agreed to renew their subscription and to make a donation of £500.

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10.4 Surrey Village of the Year Competition

The Parish Councillors decided not to take part in the competition for this year.

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March 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.

13. Community Garden – Tender for Maintenance

Cllr D. Rudland and Cllr C. Rudland left the meeting for this item. Cllr B. McDonnell became Chairman for the item.

Cllr B. McDonnell explained the concerns that the Parish Council had that the Community Garden was not being maintained by the current contractor; and despite several phone calls, no progress had been made. The Parish Council had received a quotation from Rudland Horticultural Services to provide maintenance for the garden. The Parish Councillors discussed the quote and agreed that it seemed competitive, and agreed to take on Rudland Horticultural Services for a trial period of one year.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.