

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting No 85 held on Monday 9th February 2009 at 8.00pm
in St Luke's Church, Whyteleaf Hill, Whyteleaf**

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairperson)
Cllr Celia Rudland
Cllr John Shannon
Cllr Michael Langman
Cllr Jeffrey Gray

Public questions

Plans for extension of Upper Warlingham Station. Cllr JS provided provide a summary of Whyteleaf Parish Council's initiative to seek a second storey to be added to the car park. He said that WPC had written to say that it welcomes additional car parking space, but expressing concerns about Network Rail's intention to expand parking by levelling bank and removing trees. Members of the public expressed concern that the trees and bank are currently deadening noise, and their removal will have an adverse effect. The residents had been written to by Tandridge, and will send the letter to WPC.

1. Apologies – none

2. Declarations of Interest – none

3. Minutes of 12th January 2009 Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes amended and agreed as an accurate record.

It was reported that it had been realised that Manor Park would not be an appropriate location for BMX track.

It was reported that the British Legion is looking at setting up a new branch at the same venue.

4. Questions tabled in advance – none.

5. Finance

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

A. Siddall, Grass2Long for community garden maintenance for January £45.00
cheque no 204

St Luke's church hall hire £20.00 cheque no 205

Another authorised signatory is needed and was agreed

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

Wren Cottage, 12 Salmons Lane TA/2008/1678. No representations from the public nor on the website. Concern was expressed about the green belt nature of the

proposal and whether if allowed other such proposals would also be allowed. It was felt that clarification was needed; councillors to look at the plans and notify the clerk if they felt it necessary to object.

33 Whyteleafe Hill TA/2009/2. No representations from the public nor on the website.

SCCllr SM suggested that councillors need to examine plans in order to be able to comment and take a view, and that they need to be au fait with the green belt policy.

Grindelwald, 5 The Avenue TA/2008/1750. This had come in after the agenda had been issued. Councillors to look at and gain clarity on plans.

Whytebeam View TPO 218(T). This also had come in after the agenda had been issued.

6.2 Planning Decisions - none

6.3 Appeals

55 Hillbury Road TA/2008/586; Appeal ref APP/M3645/A/09/209490/NWF

WPC wrote a detailed 9 point letter objecting. WPC to write reinforcing its objections and reconfirm points made.

6.4 Appeal Decisions - none

7. Public Transport

Commuter Parking – Upper Warlingham, Network Rail proposed extension to car park. A site visit had been carried out by the councillors and it was agreed that it was necessary to act quickly given Network Rail's proposed action. As authorised at the January meeting a newsletter was put together and distributed to Edgworth Close and Westhall Road residents and an area set up on the website for residents to post comments, which capability is being utilised by residents.

It was agreed to write to the Director of Planning at Tandridge about Network Rail proposal and to ask about Network Rail powers.

SCCllr will contact Surrey County Council.

It was agreed to write to Network Rail and say that initial feedback had been received from residents and asking for a response by end of February. If no response received it was agreed to escalate to Peter Ainsworth.

Parking in Church Road and Hillbury Road. Parking is also a problem in these areas. One suggestion is to initiate discussions with Surrey County Council about bringing in restrictions similar to Hornchurch Road. It was decided to put this suggestion on hold, and given councillor capacity to at this stage concentrate on the Upper Warlingham Station parking initiative.

It was reported that Mr Rodney Nash, resident of Hillbury Road, has initiated a survey of residents of 1-90 Hillbury Road about parking. It was agreed that parking be looked at holistically, and to first get resolution of the Upper Warlingham commuter parking situation.

East Surrey Transport Committee - Christine Kelly sent apologies, therefore no report.

8. Highways

Community Gang Work. SCCllr SM reported that the community gang workers are concentrating on dealing with potholes, exacerbated by the recent severe snowy weather.

A resident had made contact about wheelchair accessibility along Church Road, and a query had been made about the question of safety for people walking in the road. This will be put onto the March agenda.

Cllr AJP will draft a letter to go to Keith Fry, the highways contact for Whyteleafe Parish Council in Surrey County Council.

9. Projects

9.1 Community Garden – risk assessment – done.

9.2 Newsletter – review of distribution and which roads outstanding.

9.3 Community Support – PCSO Rupert Kelley not present and therefore no report provided.

9.4 Emergency Planning/ flooding. Cllr ML had attended Tandridge emergency planning workshop, will provide a report to a later meeting. Whyteleafe would seem to meet the criteria for a government flood grant. It is not clear how this is applicable at a parish level. Whyteleafe does have vulnerable areas; Tandridge District Council to be contacted. The Environment Agency has written about enforcement of resident responsibilities regards keeping the Bourne clear; Cllr AJP will draft a response.

9.5 Notice board by the post office is very damp and may be absorbing damp from the wall. Cllr ML has investigated and thinks that this may have been caused by severe condensation.

9.6 Donations. Consider donations to be made at next meeting – add to agenda.

10. Correspondence

Friends of Kenley Aerodrome – nothing has been heard

Independent Remuneration Panel – no comments; decisions now made

East Surrey Housing Strategy consultation. Any views to be emailed amongst councillors and to be brought to the next meeting.

Engaging/ communication with the community. Guidance from SLCC and SCAPTC on handling enquiries from the press has been circulated to councillors.

11. Vacancy caused by resignation of councillor. The clerk reported on the procedure to be followed on vacancies caused by resignation or death of a councillor. The statutory notice has been displayed on the notice boards and on the website.

12. Code of Conduct – reminder to check that details are still current, and to note any changes on the form provided. Tandridge have simplified the form, and this has been distributed to councillors.

13. Annual Meeting of the Council. It was agreed that this would be on the 11th April, and would be followed by the usual monthly meeting. The purpose is to elect the chair and to present the finances. **Annual Parish Council Meeting** – councillors to provide dates for this meeting; it was agreed to use the church as venue this year.

14. AOB – none.

16. Date of next meeting – 9th March, 8pm, St Luke's Church.