

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting No 79 and the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14th July 2008 at 8.00pm in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairperson)

Cllr Jeffrey Grey

Cllr Rod Nash

Cllr Celia Rudland

SCCllr Sally Marks

TDCllr Sakina Bradbury

Public Questions – none

1. Apologies: Cllr Rod Nash; Cllr John Shannon

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr AJP – 24 Whyteleafe Hill is neighboring property

3. Minutes of 18th June 2008 Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes amended and signed.

Whyteleafe Helping Hands – receive support, *not* funding

Letter drafted to Bishop – all agreed. Cllr JG to talk with priest, then clerk to send letter

Declaration of Interest form – outstanding form will be completed

4. Finance

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Burridge Property for website £78.20 cheque 165

Clerk salary £910.32 cheque 166

Clerk expenses £161.63 cheque 167

Inland Revenue PAYE £227.40 cheque 168

St Lukes Church hire of hall £20.00 cheque 169

A Siddall, Grass2Long £45.00 maintenance of community garden cheque 170

Tandridge District Council election costs £72.35 cheque 171

Tandridge Voluntary Service Council membership renewal £10.00 cheque 172

East Surrey Transport Committee membership renewal £20.00 cheque 173

Caterham & Whyteleafe Tennis Club donation £500.00 cheque 174

Item 13 brought forward. Accounts and constitution had been provided as requested. £500.00 donation agreed for Caterham & Whyteleafe Tennis Club (Cllr RN had agreed in advance). A report on the level of community group involvement and publicity to be provided in 6-12 months' time. It was reported that the website is generating interest and enquiries. Whyteleafe Parish Council also undertook to publicise the club.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

24 Whyteleafe Hill, 2008/886 - no representation received from public

11 Downsway, 2008/512 - no representation received from public

Grindelwald, The Avenue, 2008/915 – no representation from public

It was noted that no decision has yet been made about 55 Hillbury Road

Notice of two additional planning applications had been received that day:

126 Whyteleafe Hill, 2008/782 – erection of single storey side/rear extension and dormer window to front roof slope

83 Whyteleafe Hill, 2008/964 – erection of single storey rear extension, extension to roof and dormer window to front roof slope

Cllr JG will monitor the Tandridge website for comments posted

As there will be no meeting in August it was noted that a public meeting would be arranged if needed in order to consider planning

5.2 Planning Decisions

22 Westview Avenue, 2008/587 - refused

5.3 Appeals

8A, 10, 12, 14 Whyteleafe Hill, 2007/1892. This will be an appeal rather than public enquiry. **WPC to write and defend points made by Tandridge.**

5.4 Appeals Decisions – none

6. Public Transport (Chris Kelly present)

Car parking costs at the station have gone up, and there is now Saturday charging. Repercussions – Tandridge will have to review their car parking rates **WPC to write and ask the train company about Saturday parking charge and to ask why the change.** The address and contact details will be on the notice.

WPC wish to make an input into Tandridge Core Strategy on parking provision. Affiliation of Surrey Transport Committee (covers 3 stations) – renewal agreed. The hedge on Godstone Road and Whyteleafe South Station is overgrown; Cllr JG is trying to ascertain ownership.

Station approach by small roundabout – fence is too low and too wide, so that rubbish can be thrown over; recent litter pick but difficult to reach. SCCllr SM asked if a full fence can be erected, or the litter removed. **Chris Kelly will raise.** Bus stop, Godstone Road – still not sorted. CK has raised again, and has asked to be told when it will be sorted.

Following complaint from member of the public about “non existent buses” it was confirmed that the 409 is run by the Surrey Bus Company. CK raised at the last meeting of the East Surrey Transport Committee; this will be monitored.

CK reported that the train company will be piloting changes with the timetable and length of trains, particularly in the rush hour.

7. Highways

7.1 Community Gang work.

Hedge on Whyteleafe Hill – told there is no funding to undertake this work. Cllr AP has raised it again today, and also lack of grass cutting. Cllr AP will send the job numbers to SCCllr SM.

Grassland outside BP garage – no longer being cut since it has been opened up so that people can stand and wait for the bus. It was reported that Surrey County Council take the view that it is about safety and not appearance. It was suggested that grass cutting could be considered as part of the parish plan, which would have implications for precept.

7.2 Whyteleafe Roundabouts – tiles still coming off the other roundabout (not Wapses Lodge) outside Whyteleafe Business Village and Whyteleafe Tavern .

Write to Surrey Highways and point out that it is losing tiles and needs some maintenance.

7.3 Pelican crossings. Godstone Road Pelican crossing – EDF & Ringway – related to A23 works which affects this issue. Work will start in October

7.4 Hornchurch Hill. There is a rumour about residents' parking scheme. Cllr JG has enquired and been told that there are no immediate plans. SCCllr said that she has requested a pilot scheme which will be either in Whyteleafe or Caterham Valley. Everyone agreed that there should be appropriate consultation. It was stated that this should be a priority for the Next Four Years Plan.

8. Projects

8.1 Community Garden

It was reported that the Environment Agency has advised that a waste transport licence is required. If the supplier wishes to increase the price this will be considered.

8.2 Newsletter

Topics for the newsletter included Crimestoppers (who have provided some text) and graffiti.

8.3 Community Support – PCSO RK has just returned from extended leave. He asked if the councillors have any issues to raise. There was a report of three teenagers being accosted by a larger group Saturday 5th July outside Whyteleafe School.

8.4 The Next 4 Years – it was agreed that a separate meeting be held to work on this.

9. Election

Costs provided by Tandridge: £5.00 election notices, £15.57 stationery, £51.78 clerical and returning officer's fees £51.78 making total of £72.35

10. Correspondence

10.1 Tandridge Voluntary Service Council questionnaire received. Tandridge are making funding conditional on questionnaire. It was agreed that WPC should respond that while it does not make much use of the service, it is a good body and that it would like to see it continue. WPC would be willing to pay more if the membership price were increased. Membership renewal approved. The clerk said that a pack of reading was available for anyone who wanted to see.

12. Standing Orders. It was agreed to have a separate meeting to review and update the standing orders. All the councilors would need to participate.

13. SCAPTC AGM 12th July – WPC unable to attend

16. Date of next meeting. There will be no meeting in August, other than if urgent planning matters arise. The following meeting will be Monday 8th September. Meeting in future will be second Monday in the month.

17. Any Other Business – Urgent Matters as Previously Notified to the Chairperson - none