

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting No 90 held on Monday 13th July 2009 at 8.00pm
in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe**

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairman)
Cllr John Shannon
Cllr Celia Rudland

Apologies:

Cllr Michael Langman
Cllr Jeffrey Gray
Cllr Joe Angell

Public questions

Well Farm Heights. Some issues were raised by a resident regarding: stolen bikes, wheelie bins and security issues; parking in the area especially commuters and customers of Travelodge. See 8.4 below.

Residents of Well Farm Heights are concerned about the proposed development of Whyteleafe House.

1. Apologies – as above

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Celia Rudland lives nears Whyteleafe House.

3. Minutes of the Meeting 8th June 2009 and Matters Arising

Minutes amended and signed.

Sewage system storage tank, Godstone Road (TA/2009/401). This has been withdrawn because pedestrian crossing in the way. Thames Water are revisiting the plans. Thames Water have been invited to attend a Whyteleafe Parish Council meeting.

4. Finance

4.1 Payments – Cheques signed for A Sidall Grass2Long (community garden) cheque no 228 £45.00; How Green Nursery cheque no 229 £1248-55; St Luke's Hall cheque no 230 £20.00; clerk salary cheque no 231 £840.40; clerk expenses cheque no 232 £150.00

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

17 Stuart Road, Warlingham TA/2008/1459 – certificate of lawfulness

Gladeside Court, Succombs Hill, Warlingham, CR6 9JG TA/2009/516/TPO -
passed

188 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, CR3 0AF TA/2009/565 – passed by Tandridge

It was reported that some residents of **Well Farm Heights** have received a letter about reducing the height of tree, and also that a horse chestnut has been taken down. Tandridge said that there is no tree preservation on the trees, and therefore the trees can be taken down if the owner so wishes. **Cllr AP** asked for a copy of the letter and will take this up with Tandridge.

5.2 Planning Decisions

Kenley Aerodrome, Hayes Lane 08/03799/P – this has been refused by Croydon Council

5.3 Appeals - none

5.4 Appeal decisions – none

5.5 22 Westview TA/2009/155 – no reply as yet from developer to Whyteleafe Parish Council letter 30th June

5.6 Whyteleafe House 438-445 Godstone Road TA/2008/423. This development would be for 150+ flats with 4-5 storey's. This had previously gone to appeal and the Secretary of State ruled that the site is suitable for flats, with some reservations such as density and parking. The developer had resubmitted with some amendments such as a health centre as well as reduced density (from 190 down to 150 flats) and parking. The Primary Healthcare Trust has said they are not interested in a health centre, which would anyway be in the wrong place.

Cllr AP attended the Development Control Committee to make representation about this which came up at short notice with Tandridge indicating "recommend". She used her 3 minute allowed time slot to cover the points agreed with Whyteleafe parish councillors in advance.

This has now been deferred. Tandridge will go back to the developer to ask for more of a mix of flats.

Cllr AP attended the Strategic Housing Planning meeting at Tandridge. Invites had been extended at the planning policy committee's update/ training session for parish councils 10th June.

6. Public Transport

6.1 Commuter parking – Upper Warlingham car park. Govia (Southern) have won the franchise to 2015 (existing franchise holder). See 6.2.

6.2 East Surrey Transport Committee. Allan Kelly reported that Govia who have only just been appointed have to address parking as part of the franchise; they have it as a priority to address parking. He advised that WPC write to Southern/Govia very soon before decisions are taken. The clerk will find contact within Southern.

AK had attended the ESTC meeting and gave an update. Refurbishment of footbridge over Whyteleafe South station is about to start, which means that the footbridge will be closed. Whyteleafe South car park will be closed while work is on. There will be sandblasting but this should be done within "working hours".

There will be some timetable changes over 6-8 years – these will generally improve services.

The 407 bus has gone to tender and will go to another company. The buses will still be single decker. There will be more buses Sundays and evenings.

7. Highways

7.1 Community Gang – good work carried out alongside allotments; it is desired that this will be repeated, and it was suggested that Church Road is done every 6 weeks.

Cllr AP will contact Surrey County Council to ask to cut back hedges on Church Road

7.2 Church Road – **Cllr CR** continues to try to identify ownership, and has been given another contact which she will explore.

8. Projects

8.1 Community Garden – **Cllr CR** will come up some ideas for planting the garden (especially to screen from electricity substation now that the trees/shrubs have been removed by electricity company).

A Police Panel has been agreed, the first is likely to be September/ October.

8.2 Community Support - PCSO sent apologies. PCSO RK had provided statistics which had been circulated to councilors by email; it was asked if he would present at the next meeting.

8.3 Autumn newsletter – topics have been suggested. A working session will be arranged to progress.

8.4 Well Farm Heights. Regarding theft of bikes raised by resident it was agreed that Cllr AP would ask for a security report from the police.

9. Correspondence

St Catherine's Hospice have offered a speaker. It was agreed to keep on file and consider for next year's annual meeting.

10. Any Other Business – Urgent Matters as Previously Notified to the Chair - none.

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 10th August 2009, St Luke's Church 8.00 pm. It was agreed that there would be a short meeting to cover any time critical planning applications. Cllr JS sent apologies in advance.