

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting No. 72 held on Tuesday 10th July at 8.00pm in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairperson)
Cllr Bob McDonnell
Cllr Helen McDonnell

Cllr Rod Nash
Cllr Celia Rudland

In attendance:

TDCllr Jeffrey Gray
TDCllr Sakina Bradbury

1. Apologies:

Cllr David Rudland
Cllr Brian Hargreaves
SCCllr Sally Marks

Cllr A Pannett announced that Parish Clerk Joanne O'Connell had resigned since the last meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr A Pannett declared an interest in Whyteleafe Hill Planning Appeal.
No further declarations.

3. Minutes of Meeting of 8th May 2007 & AGM – Matters Arising

Minutes agreed & signed – no matters arising

4. Public Participation

Nothing other than Planning

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

Cllr A Pannett announced that there were no major new planning applications

5.2 Planning Decisions

5.2.1 Kenley Aerodrome, Whyteleafe Hill (TA/2007/134)

Cllr A Pannett reported Kenley Aerodrome fence had been refused but was going to appeal. Cllr C Rudland suggested the yellow line delineating the boundary could be better defined.

5.3 Appeals

5.3.1 Whyteleafe House

There will be a 6 week wait for the result of this appeal.

5.3.2 8A-14 Whyteleafe Hill (TA/2006/1612)

TDCllr J Gray reported that residents can attend & contribute to this hearing appeal. He stated that this application is more uncertain than some as the site is closer to the village centre, buses, stations etc. There is a letter on the Surrey County Council website stating that Highways have removed their objection to this application.

TDCllr J Gray recommended that the Whyteleafe Parish Council lobby the District & Council Highways department to find out why they are constantly withdrawing their objections to planning applications (e.g. Whyteleafe Hill & Court Bushes Rd). He also reported that stating that a planning application was "out of character with the surrounding area" is no longer a reason for refusal.

The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the appeal tabling why it objects to this application. It was also noted that the company which ran the Highways Survey on behalf of the developer, did not have permission to carry this out & therefore this survey should not be valid.

It was suggested that the Parish Council go to the local press to report on the constant threat to the area from multiple planning applications & attempt to galvanise local feeling.

TDCllr J Gray reported that an appeal had been submitted against the Station Rd development refusal.

6. Public Transport

Christine Kelly reported from the recent Transport Committee meeting:

- The lifts at Purley Railway Station are being put in which means the tunnels are closed for approximately a year. The steps will be relocated further down the platform.
- A complaint has been lodged about people walking down the side of the track when alighting from the train at Whyteleafe instead of walking down the platform to the level crossing. No one at the meeting had seen or heard of anyone doing this.
- In the Spring 4 people were arrested at Whyteleafe Station with hundreds of tickets bought from cloned credit cards.
- The 434 bus route will come up for tender next year. This may result in more evening buses & Sunday services.
- Christine Kelly reiterated that Transport Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of alternate months & Parish Councillors are welcome to attend.

7. Highways

7.1 Puffin Crossing

Cllr A Pannett reported that the application for a Puffin Crossing on the Godstone Road close to Maple Close had been approved last week.

A query was raised as to why no crossing had been put in at Wells Farm Heights when monies had been paid over to the Council by the developer for this. It was noted that there is an ongoing problem with residents turning right across the flow of traffic from this site. The Parish Council will write to the Local Council on this point.

Cllr R Nash reported that local parking permits had gone up from £50 to £200 a year without residents being informed. It was suggested that the Community Services should inform local Parish Councils on these matters.

7.2 Community Gang Work

Cllr A Pannett reported that there was lots of good work being done by this gang in Whyteleafe.

TDClr S Bradbury reported on the problem of litter in Westhall Road outside the Station. It was reported that there is also a problem with litter on a private piece of land between St Luke's Church & the first house in Whyteleafe Hill. TDClr S Bradbury promised to try & find out who owned this land.

8 Projects

8.1 Hanging Baskets

Cllr A Pannett reported that there are now Summer hanging baskets in Whyteleafe.

A credit has been received for the lack of watering of the Winter hanging baskets.

8.2 Community Garden

All agreed this looks very good. 2 quotes for railings for the garden have been received. Cllr R Nash had received the best quote & this quote will be pursued.

8.3 Newsletter

Still ongoing. All ideas for the newsletter to be emailed to Cllr Bob McDonnell. TDClr S Bradbury asked for Helping Hands to be advertised & more volunteers requested. Cllr A Pannett recommended that the newsletter is issued before the first meeting of the Autumn in September.

8.4 Noticeboards

New noticeboards identified, measurements to be checked & then these to be ordered.

9. Code of Conduct

Agreed & adopted by Whyteleafe Parish Council including paragraph 12 (2).

All Parish Councillors will have to fill in new declarations of interest forms. Cllr A Pannett to circulate

AP

10. Clerk Vacancy & Role

SCAPT to put together a job description and to advise as to where this position should be advertised.

The Parish Councillors to review previous applications.

11. Finance

Cllr A Pannett reported that end of year accounts are with Alan Kelly for auditing. The Annual Return was signed & agreed by the Whyteleafe Parish Council.

12. Parish Plan Meeting

An Open Meeting is to be held in the Autumn, inviting interested parties such as the police to attend. This needs to be advertised in the Newsletter & Noticeboards.

Cllr A Pannett reported that the Community Support officer, Rupert Kelly, will attend Parish Council meetings when available going forward.

13. Correspondence

Letter received from 1st Whyteleafe Scout Group requesting financial assistance. The Parish Councillors agreed to donate £300.

Letter also received requesting donation for Crime Stoppers. To be discussed.

An organisation called Stepping Out advertising local walks wrote advising of their walks. To be advertised on Council notice boards.

14. Date & Venue of Next Meeting

Next formal meeting September 11th, 8pm St Luke's Transept

15. AOB

TD Cllr S Bradbury asked the Parish Council to write to the Tandridge District Council supporting her application for rehousing of local resident stuck in Caterham Dene Hospital due to lack of adequate housing for his medical needs. SB to contact the Parish Council with full details.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm