

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting No 86 held on Monday 9th March 2009 at 8.00pm
in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairperson)
Cllr John Shannon
Cllr Jeffrey Gray

Public questions

SCCllr Sally Marks reported that the bid to Tandridge for additional funding for Caterham & Whyteleafe Tennis Club was successful

1. Apologies: Cllr Michael Langman; Cllr Celia Rudland

2. Declarations of Interest – none

3. Minutes of 9th February 2009 Meeting & Matters Arising

Minutes agreed as an accurate record.
No matters arising..

4. Questions tabled in advance – none.

5. Finance

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

St Luke's church hall hire £20.00 cheque no 206

A. Siddall, Grass2Long for community garden maintenance for February £45.00
cheque no 207

Burrige Property website services £84.90 cheque no 208

Data Image (UK) Ltd for newsletter Upper Warlingham parking £34.50 cheque no 209

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

267 Godstone Road TA/2009/10 – no objections

9 Station Road TA/2009/119 – not out of keeping, and therefore WPC will not object

Thornbury Glen, Salmons Lane TA/2009/111 – green belt and therefore rigorous standards should be adhered to; ***WPC will write to point this out***

4 Birdhurst, 21 Portley Wood Road TA/2009/77 – certificate of lawfulness –

described as for ancillary use. The footprint is substantial, and in green belt. ***WPC to stress that it could never be used as a separate dwelling.***

6.2 Planning Decisions - none

6.3 Appeals

Kenley Aerodrome, Victor Beamish Avenue TA/2008/1598 – withdrawn. However, the planning application submitted to Croydon Council (08/03799/P) for erection of a 1.2m high perimeter fence and gates is still under consideration by Croydon Council. WPC has already written to Croydon and received an acknowledgement. **WPC to seek clarity on what that means (clerk & chair)**

6.4 Appeal Decisions - none

7. Public Transport

Commuter Parking – Upper Warlingham, Network Rail proposed extension to car park. WPC has written to Tandridge who responded saying that the proposed extension is on hold. WPC has been advised to keep the four bidders informed. Chris Kelly reported that this is on the agenda of the East Surrey Transport Committee (ESTC) which is meeting next week. Cllr AP summarised the WPC view which is that it is better to go straight for a deck scheme (second storey) rather than Network Rail's approach of removing bank and trees (and therefore screening) to expand existing parking by 60 spaces, and if that proves insufficient to look at additional scheme. **WPC to press Network Rail for a response** to its second letter sent 13th February. **Chris Kelly** will see if she can obtain the name of another Network Rail person to whom WPC can write.

SCCllr SM said that she has asked at Surrey County Council, who advised that SCC can not do anything as Network Rail can take their proposed action.

Cllr AP reported that Warlingham Parish Council have discussed this and will be attending the ESTC meeting on Wednesday.

Bob Evans, Director Planning at Tandridge has responded to WPC's letter to him on the subject. **It was decided to seek a meeting** to cover the following: Upper Warlingham parking; recent changes to Strategy; sites which have been given planning approval but which are not being built. Cllr AP will find suitable dates from the councillors.

SCCllr SM suggested the clerk talk with Woldingham clerk about enforcement capabilities they have undertaken. Parish councils could come together and lobby Tandridge collectively.

East Surrey Transport Committee

Chris Kelley advised that the ESTC meets next Wednesday.

SCCllr SM raised with SCC road closures and lack of warning about bus company closures/ changes to routes. She advised that bus companies must give advance warning.

8. Highways

Community Gang Work – nothing to raise

Church Road – Cllr JG reported that he had been contacted by a resident to say that a BT pole is in the middle of the path, thereby blocking access to anyone in a wheelchair. Cllr JG contacted Surrey County Council who contacted BT/ Openreach who are coming out to look.

Cllr AP said that Westhall Road is being resurfaced in the next 2 weeks. She asked whether SCC realise that the A22 is closed at the moment. **SCCllr SM** will ask David Hodge of SCC.

Cllr AP is drafting a letter to Keith Fry about SCC highways.

9. Projects

9.1 Community Garden – risk assessment to be written up – carry forward

9.2 Newsletter – it was agreed to have another 300 winter newsletters printed (for delivery to Hillbury Road, Tithepit, Westhall).

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

9.4 Donations. Discussion as to possible donations. More information was required.

Write to cubs and brownies to see if they require funds for anything specific. **Write to**

Sea Cadets referring to their letter of May 2008 and ask what they do specifically in Whyteleafe. **Write to Caterham and Whyteleafe Tennis Club**, thank for report, and ask if still a shortfall, and desire to continue relationship with them for the future.

Emergency Flood Planning. Cllr AP has contacted David Homewood at Tandridge to ask if grant could be available for clearing the Bourne water course.

10. Correspondence

Friends of Kenley Aerodrome – no update

Engaging/ communication with the community. Councillors had met with DCllr Sakina Bradbury and Christine Sayles to learn more about the British Legion and other opportunities for activities for young people. SCCllr SM also attended. The British Legion is no longer intending to sell. One possibility is renting out the top and rear rooms at an estimated cost of £10k a year. WPC needs to understand how that will be funded. It was agreed that WPC stands by to be supportive and is of the view that it is good for there to be a community facility. The question of parking is a concern. Another idea raised was collaboration with the Downlands Project and a second paddock for sheep in Manor Park.

The meeting noted that the RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) had written a report showing the play equipment is wearing out. **WPC to ask Tandridge District Council** what they are going to do about replacing the equipment.

Parking and permit charges. Tandridge are making a Traffic Regulation Order increasing some permit and parking charges and are giving the opportunity to comment. The following increases in Whyteleafe are proposed: Station Road 3-4 hours 10p increase, 4-5 hours 20p increase, 5-6 hours 30p increase; Godstone Road permit £12.00 increase per annum; Whyteleafe recreation ground permit £12.00 increase per annum.

11. Election notice. After publication of notice of vacancy caused by resignation of councillor, 10 candidates were not forthcoming, and **WPC will now publicise** the vacancy on notice boards and the website and will approach Caterham Link.

12. Annual Meeting of the Council - agreed 18th May. **Cllr AP** will check availability of church

Annual Parish Council Meeting – 11th May

14. AOB – Urgent Matters as Previously Notified to the Chair - none.

16. Date of next meeting – to be advised, St Luke’s Church.