

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting No 82 held on Monday 10th November 2008 at 8.00pm
in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairperson)
Cllr Jeffrey Gray
Cllr Rod Nash
Cllr Celia Rudland
Cllr John Shannon

Apologies

Cllr Michael Langman

Surrey County Councillor Sally Marks provided the following update at the start of the meeting:

Parking on the A22 (Hillside to the shops) – quantity has increased. SCCllr SM has phone the police and reported problem for mobility scooter getting through caused by parking. Whyteleafe Parish Council asked SCCllr SM to progress and thanked her. SCCllr SM asked WPC to report if they see this happening again. It was suggested that comments from residents could be invited in the newsletter. SCCllr SM was asked to write to Tandridge Neighbourhood Inspector Elaine Burtenshaw.

Hornchurch Hill parking restrictions. SCCllr SM has been corresponding with WPC Cllr AP about a resident enquiry about white line parking. Surrey County Council policy is that there is no resident parking at the moment, but SCCllr SM will continue to ask for it. Cllr AP said that WPC is grateful for her continued endeavours.

Wapses Lodge underpass. There is a big clean up operation under way, and quite a lot of money is being spent on it.

Pelican crossing outside Well Farm Heights. Next summer is being quoted. SCCllr SM has queried with EDF and has given this as an example of poor practice. The Scrutiny Committee asked EDF to attend, but they did not do so. SCCllr SM asked WPC to publicise the Surrey Police contact numbers in the newsletter.

Public Questions – it was reported that building rubble had been dumped in Church Road after 8.00 in the evening. This was reported to the police, who referred on to Tandridge District Council.

1. Apologies – Cllr Michael Langman

2. Declarations of Interest –Cllr CR declared interest in Whyteleafe School; Cllr AP Hornchurch Hill parking.

3. Minutes of 10th November 2008 Meeting & Matters Arising
Minutes agreed. No matters arising

4. Questions tabled in advance – none

5. Finance

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

St Luke's church for hall hire - cheque no 191

Society of Local Council Clerks – training folder - cheque no 192

Grass2Long for maintenance of community garden - cheque no 193

,Howe Green Nurseries for summer hanging baskets & deposit for winter hanging baskets - cheque no194

Clerk's pay – it was noted that national negotiations have been referred to arbitration

A proposed budget for 2008/09 was presented to the council, the individual components outlined, and it was agreed that this should be put forward to Tandridge.. The shift to more spending on projects and less on running the council was noted. The spend on councillor training is to run an efficient council to benefit the community.

6. Planning

6.1 Planning Applications

69 Hillbury Road 2008/1462. No objections.

6.2 Planning Decisions

Land to rear of 130-140 Godstone Road TA/2008/1061 – refused

90 Whyteleafe Hill 2008/822 – refused

6.3 .Appeals - no new appeals

6.4 Appeals Decisions - none

7. Public Transport

Promotion of local bus services. – a notice has been drafted to promote bus services.

Upper Warlingham car park. Surrey County Councillor has written to SCC. Southern will lose the franchise in September and are therefore unlikely to invest in a car park.

However, if they want to bid for the franchise again it must include 1000 car parking spaces. Upper Warlingham could benefit if Whyteleafe Parish Council lobbies for this.

This has been put onto the agenda for the Wednesday transport meeting. Cllr JS

asked that it be pointed out that if Warlingham becomes zone B people will drive to Whyteleafe. The offer was made for Cllrs Shannon and Langman to become more

involved; Chris Kelley (East Surrey Transport representative) said that a second person

is welcome to attend East Surrey Transport Committee meetings with her.

CK reported that in December the timetable will change, especially in the rush hour.

Whyteleafe South crossing is shut at the moment because of gas main workings.

8. Highways

It was queried whether gutters on Whyteleafe Hill where the hedge is overgrowing have been done.

North side of Whyteleafe sign has been done.

Lords (HGVs) – progress report provided. Surrey County Council are interested in

getting some routes off SatNavs but complaints have to be reported to them – cover in newsletter.

Community Gang Works: Surrey County Council have written and said that they are keen to work with parish councils, and have provided contacts to work with. The

contact number 08456 009 009 has been provided, although when used previously has

not generated results. WPC should write to Keith Wright ***It was agreed that*** councillors will come up with some specific examples to put to SCC.

It was noted that this is on the agenda of the East Surrey Parishes Liaison Group next week.

Parking Hornchurch Hill – restrictions will be enforced on one side of the road – parking will not be allowed 10-11 in the morning to prevent commuters parking and there will be some double yellow lines.

Contact Godstone Parish Council to ask if they have a generic letter they use to write to Surrey Highways (AJP)

9. Projects

9.1 Community Garden – Cllr CR will undertake the risk assessment.

9.2 Newsletter – drafted and circulated to councillors, and some comments have been received. Cllr JG will build in, and will include Surrey County Council useful contact numbers provided by SCCllr SM.

9.3 Community Support – apologies sent by PCSO Rupert Kelley, and a report provided which was read out. There have been some incidents at Well Farm Heights with pushbikes stolen from bicycle sheds which have been investigated, and recommendations on security arrangements made to the Housing Management Company. There have been some incidents with youths on mopeds in the evenings and action being taken by the police.

9.4 4 Year Plan – nothing new to report

9.5 Standing orders – carry forward to next meeting

9.6 Hanging Baskets – ordered for winter. The one outside the United Free Church which was obscuring sign will be moved in front of the community garden.

9.7 Tandridge Voluntary Community Service – engagement questionnaire has been provided should WPC wish to respond. Networking lunch 4th November Warlingham – no one available.

Tandridge press release on introduction of unwanted car removal screen to be displayed on notice board.

10. Correspondence

Code of conduct – a consultation exercise is being carried out. **Cllr AP** will look at this.

Whyteleafe Recreation Ground – clothes recycling bins. Cllr AJP has had a response from Tandridge who do not acknowledge the need to inform WPC. **Cllr JG** will speak to the district councilor about policy to inform/ consult.

11. Freedom of Information Act – model publication scheme. Parish councils have to publish availability of information by end of 2008. **Clerk and chair to look at this.**

12. Whyteleafe School Field – proposal to flatten the school field with infill material, and for new parking (for school use). WPC had been invited to attend a meeting with governors, all councillors attended. There are no firm plans at the moment. WPC asked that it be restricted to children only, and asked about drainage (possible flooding) and quality of lighting, and asked that no trees be felled, and for soft landscaping. The school will consult all residents in Church, and WPC have asked that residents on the

main road also be consulted. WPC thanked the school for talking with the Council at an early stage.

13. 1st Whyteleafe Cubs/ scouts. The councillors had a very positive meeting which covered community badge, a safety audit of the play equipment which generated many ideas. WPC has said they will get involved with a litter pick if organised.

14. British Legion. It was reported that there had been a meeting with District Councillor Sakina Bradbury regards the possibility of funding a youth worker with other local parish councillors. DCllr SB was not at the meeting in order to be able to provide an update.

15. Closure of St Thomas' Church. This has been reprieved and repairs are being carried out to the building, including asbestos removal (completed). **WPC to write** to encourage the church to engage with the council.

16. Meeting of East Surrey Parishes Liaison Group will be attended by chair and clerk Thursday 13th November.

17. Emergency Parish Plans – each parish is being encouraged to develop their own plan. A workshop is being run 11th December at Tandridge. Cllr JG may go; clerk may also attend if so wishes.

18. AOB - none

19. Date of next meeting – 8th December, 8pm, St Luke's Church.