

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting No. 74 held on Tuesday 9th October 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
Cllr Brian Hargreaves

SCCllr Sally Marks
TDCllr Jeffrey Gray

1. Apologies

Cllr David Rudland

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting of 11th September & Matters Arising

Minutes agreed & signed

7.1 Community Gang Work – SCCllr SM informed the WPC that they were within their rights to request owners to trim vegetation on their own properties if this is affecting adjoining areas.

4. Public Participation

None

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

New Applications – Cllr AP reported that there were no new contentious plans this month

5.2 Planning Decisions

Bedford Lodge – Second application refused – 2 appeals in on this site
Godstone Road, 136 Rickman's Place - refused

5.3 Appeals

8a-14 Whyteleafe Hill – Appeal refused

Whyteleafe House – Awaiting outcome

A discussion ensued between the WPC & the floor re lack of amenities for children in all the developments proposed recently. SCCllr SM suggested WPC should write to the developers involved outlining the requirement in Whyteleafe for small family homes with gardens rather than flats. SCCllr SM also suggested inviting developers & the press to a WPC meeting to discuss the issue. WPC agreed to consider this when the new Parish Clerk has been appointed.

Cllr RN reported he has written to the Ombudsman over the handling of the appeal re Hillbury Road & is waiting on a reply.

Cllr RN also reported he had written to Paul Newdick in the Planning Office requesting exact numbers of new dwellings built in the Whyteleafe ward over the last 5 years. He has been informed the information is not available in this format. Cllr RN has requested that the WPC also write to see if they have more success. WPC informed Cllr Ros Langhan is the correct person to contact.

6. Public Transport

Nothing new to report

7. Highways

Cllr AP reported that Highways have requested an 8 metre high lamp post on the bank opposite the new application for development on the site of 53-55 Hillbury Road before development could take place. Cllr AP reported that this would greatly impact local residents living on this side of Hillbury Road, causing light to shine straight in their upstairs windows. WPC to write to highways declaring their misgivings about this request.

7.1 Community Gang Work

Cllr RN reported mesh missing along the bank at Hillbury Road leaving a dangerous drop. SCCllr SM asked Cllr RN to send the details to her to look into. Ownership of the mesh needs to be established.

7.2. Whyteleafe Roundabouts

Cllr BH wrote to highways outlining concern over the condition of both the roundabouts on the A22 in Whyteleafe. He reported no response to the letter re the roundabout in the centre of Whyteleafe.

SCCllr has an update re the Wapses Lodge Roundabout. This had gone to Local Committee & £90k has been set aside to do some of the work. £200k is needed in total & it is hoped that there will be sufficient under spend elsewhere to enable the whole workload to be undertaken.

TDCllr JG reported that the decision for a pedestrian crossing at Well Farm Heights is progressing

8 Projects

8.1 Hanging Baskets

Cllr AP reported she was waiting for approval for extra brackets. The winter hanging baskets have been ordered.

8.2 Community Garden / Notice boards

Cllr RM reported that the new Notice boards are due at the end of the month. Cllr AP reported that if these notice boards were good then WPC would look to ordering 2 more, one at the north end & one at the south end of Whyteleafe.

8.3 Newsletter

No progress on this as yet.

8.5 Railings

These are in production. Cllr RN to follow up and a deposit made payable to M.E.W paid.

9. Clerk Vacancy & role

Vacancy advertised for 2 weeks in the County Border News. Cllr AP reported quite a good response, will be interviewing soon. It is hoped that by the next meeting a new clerk will be appointed.

10. Parish Plan Meeting

Awaiting news from Mike Simpson.

11. Correspondence

- Cllr BH had received a letter from a local resident requesting a pedestrian crossing in Hillbury Road.

11. Correspondence continued

- This was discussed by WPC & the floor. Definitely seen as a dangerous place to cross & used by many school children. SCCllr SM suggested bringing this up at the next local Police Neighbourhood meeting. Next meeting is on November 9th, 7.30pm in the Miller Centre. WPC to write an official letter to SCCllr SM requesting traffic calming measures on Hillbury Road.
- TDCllr JG reported that planning applications are now only available on the internet, no copies held any longer in local libraries. TDCllr JG to note that WPC would like copies made available at local libraries.

12. Date & Venue of next meeting

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th November in St Luke's Transept.

Cllr BH requested a change in the day WPC meet. The possibility of changing the meeting to a Monday to be discussed next month.

13. AOB

None