

WHYTELEAFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting No 92 held on Monday 14th September 2009 at 8.00pm
in St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe

Present:

Cllr Alison Pannett (Chairman)
Cllr John Shannon
Cllr Celia Rudland
Cllr Michael Langman
Cllr Joseph Angell

Apologies:

Cllr Jeffrey Gray (resignation)

Public questions

Commuter Parking in Hillbury Road was raised particularly numbers 16-92 Hillbury Road. There are difficulties with regular street cleaning. It also affects trades people, builders and delivery vehicles who are unable to park. Surrey County Councillor Sally Marks reported that Hillbury Road is top of the list which will be considered at the Surrey County Council/ Tandridge Local Committee Meeting 2nd October. SCCllr SM asked that she be written to about the issue, and also that any other concerned residents should write. She reported that whatever is put forward Surrey County Council will have to consult with the residents before implementing.

Shop Local Campaign. SCCllr provided an update on the Shop Local Campaign running in Caterham. 900 people have signed up to the loyalty card. The essence of the campaign is to encourage residents to think about supporting local business. SCCllr SM asked Whyteleafe Parish Council to think about some kind of scheme for Whyteleafe.

1. Apologies – Cllr Jeffrey Gray. Resignation letter received from Cllr JG who has moved away from the area. This leaves the vice chair vacant. Add to agenda for next meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Celia Rudland and Cllr Joseph Angell live near 391 Godstone Road. Cllr Joseph Angell declared (prejudicial) interest as resident of Well Farm Heights.

3. Minutes of the 13th July and 10th August 2009 Meeting and Matters Arising
Minutes signed.

Well Farm Heights was raised. Councillor Joseph Angell spoke briefly in his public capacity, and left the room at 8.40 while the matter was discussed. It was agreed that the parish council will forward all correspondence to Well Farm Heights residents'

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committee. As this is a residential dispute Whyteleafe Parish Council felt that the district councilors should pursue this further with Tandridge Housing Committee; District Councillors Jeffrey Gray and Sakina Bradbury should be contacted by the residents' committee. It was also suggested that the MP Peter Ainsworth be contacted via letter or face-to-face at his monthly surgery.

Cllr JA rejoined the meeting at 8.45 after the parish council had finished business on this topic.

4. Finance

4.1 Accounts – the annual return has been approved by the auditors and accepted by the council. Conclusion of audit notice has been displayed on the notice board for the required 14 days.

4.1 Payments – Cheques signed for A Sidall Grass2Long (community garden) cheque no 235 £90.00 (2 months); St Luke's Hall cheque no 236 £20.00; Society of Local Council Clerks for membership renewal cheque no 237 £94.00; 1st Whyteleafe Scouts donation cheque no 238 £200.00

4.3 Confirmation of half yearly precept - second half year Sept 09/10 precept of £8,750.00 processed.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning Applications

2009/806 391 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0BF. It was agreed that there is a need for small housing. The main thing is to make sure that there is not over density. There has been some work already such as a tree taken down and lorry movement. Cllr AJP will speak with the planning officer and look at the current and previous application.
2009/1010 19 Portley Wood Road, Whyteleafe. Plans had been sent to the clerk. No comments.

5.2 Planning Decisions

2009/440 33 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0EG - allowed – Certificate of Lawfulness

2009/401 64-74 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, CR3 0EG – sewerage tank - withdrawn

2009/330 7 Oakley Road, Warlingham, CR6 9BE - approved

2009/169 1 Torwood Lane, Whyteleafe - refused

2009/2 33 Whyteleafe Hill - approved

2009/769 Avening, Salmons Lane - approved

2009/363 Grindelwald, The Avenue allowed

2009/178 11 Fairy House, Southview, Warlingham - approved

2009/357 Land rear of 136 Godstone Road - approved

5.3 Appeals - none

5.4 Appeal decisions – none

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6. Public Transport

6.1 Commuter parking – Upper Warlingham car park. *It was agreed* to set up a working party consisting of Cllr John Shannon and Cllr Michael Langman which will report back to the full parish council meeting. Whyteleafe Parish Council had been advised that Mr Alex Foulds, currently commercial director, was to be appointed development director 20th September. Mr Foulds had been written to 13th August as agreed at July meeting. No response has been received, and *it was agreed* that the letter should be resubmitted to Mr Foulds Southern once he is formally in position as development director.

6.2 East Surrey Transport Committee. Apologies from the Kelly's who were unable to attend the Parish Council meeting.

6.3 National Highways & Transport Network survey. Surrey County Council have invited Whyteleafe Parish Council to participate in a National Highways and Transport survey, to seek views of service users. This was passed to Councillors JS and ML to consider as part of the working party.

6.4 Rubbish at station near Hillbury Road and bus stop Whyteleafe Hill.

Whyteleafe Parish Council to write to Tandridge Amenities about litter at the top of the steps of Upper Warlingham Road, and bus stop on Whyteleafe Hill. Tandridge had been written to (web entry) last year requesting litter bin by the bus stop on Whyteleafe Hill, and no response had been received.

Cllr AJP to provide clerk with the number of the web entry last year so that this can be followed up.

7. Highways

7.1 Community Gang. SCCllr Sally Marks reported that the temporary barriers outside the church have been removed and replaced. SCCllr SM invited Whyteleafe Parish Council to let her know if there is a requirement for more cutting back of hedges on Church Road, and also possibly Salmons Lane as this was discussed. There is vegetation growing over the Whyteleafe sign again. SCCllr requested that she be copied in when contacting Steve Cunnah of Surrey County Council.

7.2 Church Road – Cllr CR will send the clerk the letter to resend about Church Road, which had been sent to various people.

Allotments Church Road. SCCllr SM reported that Steve Heider of Tandridge Amenities is being increasingly stringent about standards of allotments, and that Tandridge will take action to retrieve if need be.

8. Projects

8.1 Community Garden. Fencing on the right hand side has been removed. Cllr AJP will find out who owns it and ask what they are going to do with it.

8.2 Community Support. PCSO Rupert Kelley attended the meeting. PC Jo Clark, the new NSO for Whyteleafe and Caterham Valley sent apologies as she was required to be at a police panel meeting in Tatsfield that evening. The Whyteleafe police panel meetings will start next month at 19.00 on Monday 12th October immediately prior to the parish council meeting. PCSO RK produces advertising posters and puts them up, and

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also drops in houses 2 weeks before hand. The panel will consist of (usually) three of the following: PC Jo Clark, PCSO Rupert Kelley, PCSO Nick Stone David Climber.

Well Farm Heights. Cllr JA reported that a Neighbourhood Watch Panel has been set up. PSCO RK asked if he can be involved in that.

Tandridge Dog Walkers Scheme. A press release has been issued, and notices displayed on notice boards explaining a new initiative to encourage local dog owners to report any suspicious or anti-social behaviour, to be launched 13th September.

8.3 Autumn newsletter. This will be progressed outside the meeting.

9. Correspondence

9.1. Adoption of red telephone boxes. BT scheme for adoption of red telephone kiosks by local communities. It was confirmed that there are no red telephone boxes in Whyteleafe.

9.2 Council Tax Rebate of £3.24. Tandridge will send out revised council tax bills for reduction of £3.24 per property to all residents, as Surrey Policy Authority has been ordered by the government to set a revised budget and precept.

9.3 Surrey Lengthsman Scheme. This scheme which would enable parish council to take on activity such as cutting verges. It would require a formal legal agreement. This will be covered at the ESPLG meeting in October.

9.4 East Surrey Parishes Liaison Group 28th October. Whyteleafe Parish Council will be attending.

9.5 Surrey County Association of Parish & Town Council (SCAPTC). A proposed structure for revised fees has been put forward. Whyteleafe Parish Council has no objections.

9.6 SCATPC new councilor/ refresher training. SCAPTC have designed a 3 hour session for new councillors 1st October and a 3 hour refresher training 10th October. Councillors to confirm with clerk if they wish to attend. This will take place in Bletchingley community centre.

9.7 SCAPTC AGM 6th October, East Horsley. No parish councilors wish to attend.

9.8 Request for donation from 1st Whyteleafe Scouts. A donation of £200.00 was agreed for lawn mower for scouts to replace their lawn mower which had broken down and caused some difficulties regarding maintenance of the area.

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

11. Date of next meeting: Monday 12th October 2009, St Luke's Church 8.00 pm.

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