



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllrs King (Chairman), Agate, Bishop, Camley, Harris, Hayday, McFarland, Palmer and Pavey.

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton and 1 member of the public.

Public participation

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton gave an update which included a recent meeting with Bargate Homes regarding the new housing development at Romsey Road.

The Clerk read out the update from the Police as they were unable to attend the meeting.

A member of the public spoke in objection of planning application PL/2024/11586 Cowesfield House, Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QY.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

1/25 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllr Francis and Cllr Gould due to prior commitments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies.

To receive any Declarations of Interest, and to decide upon any requests for Dispensations relating to matters on this agenda.

2/25 Cllr McFarland declared a personal interest in agenda item 5a PL/2024/11586 – Cowesfield House, Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QY as the access goes past her property.

3/25 Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda item 17 Re-appointment of Mr Chesney Carpenter to Whiteparish Charities as he is also a Trustee of Whiteparish Charities.

Exclusion of the press and public. To agree any items to be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

4/25 This item was not required.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

5/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2024 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider and agree a response to planning application received:

6/25 PL/2024/11586 – Cowesfield House, Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2QY

“It is proposed to convert the agricultural building into 5 dwellings under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the General Permitted Development Order 2015 (as amended).”

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application and recommend refusal for the following reasons:

1. It is a non-agricultural building; therefore it is development in the open countryside.
2. The development is too far away from village amenities, including public transport, and there are no pavements for pedestrians to access these facilities.
3. Poor access track with the applicant only having a right of way over it.
4. Poor access for emergency vehicles.

Planning and enforcement update.

7/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no queries.

To review the Parish Council procedure regarding the Romsey Road development.

8/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that if the developer asks to give a presentation on the Romsey Road site it would be appropriate to do so at the beginning of a future Parish Council meeting.

9/25 Whiteparish Parish Council agreed to put the following statement in the Steeple & Street: "We have been advised by Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton that people who have an interest and wish to be considered for the affordable housing including rentable which is to be built in Romsey Road should be listed with Homes4Wiltshire. If you have any questions please contact Wiltshire Council."

Finance update.

10/25 The Clerk reported that the new SIDS & solar panels have been delivered and Zurich Insurance has included them for the remainder of this current policy year at no additional charge.

11/25 The Clerk reported that notification has been received from the Pensions Regulator for re-enrolment of the Clerk's pension and the Clerk confirmed she would like to accept the re-enrolment into the LGPS. The re-declaration deadline is 22nd October 2025.

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances.

12/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £3,207.17

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 16.01.25 £12,874.89

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 16.01.25 £78,690.06

Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond £20,000.00 maturity date 04.06.25

Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £31,271.51 maturity date 19.06.26

To consider renewing the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) annual membership.

13/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to renew the CPRE annual membership at £36.00.

To approve the renewal of the whiteparish-pc.gov.uk domain for a further two years.

14/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to renew the whiteparish-pc.gov.uk domain for a further two years at £125.00.

To review and approve the Asset Register.

15/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Asset Register.

To approve the maintenance required for the fence at the recreation ground that has been vandalised.

16/25 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an image of the vandalised fence. Cllrs Harris, Camley and Bishop volunteered to repair it.

To consider the request for Ridden Horses in the Road Ahead traffic sign on the A27.

17/25 The Clerk advised a local equestrian has requested a horse warning sign on the A27 near Newton Lane. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the Clerk to apply to LHFIC to see if there are any existing posts that could be used for signs at each end of the village and the costs involved.

To agree the future storage of a Parish Council mantle clock.

18/25, 315/24, 283/24 Cllr Bishop advised that the Memorial Trust have confirmed the clock can be stored at the Memorial Centre and the Chairman passed the clock over.

To approve a new battery for the current Speed Indicator Device (SID).

19/25, 282/24 Cllr Hayday advised the cost for the new battery is not required, however he has purchased a new lock at £12.49.

Re-appointment of Mr Chesney Carpenter to Whiteparish Charities.

The Chairman advised that Whiteparish Charities was formed in the early 1990's as a combination of 3 very small charities in Whiteparish. Mr Chesney Carpenter, Mr David Bramley and himself are the Trustees who each run a 3-year term and the Parish Council is responsible for appointing the Trustees. It supports with financial assistance at Christmas to people that they understand are to be most in need.

20/25 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to re-appoint Mr Chesney Carpenter to Whiteparish Charities.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

21/25, 319/24 ROW 24 at Cowesfield continues to have dangerous and broken stiles. This has been ongoing since March 2023. The Clerk will report again.

Highway's update.

22/25 The Clerk advised that the Parish Steward visit was on the 20th January 2025 and he had arranged for the sweeper along with his ongoing tasks.

23/25, 325/24 The Clerk reported that Highways have confirmed they are arranging for the bobcat machine to repair the exit and entrance plus the left-hand edge to the lay by near Richmond Farm.

24/25 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Bishop updated on the Whiteparish Memorial Trust. Solar panels are to be installed on part of the roof of the Memorial Centre at the end of January 2025.

New Forest National Park: There was no report.

Area Board: The next Area Board is at Morgans Vale on 13th February 2025.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer updated on the Whiteparish Education Foundation.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group/Police: There has not been a meeting.

Correspondence/communications update.

25/25 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.