



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

In attendance: Unitary Councillor Richard Britton and Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk).

Public questions

There were no members of the public present.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

173/23 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllr Francis due to work commitments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies for the reasons given. PC Harry Murphy had also sent his apologies.

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.

174/23 Cllr Palmer declared a personal interest in agenda item 13. To consider quotations for a land tenancy legal agreement for occupation of the Parish Council field as she knows one of the people quoting.

175/23 Cllr McFarland declared a personal interest in agenda item 13. To consider quotations for a land tenancy legal agreement for occupation of the Parish Council field as she knows one of the people quoting.

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 and Local Government Act 1972 ss100.

176/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to discuss item 13. To consider quotations for a land tenancy legal agreement for occupation of the Parish Council field (consideration of quotations) following the exclusion of the press and public.

To receive written applications for the office of parish councillor and co-opt candidate to fill the vacancy.

177/23 The Clerk reported that no applications have been received.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th May 2023.

178/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2023 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider and agree a response to planning applications received:

179/23 PL/2023/04358 5 Croft Heights, Whiteparish SP5 2SY. New enclosed front porch, extended utility room & garage door brought forward. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

180/23 PL/2023/04675 York House, The Street, Whiteparish SP5 2SG. Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – pollard Weeping Willow. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

Planning and enforcement update.

181/23 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

Finance update.

182/23, 152/23 The Clerk confirmed the Cambridge and Counties 1-year fixed rate bond is now open.

183/23, 151/23 Cllr Bishop confirmed he is now registered as a signatory at Unity Trust Bank.

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

184/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £5,285.41.

Barclays Bank Community Account 30.06.23 - £412.14

Barclays Bank Savings Account 30.06.23 - £543.76

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 30.06.23 - £18,382.16

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 30.06.23 - £70,020.62

Cambridge & Counties Bond 30.06.23 - £30,000.00

To review and approve the complaints procedure.

185/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the complaints procedure.

To approve the vexatious complaints procedure.

186/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the vexatious complaints procedure.

To agree and approve additional plants for the village planters.

187/23 The Clerk advised some of the plants had died in the planters and the cost to replace them was £15.81 plus VAT. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ratify the spend of £15.81 excluding VAT.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

188/23 ROW 22 from Miles Lane to Home Farm has a 5-bar gate blocking the path.

189/23 There is a broken stile on ROW 24 at Lower Cowesfield.

190/23, 166/23 The landowner has put an unofficial diversion across ROW 20, where the crop is overgrown, as it leaves Bridleway 33 diagonally to go towards Dean Hill. Wiltshire Council has been informed.

191/23, 164/23 ROW 24 as it leaves Bridleway 22 is still overgrown and Wiltshire Council has been informed.

Highway's update.

192/23 The Council has received a complaint that the verges have been cut opposite The Parish Lantern, Bunkers Hill and Ashmore Close. They are very disappointed to see the wild flowers and vegetation gone. These areas are on the Wiltshire Council amenity schedule for cutting – they are cut after the bulbs have died back.

193/23 The Clerk reported that the Parish Steward is back on his duties in the village.

194/23 The Clerk reported that the smell of drains at Common Road with the A27 is being investigated again by Southern Water.

195/23 Reports from representatives:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Bishop updated on the Memorial Trust activities and the AGM which was on 24th June 2023. He also confirmed the Coronation Bench is now in place on the Memorial Ground.

New Forest National Park: Cllr Palmer advised there has been no meeting.

Area Board: There is an Area Board Summer social event at Winterslow on 15th July 2023.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer advised there had been a meeting on 30th June.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group: No update.

Correspondence/communications update

196/23 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

8.05pm Unitary Cllr Britton left the meeting.

Exclusion of the press and public.

To consider quotations for a land tenancy legal agreement for occupation of the Parish Council field.

197/23 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the quotes from three land agents to provide a land tenancy legal agreement for occupation of the Parish Council field. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with 1 abstention, to accept the quotation from Rosehill Advisors.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 15th August 2023 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.