



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Public questions

A member of the public raised concerns over rights of way (ROW) being unpassable in the summer, particularly part of ROW 24, even though reported to Wiltshire Council. The Parish Council shared its frustrations and reminded that it is the land owner's responsibility to ensure rights of way are usable.

PC Harry Murphy and Unitary Cllr Britton had sent their apologies and the Clerk read out their updates along with a request for assistance from the Winter Ball Committee.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

254/23 No apologies.

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.

255/23 There were no declarations of interest.

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.

256/23 This item was not required.

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

257/23 The Clerk reported that no applications have been received.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

258/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider and agree a response to planning applications received:

259/23 PL/2023/08254 Whiteparish Surgery, Common Road, Whiteparish SP5 2SU The installation of a Medpoint prescription collection machine to the existing surgery window. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

260/23 PL/2023/08475 Whiteparish Surgery, Common Road, Whiteparish SP5 2SU Vinyl wrap to front of prescription collection machine with operation instructions, name and non-illuminated logo. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

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**261/23 PL/2023/08694 The Gables, Dean Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2RJ
Fell/dismantle row of sycamores in the front garden, between neighbours.**

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to comment that neighbours may not be aware of which trees are to be felled as further to communications with Wiltshire Council, incorrect trees are marked on the location plan. Additionally, the tree surgeon has indicated that the owner of the property is keen to plant more trees and the Parish Council would like it conditioned that they should replant with native species under the advisory of the Wiltshire Council Tree Officer.

Planning and enforcement update.

262/23 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that the Wiltshire Council enforcement officer has stated there are 3 sites in Whiteparish being monitored at present. The Clerk also advised that 3 planning applications have been validated since the publication of the agenda and they will be for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting.

Finance update.

263/23 The Clerk reported that the second part of the precept has been received.

264/23 Considerations for the budget were discussed and there will be a Finance Committee meeting on 1st November.

265/23 The Clerk has responded to a request from Barclaycard regarding confirmation of information they hold on the Parish Council.

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

266/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £2,653.68 The Clerk had circulated the confirmation that Barclays Bank Community & Savings Accounts were closed on 13th September 2023 and the balance of £957.36 has been transferred to Unity Trust Bank.

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 20.10.23 - £32,132.90

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 20.10.23 - £70,893.18

Cambridge & Counties Bond 20.10.23 - £30,000.00

To note half year budget review.

267/23 Whiteparish Parish Council noted the half year budget review.

To note the half year bank reconciliation.

268/23 Whiteparish Parish Council noted the half year bank reconciliation.

To approve a transfer of funds from the current account to the savings account.

269/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to transfer £15,000.00 from the current account to the savings account.

To consider the Parish Council apply for re-classification of Clay Street and Hop Gardens.

270/23, 241/23

This item was deferred until Wiltshire Council have responded further.

To consider a request from the prospective tenant for occupation of the Parish Council field.

271/23, 244/23, 216/23, 197/23 The prospective tenant has requested if they can store their caravan on site whilst not in use. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with 2 abstentions, that as there are other issues in the village regarding caravans in open countryside the Parish Council therefore thinks it inappropriate to allow a caravan.

To agree a response to the Wiltshire Council Local Plan consultation.

272/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to respond:

Whilst we recognise Whiteparish is designated as a large village and hence it has significant ask of 42 additional dwellings we think this is incompatible with the current infrastructure since our main supporting town is Salisbury and there are significant issues trying to access the town via the A36 and its' bottleneck.

To approve amendment to Standing Orders.

273/23 No amendments were required.

To consider additional Councillors on to Committees.

In order for committee meetings to have a greater opportunity to be quorate:

274/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Camley as a Staffing Committee reserve member.

275/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Hayday as a Finance Committee reserve member.

Rights of Way (ROW) and Common Land update.

276/23, 247/23, 20/23 The neighbouring landowner to the spoil dumped on a part of Whiteparish Common - CL82 Hop Gardens/Clay Street has confirmed that it is still their intention to make good.

277/23 The way marker is down on ROW 5 (A36 Glendale Farm Area) and it has been reported to Wiltshire Council.

278/23 ROW 6 as it carries on after ROW 7 towards Parkwater and Cowesfield is impassable with overgrowth and it has been reported to Wiltshire Council.

Highway's update

279/23 The Clerk advised Dean Lane is to be closed from 4th December to 8th December 2023 for SGN to carry out installation of new gas service main and associated works.

280/23 The Parish Steward was unable to visit due to attending a training course.

281/23 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Bishop updated on the Memorial Trust activities.

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

Area Board: The next Area Board is at Downton on 7th December 2023 at 7pm.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer advised a couple of applications have been received.

Neighborhood Tasking Group: Cllr Bishop had circulated his update prior to the meeting.

Correspondence/communications update

282/23 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and reminded Councillors that further to the Polling District and Polling Place Review in Wiltshire, Polling Districts DG1 and DG2 are to merge with the new polling district to be named DG1.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 28th November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.