



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Whiteparish Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 28th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllr King (Chair), Cllr Hayday (Vice-Chair) and Cllrs Bell, McFarland, Palmer, Sutherland and Bishop.

In attendance: Mrs Maria Pennington, Parish Clerk.

Public questions

There were 9 members of the public present.

Members of the public asked questions regarding the purchase of the land for a potential cemetery.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding planning application New Forest National Park Authority 21/00399 Jewson's, Common Road, Whiteparish.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8pm.

The Chairman advised he will review the agenda at 9.30pm with the possibility of calling an extra ordinary meeting the following week to finish the agenda.

The Chairman reminded members of the public that all Parish Councillors are volunteers, and as the Chairman he does not get paid for any work he does on behalf of, or for the Parish Council. Parish Councillors have not taken expenses for many years. All Parish Councillors' interests are available to view on the public Wiltshire Council Register of Interests.

To receive and accept apologies for absence

197/21 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllr Francis due to a prior work commitment and Unitary Cllr Richard Britton due to a conflict with another local Parish Council meeting. Whiteparish Parish Council **RESOLVED** to note the apologies for the reasons given.

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members

198/21 Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda items 9, 10 and 11.

199/21 Cllr Hayday declared a personal interest in agenda item 6. Planning application PL/2021/06656 Memorial Ground, Whiteparish as he is Chairman of the Whiteparish Memorial Trust.

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

200/21 This item was not required.

To receive written applications for the office of parish councillor and co-opt candidates to fill the existing three vacancies

201/21 The Clerk reported that no written applications have been received.

Acceptance of minutes of meeting held 23rd June 2021

202/21 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2021 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider a response to planning applications received:

203/21 PL/2021/05307 and PL/2021/06394 (LBC) Birchwood House, Romsey Road, Whiteparish, SP5 2QS Demolition of garage and outbuildings and construction of new garage and ancillary accommodation (Amendment to 20/03894/FUL). The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has approved these applications ahead of the agreed comment time with the Parish Council.

204/21 PL/2021/04238 Mount Pleasant, Hop Gardens, Whiteparish SP5 2SS. Proposed 4-bedroom detached house on garden next to existing house (Outline application with all matters reserved). The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council has refused this application ahead of the agreed comment time with the Parish Council.

205/21 PL/2021/04894 Mushroom Farm, Cowesfield, Whiteparish SP5 2RB. Change of use to Class B8 use only and placement of 86 shipping containers.

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application and recommends refusal:

- Highways - unsuitable access on and off of high-speed main road (A27)
- Excess lighting in rural environment
- Concerns on amenity to neighbours

If the planning authority is minded to approve the Parish Council recommend the following conditions:

- Restrict the operational hours to those indicated in the planning application.
- Lighting to face downwards and confined to the environment of the store – a separate lighting schedule to be approved
- Retain screening

206/21 PL/2021/06656 Memorial Ground, Whiteparish. T1 Sycamore Raise and reduce back from neighbouring house to allow a bit more light into their garden. T2 Group of approximately 8 of cherries/Sorbus around play park raised away from park and pavement including small sucker growing out of bank. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

207/21 PL/2021/06534 Cottage Farm, Common Road, Whiteparish SP5 2RD. Relocation of dwelling approved under prior notification for conversion of redundant agricultural building together with change of use of agricultural land and revisions to access including the demolition of redundant agricultural buildings remaining on site. The Clerk reported this application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

208/21 New Forest National Park Authority 21/00399 - Jewson's, Common Road, Whiteparish, SP5 2QW Erection of storage building; cladding to existing mill building; external racking; external building and pole mounted lighting; barrier; demolition of existing warehouse. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application and recommends refusal as follows:

- Saw mill is in such a poor condition and dangerous, cladding is not appropriate.
- The site already has drainage issues.
- Ecology - reports need to be obtained - to include bats and owls.
- It is the Parish Councils understanding that lighting has been installed which may have not received planning consent. The Parish Council believes the lighting is completely inappropriate in this rural setting.
- Lighting is detrimental to neighbours and local residents.
- Blue cladding is not appropriate in a rural setting.

Planning and enforcement update

209/21, 179/21, 147/21, 95/21, 47/21, 9/21, 334/20, 302/20, 253/20 The Clerk reported that since the last Parish Council meeting reports of HGV's parked on the access road to the haulage depot have increased, and Wiltshire Council and the New Forest National Park (NFNPA) have again been requested by the Parish Council to enforce the existing legal agreement. The NFNPA have advised the Clerk they have had a meeting with Wiltshire Council and were informed that Wiltshire Council will be setting out their position in writing to both the NFNPA and the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that, to date, nothing has been received from Wiltshire Council.

Rights of Way and commons update

210/21 The Chairman updated on the Definitive Map and the accompanying statement and the differing in widths of the paths and bridleways.

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to place a specific item in the Steeple and Street reminding all land owners of their responsibilities and to add the current statement to accompany the Definitive Map on the Parish Council website.

211/21 ROW 16 at Pepperbox to Titchbourne is overgrown. The Clerk to write to landowner.

To discuss and resolve land management matters regarding the Parish Council field

212/21 The Chairman reported that ragwort is prevalent in the field and does not believe it is currently in a fit state to be let out. A Councillor suggested the Parish Council had not given enough consideration to other potential uses for the field. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to spend some more time investigating other uses of the field. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to investigate temporary allotments. It was agreed to leave the field until such time as access is improved.

To consider the arrangement of a meeting with a member of the public

213/21 The Clerk advised the meeting was arranged under minute 96/21 and the Cemetery Working Group was informed. It was agreed to make resolutions more specific in future.

To consider a response to a letter received from two members of the public

214/21 The Clerk had circulated a draft response prior to the meeting and with adjustments it was agreed to send with relevant correspondence.

To approve accounts for payment and to record the bank balances

215/21 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £9,827.17.
Community Account Balance 27.07.21 - £21,496.38
Business Reserve 27.07.21 - £62,289.59

Highway's update

216/21, 159/21 The Clerk reported the damaged 'Narrow Lane' sign at the entrance to Newton Lane from the A27 has been replaced by Wiltshire Council Highways.

217/21 The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Councils new mowing regime indicates that rural lanes are not to be cut back until September. The Clerk has requested the verges either side of Newton Lane are cut back as soon as possible as they are a highway hazard. Wiltshire Council hope to cut them at the beginning of August.

218/21 The Clerk advised Common Road is to be closed on 3rd August for the completion of the sealing of surface dressing works. Road markings are to be replaced sometime following this.

219/21 The Clerk thanked Councillors for their help with the salt bin audit which has now been returned to Wiltshire Council.

220/21 The Clerk advised the Parish Steward is due on Monday 9th August 2021 and for councillors to let the Clerk know of jobs to be undertaken.

221/21, 161/21, 130/21, 32/21, 114/20 Following Wiltshire Council informing the Parish Council that Highways have the responsibility of maintaining the crumbling wall at Dean Lane it was requested for the Clerk to find out when works will take place.

222/21 Reports from representatives:

School: Cllr Bell advised no updates.

Memorial Trust: Cllr Hayday gave a report on the Memorial Trust with maintenance on the car park to take place in August.

New Forest National Park: Prior to the meeting Cllr Palmer circulated a report on the New Forest National Park.

Youth: Cllr Sutherland reported that the Youth Group plan to be operating in September.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr Palmer advised no report.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group: Cllr Bishop advised there has been no meeting.

Area Board: No report.

Correspondence/communications update

223/21 The Clerk circulated the update prior to the meeting. It was noted a resident has advised of a Wiltshire Council draft policy for Whiteparish to be part of a trial for wildflower verges. The Parish Council is not aware that, since Wiltshire Council advised us that none of the areas within Whiteparish match their wildflower criteria, it has issued a draft policy for maintaining wildflower conservation verges that would be relevant in Whiteparish. The Clerk advised a draft policy has not been received to date.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 31st August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.02pm.