



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

Present: Cllrs King (Chairman), Agate, Bell, Bishop, Camley, Gould and Hayday.

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton and 2 members of the public.

Public participation

A member of the public was there in support of the grant application for a new battery and pads for the defibrillator and to answer any questions.

The Clerk read a summary from PC Kelvin Ramsey.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

147/24 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllrs Francis, McFarland, Palmer and Pavey. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies. PC Kelvin Ramsey had also sent his apologies.

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

148/24 Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda item 14 To discuss a formal complaint from a resident regarding local farmers as he is a farmer.

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.

149/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to discuss item 14. To discuss a formal complaint from a resident regarding local farmers, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th May 2024.

150/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th May 2024 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To consider and agree a response to planning application received:

151/24 PL/2024/03720 Numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Meadow Court, Whiteparish, SP5 2SE. Change of use of small area of land from arable to domestic garden. The land is adjacent to existing properties and gardens. The change of use requested would result in the existing gardens being extended over this area with each garden being divided by fencing. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to comment that if the Planning Officer is minded to approve the application the Parish Council recommends permitted development rights are withheld as is the case with other recent applications in the village.

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Planning and enforcement update.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that if the Parish Council recommends refusal to an application a Parish Councillor must be prepared to attend a Wiltshire Council Planning Committee meeting if it is called-in.

152/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. It was highlighted that Wiltshire Council have made a Tree Preservation Order TPO/2024/00017 on an oak tree on land off Clay Street as “the tree is worthy of protection because it is such an exceptional specimen.”

To consider a grant application from Whiteparish First Responders of £332.45 plus VAT for a new battery and pads for the Community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) located at the Parish Lantern.

153/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to agree the payment which will be to the Community Heartbeat Trust for £398.94. This is to supply a new battery and pads for the cPAD at the Parish Lantern. The Clerk advised the amount will be formed by two separate invoices as the battery is required immediately and the pads are required in October 2024.

Finance update.

154/24 The Clerk advised PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors, have been in contact and are processing the AGAR.

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

155/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £2,830.63
Unity Trust Bank Current Account 28.06.24 £9,011.95
Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 28.06.24 £77,054.22

156/24, 131/24, 95/24 Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond matured 19.06.24 with £30,000.00 plus gross interest £1,271.51.
Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond £31,271.51 maturity date 19.06.26
Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond £20,000.00 maturity date 04.06.25

To update on Councillor signatories, including internet banking, for Unity Trust Bank.

157/24, 130/24 The Clerk reported that the application had been submitted for Cllr Camley to become a UTB signatory however, confirmation has not been received from UTB to date.

158/24, 129/24, 113/23 The Clerk reported that internet banking access for Cllr Francis is still not in operation.

To note the details of the fixed bond accounts with Cambridge & Counties.

159/24, 156/24, 131/24, 95/24 The Clerk confirmed that on maturity of the 1 year fixed rate bond £30,000.00 plus accrued interest has been invested into a 2 year fixed rate bond and £20,000.00 has been invested into a 1 year fixed rate bond, both with Cambridge & Counties.

Cambridge & Counties 1 Year Bond 5.1% £20,000.00 maturity date 04.06.25
Cambridge & Counties 2 Year Bond 4.70% £31,271.51 maturity date 19.06.26
Whiteparish Parish Council noted the details.

The Chairman declared a personal interest in agenda item number 12.

Cambridge & Counties have changed how to register for internet banking and in addition to user name, memorable number and password a one time passcode (OTP) for the initial log in has to be sent to a mobile number: To approve the Chairman's OTP is sent to the Parish Council mobile number.

160/24 The Clerk advised that Cambridge & Counties now require signatories, when initially logging in, to use a OTP sent by text and the Chairman does not have a mobile phone. It was noted that other security information is additionally required when logging in and that any funds from Cambridge & Counties accounts can only be paid into the nominated account at Unity Trust Bank. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the OTP to be sent to the Parish Council mobile phone on behalf of the Chairman.

To approve the Clerk attends the SLCC branch meeting on 19th July 2024.

161/24 The Clerk withdrew this request.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

162/24, 141/24 It was reported that the overgrown vegetation at ROW 3 at Newton Lane, near Witchell Way has still not been cleared, including around the entrance of the kissing gate. The Clerk advised she will contact the landowner again.

163/24 A resident has reported Bridleway 30, Pill Hill to Dean Hill, is very hard to pass, especially on horseback, due to vegetation obstruction and large branches. The Clerk has reported this to Wiltshire Council.

164/24 ROW 21 at Dean Lane and Bridleway 22 at Miles Lane are overgrown. Both have been reported to the landowner.

Highway's update.

165/24 Wiltshire Council have been asked to cut the verge on Brickworth Road near Martin's Rise as it is obstructing visibility for pedestrians.

166/24 The Police Speed Enforcement Officer raised highway safety concerns regarding the vegetation obstructing visibility at Meadow Court with the A27. Wiltshire Council have now confirmed a 1m strip will be added to the monthly cutting schedule.

167/24 The Clerk advised that the Discretionary Gully Service will be in the community area (made up of 15 parishes) week beginning 22nd July 2024 They can clear/empty gullies and jet systems (in 30mph).

168/24 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Bishop updated on the Whiteparish Memorial Trust including the AGM.

New Forest National Park: There was no report.

Area Board: The next Area Board meeting is on 5th September in Winterslow. The next LHFIFG meeting is on 6th August 2024, the same day as the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr Camley agreed to attend online to represent the Parish Council as it has submitted two applications, one for feasibility and costs involved for an X7 'request' bus stop and one for the posts for the two additional Speed Indication Devices.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: There was no report.

Neighborhood Tasking Group: There was no report.

Correspondence/communications update

169/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no queries. Cllr Agate and Cllr Camley advised they had found the recent training course helpful.

The members of the public left the meeting.

**Exclusion of the press and public.
Confidential item.**

To discuss a formal complaint from a resident regarding local farmers.

170/24 The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the email from a resident titled 'formal complaint regarding local farmers' and reminded councillors that they must act solely in the public interest and should never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person or act to gain financial or other material benefits.

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to inform the resident that if they wish to complain about farmers to contact them directly and that any alleged offences should be reported to the police to investigate and to contact SSE Networks for claiming compensation for power cuts.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 6th August 2024 at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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