



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

In attendance: Maria Pennington (Parish Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton, PC Kelvin Ramsey and 3 members of the public.

Public participation

PC Kelvin Ramsey introduced himself and updated on local issues with a reminder that the Mobile Police Station will be in Whiteparish on Wednesday 20th November in the Memorial Centre car park between 3.30pm and 5pm. Questions were raised over the illegal parking near the junction of Green Close with the A27 making it hazardous for users.

The Clerk read out a request for assistance from the Winter Ball Committee.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

265/24 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllr Palmer due to a prior commitment. 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.

266/24 There were no declarations.

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.

267/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to discuss item 18 'staffing matters' following the exclusion of the press and public.

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024.

268/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To note the tree preservation order from New Forest National Park Authority: TPO/0007/24 – Yew Tree at land of Holmere Bungalow, Whiteparish SP5 2QW

269/24 Whiteparish Parish Council noted TPO/0007/24 yew tree at land of Holmere Bungalow.

Planning and enforcement update.

270/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and it was noted that Wiltshire Council are expecting a retrospective planning application for the breach of a very large slab of concrete on land at Tricky's Paddock.

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Finance update.

271/24 The Clerk advised that further to the grant award Minute 153/24 the defibrillator pads have been received.

272/24 The Clerk reported that further to Minute 229/24, the Parish Council PO Box 2462 has been ordered.

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

273/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £4,395.98

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 15.11.24 £18,062.39

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 15.11.24 £78,166.56

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 approve Councillors who wish to participate in new/refresher training.

274/24 The Chairman advised that currently there is no new/refresher training for Councillors most likely due to the proximity of the local elections in May 2025. Following on from elections it is hoped there will be training choices.

To consider maintenance of the bus shelter.

275/24, 228/24 This item was deferred to a future meeting after an inspection has been carried out by Cllr Harris.

To consider any action regarding car parking at Green Close.

276/24 Further to the inconsiderate parking near the entrance to Green Close with the A27, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for Wiltshire Councillor Britton to ask Wiltshire Council Housing to review the resident parking areas at Green Close.

To consider the request for a bench near the entrance to Green Close.

277/24 This item was deferred as the Clerk reported Wiltshire Council Streetscene have not responded to date.

To ratify the Clerk using Financial Regulation 3.4 regarding the weekly tidy of the skatepark area since 8th October 2024.

278/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ratify the Clerk using Financial Regulation 3.4 regarding the weekly tidy of the skatepark area since 8th October 2024.

To agree the weekly tidy of the skatepark.

279/24 Further to the Chairman being unwell to resume with the weekly tidy of the skatepark, Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for Mr Moore to continue with the task.

To nominate a further Councillor to inspect the skatepark at determined intervals.

280/24 Further to Cllr King being unable to assist with this currently, Cllr Agate was nominated to assist with the skatepark inspections. Cllr Bishop is already nominated.

To update on the additional Speed Indication Devices (SID's) in Whiteparish.

281/24, 224/24, 196/24, 168/24, 139/24, 102/24, 71/24 A site meeting was recently held with Cllrs King, Hayday and Camley plus 2 members from the Wiltshire Council Traffic Engineering Team where post locations were agreed. As the offer from Elan City for the SID's will be expiring at the end of the year it was agreed to order the SID's and Cllr Camley will store on behalf of the Parish Council until they can be erected.

To approve the maintenance required for the current Speed Indicator Device (SID).

282/24 Cllr Hayday updated on the current, shared SID with Landford Parish Council and advised it is going to require new connectors and a new padlock in the near future. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to agree up to £100.00 for the works to be undertaken.

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

283/24 Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated images of the large mantle clock that had originally been presented to a previous Clerk in the 1900's but had somehow remained as Parish Council property. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to ask Whiteparish Memorial Trust if it could be stored at the Memorial Centre.

Rights of Way and Common Land update.

284/24 The Clerk reported that she had received several complaints of the stile being broken at Blaxwell Lane where ROW 7 meets ROW 10, with it being very precarious to access the footpath. There has been a request for a kissing gate here, however, currently it is with Wiltshire Council Rights of Way to arrange for it to be fixed as soon as possible.

Highway's update.

285/24 The Clerk advised that the Parish Steward visit was cancelled today as they are on winter standby duties due to the freezing conditions.

286/24, 258/24, 231/24 The Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council have advised that the works scheduled for earlier in the year have been postponed until the 2025 surface dressing season. Hence why the road studs removed in anticipation of the works have been reinstated with temporary studs, with the site being reassessed in advance of the works next spring/summer to establish if any further preparation work is required. When under taken, the section from the A36 outside the carwash, up to the 30mph gateway at Whiteparish will receive a surface dressing treatment to prolong the carriageways lifespan without more disruptive intervention.

287/24 Cllr Harris advised the gullies along the length of Brickworth Road have still not been cleared. The Clerk will chase Wiltshire Council Highways again.

288/24 Cllr Harris advised that the traffic lights at the junction of the A27 with the A36 have been out of sync since the A36 was recently closed for works. The Clerk advised National Highways are responsible for these lights and she will report this issue to them.

289/24 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 in the new year. There is to be a Wiltshire Council Youth Activities drop in on 5th December with a view to starting a new youth group. The 100+ Club dinner is on 15th February 2025.

New Forest National Park: There was no report.

Area Board: Cllrs Agate and Hayday advised they attended the Area Board at Alderbury on 7th November 2024.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: Cllr King gave an update.

Neighbourhood Tasking Group: Cllr Bishop advised there is a meeting in Downton on 6th December. Cllr Harris advised he may be able to attend.

Correspondence/communications update

290/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order for Wiltshire Councillor Britton to give an update on Wiltshire Council business including:

- At the end of the 2nd quarter of the financial year Wiltshire Council was forecasting a year-end overspend of £0.8m. That's a strong improvement on the position at the end of the first quarter.
- Consultation shortly to begin on the new Local Transport Plan. The on-line survey launches on 28th November. Webinars will be available on 3rd December and 13th January both starting at 6pm.
- In 2027 there will be changes to the waste collection service. Cardboard and paper will be collected separately. Flexible plastics and food waste will also be collected separately.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

Exclusion of the press and public.
Confidential items.

To approve the implementation of the joint council pay increase for 2024/2025.

291/24, 264/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the joint council pay increase for 2024/2025 and for it to be back dated from 1st April 2024 in accordance with the National Association of Local Council's document 'National Salary Award 2024' and with the Clerk's Employment Contract.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 17th December 2024 at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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