



Whiteparish Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

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

Public participation

A member of the public spoke about applying for the re-classification of Clay Street and Hop Gardens and although it has been debated previously they requested that the Parish Council put it on an agenda to discuss again.

A member of the public spoke in support of planning application PL/2023/08088 Douglas Lodge, Formerly of "The Barns near Blaxwell Farm", Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2RR.

The Chairman advised that Standing Order 3f was being suspended to allow time for the public statements.

A member of the public spoke in objection of planning application PL/2023/08088 Douglas Lodge, Formerly of "The Barns near Blaxwell Farm", Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2RR.

PC Harry Murphy had sent his apologies and the Clerk read out the police update on his behalf.

The Chairman re-instated Standing Orders.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

1/24 Prior to the meeting apologies were received from Cllrs Palmer, Gould, Camley and Francis. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the apologies for the reasons given.

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.

2/24 Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda item 13 Re-appointment of Mr David Bramley to Whiteparish Charities as he is also a Trustee of Whiteparish Charities.

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.

3/24 This item was not required.

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

4/24 The Chairman 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 28th November 2023.

5/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2023 and they were signed by the Chairman.

To review and approve the Clerk responding to Wiltshire Councils six-week decision deadline regarding Section 211 notices – works to trees in a conservation area.

6/24, 210/15 The Chairman advised that there is still a strict six-week decision deadline for Section 211 notices, works to trees in a conservation area, where it can be very hard for Wiltshire Council to give a time extension to our comments. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED that Councillors comment on these applications via email to the Clerk, for the Clerk to then submit the overall response to Wiltshire Council.

To consider and agree a response to planning applications received:

7/24, 290/23 *Wiltshire Council have notified that amended plans and/or additional information has been received for the following application: PL/2023/08088 Douglas Lodge, Formerly of “The Barns near Blaxwell Farm”, Romsey Road, Whiteparish SP5 2RR Variation of conditions 2 and 4 of PL/2022/07168 to allow additional roof light to south elevation.* Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED, with one against, to make no comment to this application.

8/24 PL/2023/09794 Alderstone Farmhouse, Dean Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2RN Works to a Listed Building. Replacement of 2 windows and external door. Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment to this application.

Planning and enforcement update.

9/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

Finance update.

10/24, 299/23 The Clerk reported that, further to Wiltshire Council sending the tax base figure on 13th December 2023 and the Parish Council resolution to set the precept with a nil rise, the precept request was for £42,448.50.

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

11/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £4,154.88
Unity Trust Bank Current Account 05.01.24 - £11,552.56
Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 05.01.24 - £86,461.43
Cambridge & Counties Bond 05.01.24 - £30,000.00

To consider a request for a recycling bin alongside the general waste bin next to the bus shelter in Common Road.

12/24 The Clerk had circulated a report prior to the meeting and Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to support the recommendation for no action as idverde do not provide a service for emptying public recycling bins and Wiltshire Council will be operating a new system recording data, coming into effect in 2024, where they will be able to audit existing bins and ascertain cost effectiveness and apply necessary changes to bin emptying in Whiteparish.

To agree the skateboard park professional inspection in conjunction with the Memorial Trust play area inspection.

13/24, 311/23 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to accept the Play Inspection quotation, recognising that it is in conjunction with the Memorial Trust Play Area inspection with the Parish Council paying £65.00.

Re-appointment of Mr David Bramley to Whiteparish Charities.

14/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to re-appoint Mr David Bramley to Whiteparish Charities.

Rights of Way (ROW) and Common Land update.

15/24, 246/23, 219/23, 126/23, 89/23, 22/23, 377/22, 347/22 ROW 4 stile at Clay Street still requires fixing.

Highway’s update

16/24 The Clerk advised the Parish Steward’s next scheduled visit is 17th January.

17/24 Road signs along Newton Lane are obscured by vegetation. Clerk to ask the Parish Steward to clear.

18/24 The Chairman advised that further to a request for Parish Council representatives and Unitary Cllr Brittons’ attendance at a Wiltshire Council Highways meeting with representatives of Whiteparish School, a meeting took place on 1st December to hear of various proposals to potentially help pupil access to the school. Further to that meeting, no communications have been received from the school.

19/24 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:

Memorial Trust: Cllr Bishop advised the next meeting is 10th January.

New Forest National Park: The Clerk advised the next North West Quadrant meeting is 22nd January in Fordingbridge.

Area Board: The next Area Board is in Alderbury on 22nd February at 7pm.

Whiteparish Education Foundation: There was no report.

Neighborhood Tasking Group: Cllr Bishop advised the next meeting is at Landford on 17th January 2024.

Correspondence/communications update

20/24 The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting and there were no queries.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Whiteparish Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 9th January 2024
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

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