



# Whiteparish Parish Council

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Whiteparish Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.42pm in the Memorial Centre, Whiteparish.

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

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

## **Public participation**

A member of the public stated they had watched the live broadcast of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting which was held at Trowbridge regarding PL/2022/09532 Land at Romsey Road, Whiteparish. Whilst they are in support of the application they raised observations including why were there no members of the Parish Council in attendance and they also understood that no members of the Spatial Planning Committee were familiar with Whiteparish. The Chairman advised no Councillors were able to attend as they had prior commitments and Unitary Cllr Britton noted the member of the public's comments.

## **To receive and accept apologies for absence.**

**56/24** There were no apologies.

## **To receive any Declarations of Interest from Members.**

**57/24** Cllr Hayday declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a **PL/2024/01408 Whitespark Equestrian, Newton Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2QQ** Change of use from mixed equestrian land to an engineered wetland and associated infrastructure as he is a neighbour.

**58/24** Cllr Francis declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a **PL/2024/01408 Whitespark Equestrian, Newton Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2QQ** Change of use from mixed equestrian land to an engineered wetland and associated infrastructure as he is a neighbour.

**59/24** Cllr King declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6a **PL/2024/01408 Whitespark Equestrian, Newton Lane, Whiteparish SP5 2QQ** Change of use from mixed equestrian land to an engineered wetland and associated infrastructure as he owns land nearby.

**60/24** Cllr King declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 To consider the installation of additional Speed Indication Devices (SID's) within Whiteparish as previously it has been considered it may be near his property.

## **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.**

**61/24** This item was not required.

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

**62/24** The Chairman reported that there has been interest shown by a resident with a view to co-option in April.

**To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

63/24 Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and they were signed by the Chairman.

**To consider and agree a response to planning application received:**

64/24, PL/2024/01408 Whites Park Equestrian, Newton Lane, Whiteparish, SP5 2QQ. Change of use from mixed equestrian land to an engineered wetland and associated infrastructure.

Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application and recommend refusal for the following reasons:

1. The application is incomplete with key information missing in a number of key areas. This is highlighted in the responses of Wiltshire Council Highways, Wiltshire Council Drainage and Wiltshire Council Archaeology, all of whom have requested further information. All contrary to Wiltshire Core Strategy CP 51, CP 52 and CP 58.
2. As high-lighted by Wiltshire Council Highways, the proposed access to the site from the A36 – Newton Lane, Whites Park Equestrian entrance is unsuitable for construction traffic. The alternative A27 – Newton Lane, Whites Park Equestrian is even more unsuitable. Newton Lane is narrow and the proposed entrance is in a blind spot for traffic travelling from the A27. Additionally the lane and entrance are used throughout the day by horses. The entrance itself is unsuitable for larger vehicles. In the absence of clear and detailed traffic schedule and a strategy to mitigate any issues arising, the application should be refused.
3. The Parish Council and local residents have too short a time and insufficient clear and concise information on the nature of the proposed development, its likely impact on local environment in terms of potential sewage pollution, odours, noise and light impact on a rural setting.

The applicant assumes that the water is coming from the Southern Water Waste Treatment works, which is situated adjacent to the application site, but the Parish Council has not yet received confirmation from Southern Water that it is co-operating with this project, therefore where exactly is the effluent going to come from to sustain the reed beds?

The application form states that the proposed development cannot be seen from any public rights of way. This is incorrect as the site can be clearly seen by Whiteparish Rights of Way 4 and 11. We are aware that the natural watercourse dries up during the summer and therefore without the involvement of Southern Water the reed beds cannot function.

The Parish Council recommends that the application is refused and the applicant is invited to reapply providing the full information requested by various Wiltshire Council departments. This should include a more up to date flood risk assessment using data which includes the widespread flooding in the area in 2020 and this spring. There are also major concerns as to how the wetland will be managed and monitored. The proposals for this are too vague. We feel it is essential that there is a written statement from Southern Water to confirm their involvement with the scheme.

The Parish Council believe that making the provision of the required information part of the conditions for approval is a flawed approach which will allow development to proceed regardless and put unnecessary pressure on an already overstretched planning enforcement team.

**Update on actions by Wiltshire Council regarding PL/2022/09532 Land at Romsey Road, Whiteparish. Outline application (all matters reserved except external access) for a residential development of up to 25 dwellings with access to Romsey Road, parking, open space, landscaping and drainage.**

**65/24** The Clerk advised that since the last Parish Council meeting Wiltshire Council decided to re-consider certain planning applications due to the revision of the building land supply. As a result this application was considered again on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 by the Wiltshire Council Strategic Planning Committee who approved permission subject to conditions. Unitary Councillor Richard Britton was thanked for his attendance and input at the meeting.

**Planning and enforcement update.**

**66/24** The Clerk had circulated the update prior to the meeting. There were no queries.

**To update and consider action on Barclaycard issues.**

**67/24, 295/23, 265/23** The Clerk reported that further to being made aware by the Councils mobile phone provider, Lebara, that the rolling monthly payment had not been paid by Barclaycard, it appears Barclaycard have suspended the account. The Clerk has contacted Barclaycard several times with very poor, and in some instances no communication back from Barclaycard. Reason unknown as to the account's suspension and perplexing communications with various departments of Barclaycard. The Clerk is waiting to hear back from Barclaycard to rectify the issue. To continue telephone communications the Clerk has paid the monthly payment of £5.00 to Lebara.

**Finance update.**

**68/24** The Clerk reminded the Council that the internal audit is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**69/24** The Clerk reported that, the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn have sent their external auditor instructions.

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

**70/24** Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED to authorise payments totalling £3,134.21.

Unity Trust Bank Current Account 14.03.24 - £7,108.40

Unity Trust Bank Savings Account 14.03.24 - £86,461.43

Cambridge & Counties Bond - £30,000.00

**To consider the installation of additional Speed Indication Devices (SID's) within Whiteparish.**

**71/24** Whiteparish Parish Council RESOLVED for the Clerk to prepare a report for further consideration of additional SID's in the village.

**Rights of Way (ROW) and Common Land update.**

**72/24** Cllr Bell reported blockages on ROW 22 and ROW 23.

**73/24** Unitary Cllr Britton had been in contact with the developers regarding the poor condition of ROW 7.

**Highway's update**

**74/24, 52/54** The Clerk reported that Miles Lane is to be closed on 21<sup>st</sup> March for maintenance.

**75/24** The Clerk advised the potholes have been reported on Dean Lane, between the A27 and The Green.

**76/24** Cllr Hayday advised the speed signs in Newton Lane have been rotated again.

**77/24 Reports from representatives for information purposes only:**

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

**New Forest National Park:** Cllr Palmer updated on the NFNP.

**Area Board:** The next Area Board is in Winterbourne on 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm.

**Whiteparish Education Foundation:** Cllr Palmer updated on the WEF.

**Neighborhood Tasking Group:** Cllr Bishop advised the meeting is next week.

**Correspondence/communications update**

**78/24** 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm in Whiteparish Memorial Centre.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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Whiteparish Parish Council – Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Minutes approved as a true and accurate record, and signed as so by the Chairman presiding

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