

Whitley Parish Council

1.0 The meeting was opened at 7.00 pm by the Chair Cllr Walton.

2.0 Open Public Forum(OPF) 16th July 2024

2.1 Residents expressed concerns about overgrown vegetation in the Nature Reserve, which is obstructing access to the footpaths.

Action: clerk to request a quotation for the cutting back of pathways in the nature reserve to restore public access.

2.2 A resident raised an issue regarding the frequency of events at the Gale Common Moto Cross site, noting that recent events have been held every weekend, which is in violation of the conditions set by the planning permission.

Action: Clerk to liaise with the planning enforcement of North Yorkshire Council to express concerns and objections to the breach of the planning conditions and request that action be taken to regulate the frequency of the events.

2.3 The Chair closed the public forum and proceeded to the conduct of the Parish meeting.

Minutes of the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2024 at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School Annex Building – 03/25

3.0 **Present:** Cllr Walton (Chair), Cllr White (Vice Chair), Cllr Cole, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Paley, Cllr Barber and Clerk to the Council J Hunter.

4.0 Apologies for absence:

4.1 Cllr White joined the meeting later during the session.

5.0 Disclosure of interest:

5.1 There were no other interests registered.

6.0 Minutes of the Whitley Annual Parish Council Meeting & the Whitley Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2024:

6.1 It was resolved the minutes of were a true record of the Whitley Parish Council meeting held on 18th June 2024.

Action: The minutes to be signed by the Chair and published on the Parish Council website.

7.0 Matters for information and action as required:

7.1 **Chair's Annual Report:** Cllr Walton advised that preparation of the draft of the Annual Report is in progress and will be shared with Councillors in due course.

Action: consideration and approval of the Annual Report to be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

7.2 Christmas Lights: Cllr Cole advised that the investigation into the costings and options for the provision of Christmas Lights in the village is still ongoing.

Action: consideration of the matter of Christmas Lights to be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for September 2024.

7.3 Park Lane behind Tunstall Healthcare: Cllr Thompson & Cllr Paley advised that they were progressing communication with the owners of the parkland behind Tunstall Healthcare to establish the nature of their proposition for the transfer of land to the possession of Whitley Parish Council

7.4 HGV Movements on Gravel Hill Lane: The Clerk summarised the outcomes of a meeting with Gary Lumb of North Yorkshire Council Highways Improvement Department on site at Gravel Hill Lane.

7.4.1 An additional traffic survey will be commissioned to be sited halfway along the length of Gravel Hill to supplement the information gathered by the initial survey. The details of both surveys will be combined, and the analysis shared with the Parish Council.

7.4.2 The 30-mph sign on Gravel Hill Lane will be moved to the Main Entrance of Monaghan Mushroom Farm. The process requires formal consultation and may take 8 to 12 months due to protocol compliance.

7.4.3 Responsibility for the enforcement of traffic regulations lies with both North Yorkshire Police and Trading Standards.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Sharon Fox, Highways Communication Officer requesting the contact details of the Trading Standards department responsible for traffic enforcement action.

7.4.4 North Yorkshire Council will not cover the verge cutting beyond primary roads.

Cllr Watson advised that a request has been made to Poskitt's Farm to carry out cut of the verges to their land for at least a meter depth on the Eastbound carriageway verge of Gravel Hill Lane.

7.4.5 Requests for crossing points at Learning Lane and Silver Street do not meet North Yorkshire Council criteria set out in the NYC Traffic Manual.

7.4.6 The installation of traffic calming assets is management by North Yorkshire Council Highways. However North Yorkshire Council lacks the budget for such installations but is open to community funded projects.

Gary Lumb agreed to follow up on:

the status of s278 planning application conditions imposed on Monaghan Mushroom Farm for the provision of HGV passing points at the end of Gravel Hill Lane.

Obtaining cost estimates for traffic calming speed bumps/cushions for Gravel Hill Lane for consideration by the Parish Council.

8.0 Correspondence received: The Clerk summarised the details of correspondence received by email or post.

8.1 Emails and postage.

8.1.1 Clerk presented the following details of emails or correspondence by mail relevant to the affairs of Whitley Parish Council:

8.1.1.1 An email from a member of the tree surveying team for Norther Power concerning the pruning of the tree line encroaching on the power lines by the nature reserve and on the A19 at the embankment adjacent to Learning Lane. Action: Clerk to liaise with survey team to provide appropriate information and contact details of landowners.

8.1.1.2 An email from PC Sarah Ward attaching a copy of the NPT Community Newsletter for Eggborough & Whitley providing details of crime and antisocial behaviour in the Ward.

8.1.2 Social Media

8.1.2.1 Cllr Humphrey reported on comments and postings on the social media pages concerning the road closures on A19 by Eggborough Power.

9.0 Planning matters: The Clerk provided a summary of the planning applications made in the month for review and consideration by the Council.

9.1.1 There were no planning applications delivered since the previous Parish Council meeting in June 2024 relevant to the Whitley Parish.

10.0 Council Finance & Administration:

10.1 RFO Report as at 16/07/2024:

Bank/Account	Income since 1st April 2024	Expenditure since 1st April 2024		Current Balance	Notes/Comment
Santander Deposit	40.47			15,432.95	Interest paid monthly
Santander Current Account (Cash Book)	6,872.00	4,839.52		3,820.63	No interest
Total Bank Balances				19,253.58	
Less following funds:					
Allocated Funds		Surplus from Crossing Drainage Daffodil Field		1,798.71 8,000.00	
Total Allocated funds				9,798.71	

Parish Council Bank Funds	-Future Development and facility provision –Buildings, ROS & Nature Reserve -Public Liability Insurance -Clerk Remuneration -Donations -Management costs -Repairs -Unexpected/unforeseeable expenditure.	9,454.87
VAT due for reclaim		3,036.91
Total Unallocated Parish Funds		12,491.78

The Clerk presented a cash flow summary analysing, month by month, the actual receipts and payments up to March 2025. It was noted the balance held on unrestricted reserves as of 16th July was £9,563.43.

10.2 Accounts Payable: The following payments were approved for settlement by cheque.

Cheque No.	Payable to:	Amount: £
22577	J R Hunter Salary Month 1, 2 & 3 for 2024/25	494.50
22578	HMRC PAYE Month 1, 2 & 3 for 2024/25	123.40
22579	George Fillingham Contractors	522.00

10.3 Accounts Payable retrospectively: The following retrospective payments made by bank transfer since the last council meeting were approved.

Cheque No.	Payable to:	Amount: £

11.0 Recreational Open Space in Whitley:

11.1 Parks and Verges:

11.1.1 Parks & Playground Maintenance: Councillors recognised the valid concerns of residents about the overgrown paths in the nature reserve. They agreed that the pathways need to be cleared to allow access.

Action: Clerk to seek quote from George Fillingham to cut the paths in the nature reserve.

Cllr White commented on the overgrown edges of the pathways in Daffodil Park, suggesting that the surplus vegetation could be controlled by the application of herbicidal spray.

Action: Clerk to obtain quotation from George Fillingham for the application of spray to the pathways in Daffodil Park.

Cllr White and Cllr Barber agreed to inspect the “Spring Animal” in the Lee View Play Area in the assessment of options for removal.

Councillors discussed the possibility of obtaining sponsorship to cover the funds to acquire two new benches in the village.

Councillors agreed that following the end of the nesting season the hedges at the permitter of Daffodil Park will require cutting back.

Action: Cllr White to seek quotation for the management of the hedges.

11.1.2 Planters: Cllr Walton, Councillors expressed their appreciation to Cllr Cole, Cllr Paley and Cllr Watson for their efforts in the maintenance of the two planters

11.1.3 Community Payback Team: Cllr White summarised the recent activities of the Community Payback Team and considered further work to be undertaken including maintenance of pathways in Daffodil Park and the management of hedging by the playground areas. It was agreed Cllr White would liaise with the Community Payback Team to establish a schedule of dates for their attendance.

11.1.4 Memorial Bench: It was noted that the engineering team from Eggborough Power have successfully installed the memorial bench. Councillors expressed their gratitude for the efforts of the Eggborough Team.

Action: Clerk to email the management at Eggborough Power thanking them for the work in installing the bench. Pictures of the bench to be taken and shared on social media.

11.1.5 Verge Cutting: Councillors discussed the poor state of the verges around the Rosslyn development, noting that the lack of management has led to the growth of nettles, brambles, and vegetation encroaching onto public pavements. In addition, the state of the verge bunds from Silver Street to Mill Field was noted.

12.0 A19 Safety:

12.1 Speeding on A19: Cllr White reflected on the proposals from North Yorkshire Council Highways for a roundabout at the Balne Crossroad. He suggested that the Parish Council could request an extension of the 30mph speed limit from the southern end of the village to include the exit from the new roundabout

13.0 A.O.B.

13.1 Cllr White on behalf of the Allotment Association advised that the track into and from the Allotments need some repair. It was agreed Councillors would consider commissioning the necessary repairs and quotations would be sought from contractors for consideration during the Parish Council meeting in September.

13.2 It was noted that some Allotment Holders are in the practice of parking vehicles on the residential parking areas reserved for the Whitefield Lane bungalows.

14.0 Confirm the date, time and place of next meeting:

Next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 17th Sept 2024 at 7pm at Whitley & Eggborough Primary School.

Closure of meeting: 9:00 pm