

Whiston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at 6.30 pm at Whiston Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors Tim Stevenson, (Chair) and Clive Davis, Deborah Davis, Tony Griffin, Elaine Reynard and Colin Taylor.

In Attendance: Simon Oldham - Clerk to the Council, Angela Harrison - RFO, Jordan Arno- Youth Club Manager, Ward Councillor David Fisher. No members of the public present.

36/23 Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

Clls Genaya Smales (illness) and Haroon Rashid (family funeral).

RESOLVED : That the above reasons for absence be approved.

37/23 To consider any motion to vary the order of business (if any)

RESOLVED : to bring forward agenda item 10c) "Update on and final preparations for the Whiston Summer Festival 2/7/23", to be taken immediately following the Public Speaking agenda item.

38/23 To receive declarations of interest – None.

39/23 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any) - None

40/23 15 Minute public speaking session – None present.

41/23 Update on and final preparations for the Whiston Summer Festival 2/7/23.

RESOLVED : That (1) to note the following update from Cllr Clive Davis on the final preparations that had or were being put in place :-

- Around 2000 event programmes were being produced and to be handed out to attendees at entry points to the field by 5 volunteers (Jordan Arno and his fellow Youth Club staff) who would direct people as to what was happening around the site. In lieu of this a refreshments voucher to be offered to each of the 5 volunteers
- Rotherham Community Transport shuttle bus would be operating between 2-9pm to shuttle people up Doles Lane to the venue with 3 stops (near Sorrel Sykes, at the Rectory and outside the Cricket Club). Some home pick-ups for those with a disability was being offered
- A disclaimer agreement was being prepared in which CISWO required the Parish Council to sign in respect of usage and appropriate conditions in relation to the Rectory garden. In addition the PC's Public Liability certificate had also been supplied to CISWO
- Access for emergency vehicles (if required) from the Moorhouse Lane Gate was being facilitated
- Traffic management signs had been placed out and 20 parking cones were to be supplied at 10am on the day
- Toilets – 9 singles and 1 disabled would be located on site & the Cricket Club to offer their disable toilet

- RMBC had now approved the Premises licence and the designated Premises Supervisor role had been allocated
- RMBC RESAG sign off to our final arrangements was still awaited and in particular their attention was being drawn to a handful of other local fringe activities (Fun Fair & Bands) that were being advertised at local public hostelrys which were not part of the Whiston Festival
- 3 First-Aiders and a Responder in a vehicle would be accessible on site and RESAG response on this was still outstanding
- The Clerk indicated that he would alert Zurich, our Insurer's on the anticipated number of attendees at the Event (who would be counted in/out) and enquire if they had any further supplementary Events guidance that should be followed
- Cllr Elaine Reynard to coordinate charitable donations to Kidney Research via a sealed bucket from attendees on the day
- An introductory welcome or thank you at the close of the event to be built in to the preparations

(2) To note the reporting by Cllr Tony Griffin of the Heritage Walk fringe event taking place on Wednesday 28th in the Lead up to the Festival from the Manorial Barn, concluding at the Parish Hall around 7.45pm and in addition, Morris dancers would be performing in the Hall car park, thus arrangements be made for it being appropriately coned off in preparation, with regular Hall weekly user groups notified and in addition, a nominal donation be awarded to the Morris dancers on the evening.

(Cllr Clive Davis left the meeting at this point).

42/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting – 15th May, 2023.

RESOLVED : To approve the minutes as a true record.

43/23 To receive written applications for the office of Parish Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill the existing vacancy.

RESOLVED : That (1) to note that an application for the vacancy was received although the applicant subsequently withdrew his application and (2) the vacancy be re-advertised as a rolling vacancy until any further/interested applicants come forward.

44/23 To approve the monthly accounts – May 2023

RESOLVED : To approve the monthly accounts as presented and schedule of payments as appended to these minutes.

45/23 To receive the bank reconciliation @ 31st May 2023

RESOLVED : To note the bank reconciliation @ 31st May, 2023.

46/23 To receive budget monitoring statement @ 31st May, 2023

RESOLVED: To note the budget monitoring statement.

47/23 Youth Club update.

RESOLVED : To note the update from Jordan Arno advising that :-

- Boxing team/fitness session was very well attended and included Abby the PCSO
- The session on 14/7/23 would be out and about in the Parish to engage young people locally and encourage wider recruitment to get involved with the Youth Club

- Hannah would be leaving shortly to go to University and it was proposed and agreed to bring a draft advert and proposed recruitment timeline for her replacement, to the next meeting
- Consideration and preparations were underway re a proposed residential visit to Hagg Farm in Nottingham and further details/proposals would also be presented to the next meeting.

48/23 Manorial Barn – progressing the drafting of a new 10 year lease arrangement with Orchard Grove Ltd and the requirement to obtain an up to date Energy Performance Certificate.

RESOLVED : To note that a draft lease had been prepared and submitted to Orchard Grove's Solicitor's and an updated Energy Performance Certificate had been commissioned and the associated report/recommendations forwarded to Members earlier this afternoon.

49/23 Brook Street Parking Bays development – to consider quotations from prospective contractors and to agree a way forward with the Scheme.

RESOLVED : That this matter be deferred for further consideration when a wider number of Council Members were present, including further examination of whether the anticipated costs associated with delivering the Scheme represented overall value for money for Whiston parishioners.

50/23 Preparations for public meeting with co-owners of the field adjacent Whiston Cricket Club and local parishioners – 10/7/23 6.30pm.

RESOLVED : To note that (1) the Conference Hall had been booked for this public meeting; (2) the co-owner(s) be advised on the intentions of how the Parish Council intended to facilitate this meeting, to be chaired by Cllr Tim Stevenson the Parish Council Chair and the co-owners(s) would initially be invited to outline their plans for the site and actions taken to date and the rationale, following which any local parishioners be permitted to ask questions or make any further representation(s) and (3) the event be publicised via the Parish noticeboards.

51/23 Display of Poppies on lampposts as a memorial to the fallen for this years' Remembrance Day.

RESOLVED : That further considerations be given to this at next months' meeting and whether to focus erecting any larger form of commemoration at focal/entry points in the village or any other alternative form of deploying something in paying respects to the Fallen.

52/23 To consider a grant application request – Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

RESOLVED : That approval be given to the initial award of a grant in the sum of £500.00.

53/23 Parish Hall maintenance – (i) Completion of re-lining of car park marking including disabled & reserved bay; (ii) To consider a quotation to supply and fit a cisterniser urinal flush system with ceiling sensor in the Gents toilet.

RESOLVED : That (1) to note the completion last week of the re-lining/refresh of car parking spaces, including disabled parking bay and reserved bay and (2) to approve the quotation from RAD Eco Systems for the supply/fitting of a new cisterniser urinal flush system with ceiling sensor in the Gents toilet.

54/23 Report from Christmas Plus re removal & testing of lights in 4 x trees (tree-wrapped lights).

RESOLVED: That approval be given to replace the 17x10 metre failed Christmas lights by Christmas Plus and the Clerk to source an appropriately qualified local electrician to look to progress a review/replacement of the timer devices for all lighting equipment/displays in preparation for the next festive season.

55/23 RMBC – Ward councillor report.

RESOLVED : to note the following update from Ward Cllrs David Fisher and Tony Griffin :-

- Their Ward meeting was scheduled for tomorrow and considerations would include potential bids to the CIL £121k funding pot
- Lots of complaints were being received re the associated traffic impacts from the proposed new housing development and this would have impacts for future activity at/around Worrygoose roundabout
- Reports of additional waste being deposited on top of Farmer's spoil on Royds Lane
- A review was being undertaken re the Towns & Villages available funding in relation to plans for the Stag roundabout and in addition planning consent was being sought for large events of up to 9K attendees at the Stag field for staging entertainment/concerts
- Continuing complaints and investigations were taking place re activities taking place at the junction of Long Lane and the path out to the Meadows re dumping of rubbish and the sorts of alleged activities taking place.

56/23 Members items – a) Whiston Brook – sewage spills/lobbying Environment Agency.

RESOLVED : That the Clerk be asked to write to the Environment Agency making representations about sewage spills in to the Brook and asking for flow and spills data over the last 5 years.

b) Drainage/Flood risk.

RESOLVED : That the Clerk be asked to write to RMBC in relation to the letter that WRAG have submitted to RMBC disputing the discharge of planning conditions 34, 35 & 36 re RB2018.0552 in relation to the drainage/flood risk assessment re this proposed housing development and what action it proposes to take on this matter.

57/23 Correspondence/Information Items.

RESOLVED : to note the following information, previously circulated by e-mail:-

1	YLCA	White Rose Bulletin 19 th May, 2 nd June 2023 & training opportunities May-Sept 2023
2	YLCA	South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit Newsletter, June 2023
3	Cornerstone	Proposed Mast Base station upgrade – Sitwell Park Golf Club, Shrogswood Lane
4	YLCA	Dept for Energy & Net Zero Consultation on developing local partnerships for onshore wind in England
5	RMBC	Sitwell Neighbourhood update – June 2023

58/23 Items for future agenda

- Christmas tree/lights on Worrygoose roundabout

59/23 Planning Applications

_RESOLVED : (1) to raise no objections in respect of the following applications 1 – 6 and (2) in relation to item 7 - RB2022/0017, to raise an objection on the following basis - “It is believed that the amended plans will generate additional traffic/access from Shrogswood Road and East Bawtry Road using both Lathe Road and Sheepcote as a rat run and the imposition of a proposed 20mph limiter in mitigation will do little to remedy this. In addition, it is believed that speed bumps should also be imposed here”.

1	RB2023/0633	Newman School East Bawtry Road Whiston	Listed Building consent for Replacement of Cristal Curtain Walling in main hall and associated works, linked with applications RB2021/1309 & RB2021/1304
2	RB2023/0635	Newman School East Bawtry Road Whiston	Formation of hardstanding
3	RB2023/0651	Newman School East Bawtry Road Whiston	Discharge of conditions 3,4,5 & 6 imposed by RB2021/1304
4	RB2023/0607	land rear of 12 Moorlands Crescent Whiston	Erection of bungalow
5	RB2023/0661	6 Hunger Hill Road Whiston	Application of Lawful Development Certificate re: replacment of garage door with glazed french doors
6	RB2023/0629	4 Guilthwaite Crescent Whiston	Two storey and single storey rear extension
7	RB2022/0017	Land off Shrogswood Road Whiston	Outline application for the erection of up to 217 dwellinghouses including details of access – Amended plans

60/23 Planning determinations.

RESOLVED : to note the following Planning decisions :-

1	RB2023/0303	Removal of two storey side extension flat roof and replace with hipped tiled roof - 4 Cottam Close Whiston	Granted conditionally
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61/23 Planning Appeal Decisions.

RESOLVED : to note the following Appeal decision :-

1	RB2022/1016	Create opening in existing wall to create 1 No. off street parking space, including the installation of electric Vehicle Charging Point - 14 School Hill Whiston	Granted – May 2023
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62/23 Date & time of next meeting - Monday 17th July, 2023 6.30pm

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.03pm

Signed

Dated

PAYEE	ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Parker Rhodes Hickmotts	Refund legal fees held on account	-22.60
Christmas Plus	Tree wrapping removal, storage & report	1678.80
Carl Arnold	Village bench installation	340.00
HSBC	Bank charges (Retainer/current)	20.00
Rotherham Advertiser	Festival licence advert	144.20
The Works	Reimburse JA - YC crafts	91.25
RMBC	Additional licence fee- festival	49.00
Staff Salaries	Salary May (various)	2091.68
HMRC	Tax & NICs May	771.64
Peoples Partnership	Pension Contributions	102.67
Vocon Limited	Festival traffic management	117.00
Chic Cleaning	Cleaning products - hall	116.16
Eco RAD Systems Ltd	Toilet repair	132.00
Zurich Municipal	Annual Insurance inc barn	6595.46
Fence Supplies UK	Barriers festival	468.00
Chic Cleaning	Cleaning/caretaking Apr	2765.12
Parker Rhodes Hickmotts	Payment on account (Barn lease)	400.00
RMBC	Hall annual licence fee	70.00
Get Loos Ltd	Festival- toilets	990.00
O2	Mobile phone	31.44
RMBC	Additional licence fee - Festival	30.00
RMBC	Land & garage rent	29.33
Amazon	YC craft supplies (Reimburse JA)	137.77
Heat Outdoors Ltd	Parish Hall - hand dryers	701.10
CSE Zycomm	Radios - festival	285.00
Bytol Roofing Limited	Roof repairs - hall	528.00
Mark Middleton	Garden contract inc cowrakes litter	466.70
Mark Middleton	Garden contract - Hanging baskets	1800.00
Mark Middleton	Car park lining - Hall	1300.00
Microsoft	Microsoft 360 subscription	82.32
Virgin	Youth Club - phone (reimburse JA)	7.97
TOTAL		22320.01