

Whiston Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 at 6.30 pm at Whiston Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors, Tim Stevenson (Chair) and Clive Davis, Deborah Davis, David Fisher, Tony Griffin, Haroon Rashid, Elaine Reynard, Genaya Smales and Colin Taylor.

In Attendance: Simon Oldham - Clerk to the Council, Angela Harrison - RFO, Jordan Arno-Youth Club Manager. One member of the public present.

114/23 Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence - None

115/23 To consider any motion to vary the order of business (if any)

RESOLVED : to bring forward agenda item 11 c) "To consider Environment Agency FOI response re flow data request" to be taken immediately following the Public Speaking agenda item.

116/23 To receive declarations of interest – None.

117/23 To identify items for which the press and public may be excluded (if any) - None

118/23 15 Minute public speaking session – No items raised.

119/23 To consider Environment Agency FOI response re flow data request

RESOLVED : That a follow up response be sent to the Environment Agency seeking EDM readings from them via Yorkshire Water for spill data for the same time period.

120/23 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council annual meeting – 18th September, 2023.

RESOLVED : To approve the minutes as a true record.

121/23 To approve the monthly accounts – October 2023

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

122/23 To receive the bank reconciliation @ 30th September 2023

RESOLVED : To note the bank reconciliation @ 30th September 2023.

123/23 To receive budget monitoring statement @ 30th September, 2023

RESOLVED: (1) To note the budget monitoring statement @ 30th September, 2023.

124/23 Youth Club update.

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

- Emily Wood had now commenced her Youth Worker duties and was doing a fantastic job
- PCSO Abbie had visited the Youth Club once again and a Halloween party had been scheduled
- A parents meeting was scheduled for 24/11/23 re the forthcoming Hagg Farm residential visit

- A new Youth Club volunteer had come forward and her DBS check had been cleared
- A meeting had been held with Andrea from Family Works re Trauma training and support was given to engage another couple of local groups to share their thoughts on this.

125/23 Whiston Christmas Lights Switch On event 2/12/23 – progress update on preparations put in place.

RESOLVED : (1) to note the updated project plan on preparations that had been made thus far/were underway to progress preparations for the event, including the budget profile with spend allocation to date; (2) that no supplementary lighting was perceived to be required for the portaloo hire; (3) to note that a snowglobe and LED walkabout Christmas Angels in stilts x 2 had been ordered; (4) to note that the Tuneless choir had agreed to participate in the event; (5) with regard to the Crib placed out by Christmas Plus, this be located at its usual location on the Green with a replacement/suitably robust Perspex screen installed as a replacement for that which was vandalised last year and (6) that a follow up zoom meeting between the Working Group and the Event Foundry was scheduled for 23/10/23 to pick up any remaining or outstanding issues.

126/23 Remembrance commemorations & Remembrance Sunday Veteran's Event in the Parish Hall - update.

RESOLVED : To note that (1) preparations were progressing with the Church Craft Group to drape 300-400 poppies over the Whiston sign/WW1 bench, RBL lamppost poppies x 10 had been acquired for placing out in the Village w/c 6/11/23 and a number of laminated lists of the named fallen from WWI & WWII were to be hung around the bridge over the Brook and (2) arrangements were currently being finalised for the Remembrance Sunday Veteran's event, 70 tickets issued at £1 per head, pie & peas refreshments booked and 6 raffle prizes to be awarded. Councillors Tim Stevenson, Genaya Smales, Elaine Reynard and David Fisher volunteered their time to assist at the event.

127/23 Brook Street – to consider implications for garage on site and rental income generated in light of cancellation of proposed parking bays scheme.

RESOLVED : no action be taken at present regarding the garage on site which currently generated lease rental income for the Parish Council, but a review of the provisions of the existing licence with the lessee be undertaken.

128/23 Whiston Festival 2024 – to consider a proposed date & location.

RESOLVED : to support the 2024 Whiston Festival being held once again at Whiston Parish Church Cricket Club on a preferred date of Saturday 6th July, subject to the Cricket Club being able to rearrange its fixtures accordingly.

129/23 Cowrakes field/play equipment – sourcing of further quote(s) re prospective remedial repairs and grounds work & parishioner representation of trees overhanging dwellings on Cottam Close.

RESOLVED : That this matter be deferred to the next meeting pending (1) receipt of a detailed breakdown of costings and narrative in relation to individual repair items from hello@thatsandy.uk and (2) a revised quote from North Notts Landscapes quoting on a like for like basis for the compacted surfacing repairs and for their proposal re tackling repairs to the Tower slide & mound erosion.

130/23 Parish Hall Gas tariff – renewed with EDF for 2 year term wef 1/11/23.

RESOLVED : To note the terms on which the Clerk had entered in to a new 2 year Gas tariff with EDF Energy from 1/11/23.

131/23 Response from RMBC Head of Planning re Drainage representations, seeking clarity relating to Planning Consent RB2019/0552 - proposed housing development in Whiston.

RESOLVED : To note the response from RMBC Head of Planning and further considerations and advice by sought on making further representations as the response was perceived to be wholly inadequate as the supposed existing watercourse didn't appear to exist and was critical to the whole proposed development.

132/23 Quotation for windows, soffit's & fascia cleaning – exterior Parish Hall.

RESOLVED : To approve the quotation for carrying out this cleaning to the exterior of the Parish Hall but on the basis of a quarterly cleanse of the windows/fascia and an annual cleanse to the soffit's.

133/23 RMBC – Ward councillor report.

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

- A meeting with Highways Officers had been held re use of the £120k funds for appropriate road safety measures and proposals were emerging for schemes at Grange Road, Gulthwaite Crescent & at the Sitwell Academy
- Work was ongoing at Herringthorpe Valley Road
- Within the Towns & Villages Fund, commitment was given for a project to install a power supply on Worrygoose roundabout, although the timescale was uncertain as to when this would actually be in place.

134/23 Members items – a) Worrygoose roundabout tree – power supply availability & quote/likelihood for deploying Christmas lights .

RESOLVED : That in light of minute 133/23 above and the proposed power supply installation, subject to this being in place/confirmed by 31/10/23, to enable Christmas lights to be deployed this coming festive season, an order be placed with Christmas Plus for 60 coloured LED lights draped around two trees on the roundabout.

b) Identifying key priorities for 2024/25 and aligning budgets.

RESOLVED : That a Member brainstorming meeting to identify some key strategic priorities and associated budget allocation, be scheduled for Thursday 23/11/23 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall.

c) Weeds & overgrown vegetation in vicinity of High Street/Turner Lane around the WW1 bench/welcome to Whiston sign

RESOLVED : To note the representations made via the Ward Councillors for the weeds/vegetation to be tackled by the Streetscene Team in advance of this years' Remembrance commemorations and in default the Clerk to liaise with a contract gardener to tackle this as a priority and in addition to arrange a jetwash of the slabs around the Green/Village sign.

135/23 Correspondence/Information Items.

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

1	YLCA	White Rose Bulletin – 22 nd September & 6 th October 2023
2	YLCA	Law & Governance Bulletin September 2023
3	South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	i) Bus service changes in South Yorkshire from 29 October ii) Fair Funding Deal for Public Transport - virtual events
4	RMBC Electoral Services	Polling Place Review 2023
5	RMBC	Public Spaces Protection Orders – Town Centre & Clifton Park and Boroughwide Dog Fouling - consultation
6	YLCA	Election to NALC's Larger & Smaller Council's Committee's
7	YLCA	South Yorkshire Branch meeting 25/10/23 7pm virtual

136/23 Items for future agenda

- Attendance & advice/support from a drainage consultant.

137/23 Planning Applications

RESOLVED : to raise no objections in respect of the following applications :-

1	RB2023/1219	37 Moorhouse Lane Whiston	Discharge of Condition 6 imposed by RB2020/1447
2	RB2023/1221	30 Reresby Crescent Whiston	Erection of two storey side and rear extensions and single storey front/side extension

138/23 Planning determinations.

RESOLVED : to note the following Planning decisions :-

1	RB2023/0984	Application to undertake works to trees protected by RMBC TPO 1976 No. 1 - Whiston Parish Church Rectory Drive	Granted
2	RB2023/1108	Application to undertake works to a tree(s) within Whiston Conservation Area - 32 Alma Row Whiston	Granted conditionally

139/23 Date & time of next meeting - Monday 20th November, 2023 6.30pm

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.08 pm

Signed

Dated

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PAYEE	ACCOUNT	TOTAL
M Middleton	Hanging baskets - Aug/Sept	450.00
Capita	Staff DBS Check (Reimburse J Arno)	52.42
HSBC	Monthly bank charges (CUR/RET)	27.00
Staff salaries (various)	Salary September	3197.05
HMRC	Tax & NICs September	IN CREDIT
Peoples Partnership	Pension Contributions	102.67
British Gas Lite	Triangle electricity	11.49
RAD Eco Systems	Hall toilet repairs	90.00
EDF	Hall -Gas/Electric	367.81
Royal British Legion Industries	Poppies (Reimburse SO)	53.50
Chic Cleaning	Cleaning- hall	2396.50
Chic Cleaning	Cleaning materials	195.30
O2	Mobile phone	46.44
Lincat Limited	Kitchen water heater repair	89.46
RMBC	Lights switch on event licence fee	25.00
RMBC	Land & garage rent	29.33
Belly Dancer	Festival entertainer	60.00
Fireguard Limited	Servicing- emergency lights /extinguishers	135.00
RMBC	1/4rly Allotment rent - Barfield	9.38
Hallmaster Ltd	Annual Venue booking system	238.80
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreaths x 2	40.00
Mark Middleton	Garden contract inc Cowrakes	466.70
Storm in a Teacup	Christmas Entertainment- deposit	145.00
Microsoft	Microsoft 360 subscription	88.20
O2	Youth Club - Phone (reimburse JA) Sept	7.96
TOTAL		8325.01