**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHITMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE, 2018.**

**Public Forum**

There Was one member of the public present but no matters were raised.

**00/06**

**Present**

There were 5 Councillors present including Cllrs Jones (Chairman), Braidford, Mrs Gilmore, Paynter and Peters.

There was one member of the public in attendance together with PCSO Trebble at the start of the meeting.

**01/06**

**Apologies**

Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Cllrs Mrs Gilmore and Peters but they were both in attendance. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Douglas, Hay and the Proper Officer.

**02/06**

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**03/06**

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of 2nd April, 2018, being the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council were approved subject to minor amendment as annotated on the signed copy. Minute 05/05 – the second item was amended to refer to ‘Bus’ shelter seating rather than ’Bush’.

**04/06**

**Matters Arising**

Mobile Post Office – There was nothing further to report on this matter and the time of the weekly visit was being publicised.

Bush Shelter Bench Seats – It was confirmed that these had been ordered and delivery was taking place to the home address of Cllr Jones on Monday of the following week. Cllr Jones was to investigate if Mr Nick Jones would be able to assist with installation.

Litter/Poop Scoop Bin

Prices had been obtained for this proposed new installation and it was agreed it would be discussed under the item of Accounts below.

**05/06**

**Police & Community Safety Issues**

Emergency Plan

There was nothing further to report.

Neighbourhood Warden

A monthly report from Neighbourhood Warden, Andy Beamish, had been received and circulated by email. It would also be included within the correspondence circulation pack. He had advised that there would be a pause in respect of future reports until the ongoing review of the Warden Service could be concluded. There had been no patrols of Whitminster recorded but he had been liaising with Councillors in the Parish.

Other Matters

Correspondence had been received from the police reaffirming PCSO Mike Trebble as the Police Local Community Contact and new efforts were being made in community engagement through the use of the Community Engagement Vehicle.

PCSO Trebble was present and gave a list of crime statistics for the period 4th January 2018 to 4th June 2018 compared with the same period in 2017. There had been 18 crimes during that period in 2017 but only 14 in 2018. It was noted that this was a general trend across the Severnside area. Further statistics identified the typical offender as being aged between 25-34 yrs and the typical victim 45-54yrs old. Across the area there were 189 crimes in 2016-17 and 164 in the corresponding period for 2017-18. The main issues were noted to be involving foreign nationals, mainly Eastern European, using white Transit type vans and taking metal as well as break-ins and thefts from garden sheds and garages. It was considered to be related to a gang of associated criminals based in the Midlands area.

The next Joint Cluster Group Meeting would take place on 28th November in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd May would be circulated. That meeting had been attended by both Cllrs Peters and Jones.

**06/06**

**Planning**

Decisions to Note

Acacia School Lane Whitminster Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 7NT

Ref. No: S.18/0573/HHOLD Attic conversion with new pitched roof and dormers. Extended roof above existing utility and new roof above garage.

Approved.

18 Vaisey Field Whitminster Gloucester Gloucestershire GL2 7PT

Ref. No: S.18/0673/HHOLD Erection of first floor extension.

Approved.

Applications to Consider

Land At M5 Junction 13 West Of Stonehouse Eastington Gloucestershire

Ref. No: S.16/0043/OUT Amendment to outline planning application in respect of land at M5 Junction 13 West of Stonehouse, Eastington, Gloucestershire. Development now comprises a 5,000 capacity football stadium and other ancillary uses (Use Class D2); two full-sized grass pitches and a goal practice area (Use Class D2); car parking for cars and coaches and highways improvements to the A419 including a signalised site junction and combined cycle/footway.

Council resolved to oppose this application for the following reasons:

* The site is not identified in the existing adopted Local Plan.
* The site is outside of the defined settlement boundary for the parish of Eastington.
* Increased and overcrowding use of the A419, M5 J13 junction and surrounding minor roads that will prove difficult to mitigate and police.
* The impact of light pollution arising from street lighting along the proposed A419 dual carriageway.
* Noise and light pollution from the proposed stadium.

Other Planning Matters

S.18/0667/VAR Land at 1 Police Houses, School Lane, Whitminster.

Variation of conditions.

Cllr Jones updated the meeting and advised that his request for the matter to be considered by the Development Control Committee had been refused. This was due to a view that there was insufficient public interest and as Permitted Development Rights had not been removed by the Planning Inspector the ‘alterations’ could be undertaken in any case.

**07/06**

**Highways & Byways**

Footpaths Map

Nothing further to report.

Verge Cutting

Cllr Jones gave an update to advise that signed copies of the agreement with the County Council could be expected shortly together with remuneration in due course.

Other Matters

Cllr Paynter was to email the Clerk on certain footpath matters. He also advised that he had reported the excess water on the road at Packthorne Corner to Gloucestershire County Council Highways.

Cllr Jones had asked the Area Highways Manager when the visibility splays on the A38 and A419 were likely to be cut and had been told the work was imminent.

An update on the roll-out of LED street lighting was circulated with work in Whitminster due to be completed in August. There was the possibility of some disruption to on-street car parking when this happens.

There was nothing further heard on the matters concerning highways that Cllr Davies was following up.

**08/06**

**Skate Ramp**

Cllr Paynter was awaiting the delivery of screws that were on order but there was nothing further to report. He stated he would be away for the coming few weeks. Cllr Jones reminded him that time was of the essence and passed on a reminder for him to look out the receipt for the screws that had been purchased.

**09/06**

**World War One Commemoration**

A response was awaited from McAllister Masonry as to when they would be able to undertake the proposed work. As no progress had been made with Greenfields Cllr Jones was liaising with ROC over the proposed work to the slabs.

**10/06**

**Accounts**

Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment:

None.

However, it was noted that there may be cheques that would need to be circulated for signature between meetings.

Potential Purchase of Dog Waste Bin

It was agreed that a general use bin, that could also accept dog waste, would be purchased in black to be mounted on a pole at a total cost of £189.95 plus VAT. Installation and emptying would be an additional cost.

Other Financial Matters

The balance at the bank remained at £18,971.90 as there had been no cheques drawn.

It had been previously agreed that Council would renew its membership of CPRE in due course at a cost of £36.00 and a cheque in this sum was likely to be required between meetings.

**11/06**

**Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were received:

CPRE Newsletter.

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.

‘Updating your records’ letter from Lloyds Bank.

**12/06**

**Chairman’s Items & District Councillor’s Report**

The Chairman gave an update on matters current at Stroud District Council but his potential Chairman’s items had been covered elsewhere during the meeting.

**13/06**

**Other Business**

Schoolfield Close Ditch – Cllr Jones advised that the Area Highways Manager was looking into the matter to see if the hedge and ditch had been adopted by Highways on the completion of the building works.

Litter Pick – This matter had been placed on hold.

Growing Our Communities Fund – Cllr and Mrs Jones had agreed to look into potential items of equipment available from Caloo and other sources and report back with prices to the July meeting. It was agreed that the meeting would start at 7pm to facilitate this discussion.

**14/06**

**Future Agenda Items**

The General Data Protection Regulations would be placed on the Agenda for a future meeting once the application concerning Parish Councils has become clear.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

**CHAIRMAN** – Wednesday 4th July, 2018.