

WHITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

To each member of the Parish Council.

TAKE NOTICE that a Meeting of Whitminster Parish Council will take place at Whitminster Village Hall on Wednesday 6th July, 2022, at 7:30pm.

The **AGENDA** will be as follows:

PUBLIC FORUM - 15 minutes allocated for questions or comments from the floor.

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest Relating to Agenda Items
3. Minutes
4. Matters Arising – (not otherwise forming Agenda items)
5. Highways & Byways
 - (i) Speed Limits
 - (ii) Footpaths
 - (iii) Other Highway Matters
6. Police & Community Safety Issues
7. Planning
 - (i) Decisions to Note
 - (ii) Applications to Consider
 - (iii) Other Planning Matters
8. Skate Ramp
9. Solar Farm – Community Payment
10. Accounts
 - (i) Accounts for Payment
 - (ii) Audit
 - (iii) Other Financial Matters
11. Correspondence
12. Chairman's Items & District Councillor's Report
13. Other Business
14. Future Agenda Items

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITMINSTER VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM ON WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE, 2022.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including the seven members of the public present at the start of the meeting but a number left after the Public Forum was concluded. County & District Councillor Stephen Davies was present for part of the meeting.

00/06

Public Forum

There were a number of issues raised by the members of the public present as detailed below:

- A38 Junction – Concern was voiced that following recent works, ancillary to the redevelopment of the former farm buildings adjacent to the junction, the modifications to the carriageway to press vehicles emerging from Grove Lane to turn left were insufficient. A resident had taken 4 photographs of vehicles continuing straight on and it was suggested that these should be supplied to the Police as they may be able to issue cautionary letters. The positioning of the footway was also a concern, along with the impact of the new structure on vehicles of larger size legitimately seeking to turn into the road. In general, the members of the public that voiced an opinion were of a view that the works had not been positioned correctly. Cllr Jones agreed to liaise with the Highways Department to arrange a site meeting to consider the issues.
- A38 Hedgerow – It was noted that maintenance of the A38 footpaths and hedgerows on highway land were not being maintained making it very difficult to walk along the pavements to reach the village amenities. This was subsequently raised with Cllr Davies when he attended the meeting.
- Jubilee Bench – Although not a matter raised by the public present, Councillor Younger was thanked for her success in arranging the donation of a bench and trees from Highfield Garden Centre to commemorate the Royal Jubilee. Thanks were of course also noted to the team at the Garden Centre. Cllr Jones was looking into commissioning an appropriate commemorative plaque that would also record the gift.
- Dog Fouling – It was noted that dog mess was becoming a problem in certain locations once again and the issue was to be raised with Josie Oak at the District Council to ask that it be monitored.

01/06

Present

There were 5 Parish Councillors present for the meeting including Councillors Jones (Chairman), Hay (Vice Chair), Douglas, Mrs Gilmore, Paynter. There were seven members of the public in attendance for part of the meeting.

02/06

Apologies

There were apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Braidford and Younger.

03/06

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest relating to agenda items.

Updated Members' Interest Forms had been received from most councillors and were being collated.

04/06

Minutes

The Minutes of the May meeting were signed as a true record subject to one amendment within 09/05 where an unnecessary letter 's' had been added the word 'new.

05/06

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not due to be discussed as detailed agenda items.

06/06

Highways & Byways

Footpaths

Cllr Paynter gave an update on matters. The footpath across land owned by Robert Hitchens Homes had been attended to following Council's letter. It was also the case that the end of the Lagger, where a bush had been removed, was to be looked at. Unfortunately, there had been no progress in regard to the blocked footpath at Whitminster Court.

Other Highway Matters

The issue concerning barriers left around an inspection chamber on Packthorne Corner had been followed up with Yakub Mulla and although new temporary barriers had been installed no follow up work had been undertaken and this was to be followed up.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the police seeking enforcement action relating to Grove Lane following the installation of the new traffic island. It was also noted that the island appeared to be causing an issue in conflict with the bus stop.

It was noted that the corroded roundabout warning sign in School Lane had been replaced.

County Councillor Stephen Davies gave a brief update on County Council related matters and then focused on the funding recently announced to help tackle speeding. £600,000 was available across the County and this could be used for a range of projects from vehicle activated signage to more basic measures such as wheelie bin stickers. This was part of a range of road safety policy measures with the potential introduction of 'quiet lanes' likely to be the next to follow.

Cllr Douglas commented on the condition of Hyde Lane and suggested a 7.5t weight limit and it was agreed that this could possibly be followed up as a potential quiet lane in due course.

07/06

Police & Community Safety Issues

There had been no recent reports from the Warden Service nor PCSO Trebble.

The Stroud Community Safety Partnership would be meeting the following week and Cllr Jones agreed to raise the Grove Lane issues at that meeting as well.

There had been no feedback in regard to the camera temporarily installed to monitor antisocial behaviour at the playing field.

Under this item it was also reported that the previously discussed tree work to the playing field had been completed.

08/06

Planning

Decisions to Note

None. All applications previously discussed were pending. A more informative highway response was expected in regard to the application concerning 1 Manor Farm.

Applications to Consider

There were no applications to consider.

Local Plan & Other Planning Matters

There was nothing further to report in regard to Local Plan.

An update was awaited relating to planning enforcement matters.

09/06

Accounts

Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment and had been received at the meeting or expected shortly:

David J Davies	Grass cutting	£240.54
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£576.00
GAPTC	Annual membership	£250.35
ROC Projects	Bench installation	£535.00
KAD Rope Access	Tree cutting	£1,680.00

None.

Other Financial Matters

In regard to PAYE matters, a unique employer number had been requested from HMRC and this was awaited to take the matter forward.

Cllr Douglas raised the matter of the use of red diesel for verge cutting and it was confirmed that the contractor had advised he was still able to use red diesel for this purpose.

10/06

Solar Farm

A report was given on the meeting held with JBM solar had that been considered productive at the time but had resulted in a derisory revised proposal. A response was to be issued that expressed Council's disappointment and disgust whilst seeking the active involvement of the constituency MP to highlight the impact on the community, the lack of recognition and to see if an alternative proposal could be sought.

11/06

Skate Ramp

Following the recent site meeting an updated quotation had been received but revised drawings were still awaited and were being chased for.

12/06

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received:

Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine.

Trow magazine.

Stroud District Council eNews.

Notification of CIL payments shortly to be received.

Other electronic correspondence had been circulated between meetings.

13/06

Chairman's Items, District Councillor's Report & County Councillor's Report

There were no items raised by Cllr Jones that hadn't been covered elsewhere in respect of Parish Council matters. In regard to the District Council, he provided a summary covering the District Council's recent activities and details were circulated.

14/06

Other Business

Royal Jubilee

Mrs Honor Jones can an overview of the events planned to include a cricket match along with a BBQ and ice cream van present; Scarecrow Trail and crem tea. A delivery date for the mugs was still awaited and of course the commemorative bench had been addressed.

15/06

Future Agenda Items

None.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:34pm.

CHAIRMAN – Wednesday 6th July, 2022.