

Whittle-le-Woods Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 14th May 2018, Village Hall at 7pm

Present: - Chairman Councillor Bell
Councillors, Candlish, Evans, Fogarty, B Higham, P Higham, McDonald and the Clerk.
Apologies: - None

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Councillor Bell in his position as Chairman of the Parish Council took the chair.
The minutes of the previous meeting were **APPROVED** and signed.

Matters Arising

None

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was as follows:

Once again, we have had a busy and successful year. The events put on for children's activities went down well, thanks to Cllr McDonald. Our Whittle-le-Woods sign was well received. Also, the telephone box on Hillside Crescent was completed. Another excellent turn out for the Christmas tree switch on and the tree looked great. The flood team have done some excellent work, with cleaning gullies and cutting back tree branches etc. We delivered two really good newsletters around the village. We have gained a new parish 'Cllr Evens, but unfortunately lost Cllr Marsden. Many thanks to Cllr Barbara & Peter Higham & team, especially Alastair Hayhurst, who delivered our hanging baskets around to businesses etc. And the ones from landscapes looked really good. Our two neighbourhood schemes were completed. I would like to thank Lisa for the way she has taken on the role of clerk, also her excellent work with the newsletters, now we are asking her to run our website. I would also like to thank Malcolm our lengthsman for the work he has done for us. Last but not least all the parish councillors, for attending meetings and all working towards improving life, for the residents of Whittle-le-Woods.

Financial Report

The Clerk reported on the accounts for the year ending March 2018.

Meeting with the internal auditor will take place shortly and there are no issues to address. The balance carried forward at March 2018 is £46,843.82. See end of minutes for breakdown.

Tree Warden Reports

The Tree Warden's report is as follows:

All is well with the village's trees.

Pond Warden Reports

The Pond Warden's report is as follows:

All is well with the parish's ponds.

War Memorial Report

The War Memorial report is as follows:

The war Memorial is looking good. We have had to provide money for pothole repairs on Factory lane. We had an excellent turn out at Remembrance Day. We will be having our flower bed planted to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Royal Air Force. The committee will be having a site visit in June.

Charities Report

The account balance carried forward from last year was £31.92. Payments to charity grant recipients, combined with receipts of interest and dividends led to a joint bank balance of £115.65 to be carried forward. See end of minutes for breakdown.

Community Hall Trust

The Community Hall Trust report is as follows:

The Hall had a good year and again continues to prosper.

We again held the Duck Race on the May Day Bank Holiday at the beginning of May and as the weather was kind, we had an excellent turnout.

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The Flower Show was an improvement over last year with the flower arranging class exhibiting their floral arts. We held the Brass Band concert in April instead of the usual Christmas event and it was better attended. We will continue to use this date for future concerts.

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party was held in December when 88 people sat down to a traditional Christmas Dinner. The school choir did their usual performance but there was no other additional entertainment due to unfortunate circumstances. We had £200 left from the Asda funding of last year which helped mitigate some of the costs.

The replacement of the asbestos roof on the industrial unit had its own problems which meant an extended period of work together with increased costs. This was to comply with current fire regulations. The work started in August just when the rains came. That in itself causes more problems as the contractors sheeting did not manage to stop water ingress into our existing store. We are now more or less back to normal and at least we are a completely asbestos free site.

Whittle-le-Woods Playing Field Trust

The Playing Field report is as follows:

Unfortunately, we are down to one team, but we are looking to get a youth team utilising the pitch. Work should be starting shortly to improve drainage. We just about manage to keep our head above water financially.

Footpath Report

There was discussion regarding the reporting of damage to styles and gates on footpaths - in particular Copthurst Lane where repair is required. Clerk advised that this can be reported via LCC Highways and took an action to report that gate. This will be removed from future agendas.

Matters Raised By Residents

There were no residents in attendance.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.13 pm.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

14-May-18

The main items of expenditure were:

The main sources of income were:

Repairs and maintenance	£8,262.99	Precept	£37,647.00
Admin, including salaries	£21,626.61	Maintenance (incl CIL)	£5,521.24
Loan repayment	£5,039.96	Admin	£1,578.64
War memorial	£2,000.00	Interest	£15.89
Other (including VAT)	£11,249.71	Other (including VAT)	£858.02

Year's expenditure	£48,179.27	Year's income	£45,620.79
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Income minus expenditure	-£2,558.48
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Bank balances at end March 2018	Current account	£570.42
	Deposit account	£46,493.32
		£47,063.74

Deposits not included	£0.00
Unpresented payments	£219.92

Balance to c/f at 31st March 2018	£46,843.82
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Balances with 31st March month end figure on April 2018 accounts

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CHARITIES REPORT FOR 2017/8

BURSCOUGH AND PINCOCK CHARITIES AND ROBERT LEIGH CROSS

To be presented to Annual Parish Meeting 2018

At the time of the Annual Charities Meeting (held on 11th December 2017), the balance of charities accounts stood at £198.02. Donations at this meeting were made to Help The Homeless (£70), Living Waters Food Bank (£70). Total donations £140.

RECEIPTS

Interest	0.71
Dividends	56.92
From Clayton charities	0.00
	57.63

PAYMENTS

40 - Help the Homeless	70.00
41 - Living Waters food bank	70.00
	140.00

Balance carried forward	198.02
Plus total receipts	57.63
Minus total payments	140.00
	115.65

Account balance deposit 41344037 at 20/04/18	64.02
Account balance deposit 41344029 at 20/02/18	51.63
	115.65

Carry forward to 2018/19

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