

# WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2024 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

### **1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.**

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chair), Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey, Cllr S Husher  
In Attendance: Cllr J Richards (NFDC), Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs C Manning,  
Mr and Mrs K Colborne, Mr E Hale (Clerk)

No Declarations of Interest

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Minutes of Meeting held on 29th July 2024**

Accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the previous minutes to confirm this. Matters arising included recording that residents have been advised not to put out bin bags until the morning of collection and not needing a new Caretaker as the current one is continuing

### **3. Items raised by Members of the Public**

Mrs Colborne asked to discuss hedges, the fence at Whitsbury House and parking in Lower Grove. Mrs Kinsey asked to discuss the cherry tree. The Chairman said these would be discussed later

### **4. Report by NFDC Cllr Richards**

Cllr J Richards said applications can be made for Community Infrastructure Levy funding for village projects. Cllr Dominey has attended the Briefing on this. She asked if Whitsbury has an Emergency Plan. The Chairman said Mr Cobb-Smith is among a group of residents available to help if needed. NFDC are arranging an Emergency Plan Briefing and Mr Cobb-Smith offered to attend that

### **5. Financial Reports and Payments**

The total in the Parish Council bank accounts is currently £14,996.43. The balance had reduced after payments agreed at the last meeting, but had increased by the £1,100.00 precept payment. The Clerk asked for approval of a payment of £190.00 to Mr S Colborne. He reported that Lloyds Bank will soon make a charge of £4.25 per month for Community Accounts. Councillors agreed to continue with Lloyds at present but watch out for any alternative non-charging accounts

### **6. Planning Applications**

No current applications showing for Whitsbury

### **7. Jim Dyer Legacy**

The Legacy is £20,000 and around £2,000 had been spent on the village barbeque. Cllr Harper is investigating the cost of improving the path to the Church, which is expected to cost around £8,000. Cllr Husher had investigated replacing the dead tree but NFDC are unwilling to plant in the same location due to overhead cables. The village could take over that area as a garden if a £210 licence is paid. To start this, the Lengthsman will be asked to clear the area.

Another option is to spend funds on improving mobile coverage. There are options to provide a new mobile mast, but that would exceed village funds. Cllr Husher suggested residents complain to their providers and he will register the concerns on the mobile checker website. Options can be discussed again once the cost of the Church path is known.

### **8. Village Plan**

Cllr Husher reported on the items which are not yet closed on the Action Plan:

**Communication from local groups.** This will be added to the Website and Newsletter.  
**Additional Noticeboard at Manor Farm.** Cllr Harper to be asked for his opinion on this.  
**Bonfires.** Cllr Thompson said this is difficult to enforce. Cllr Husher will cover on the Website.  
**Outside Lighting.** Cllr Husher will check Cranborne AONB for guidelines.  
**Village Repair Shop.** Residents can use local repair shops at Fordingbridge and Lover.  
**Transport Options.** Residents can use Two Bridges group. Contact is 0845 8385902.

### 9. Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk said the Lengthsman has been allocated to Whitsbury on 15th November. Councillors agreed he should clear the area of the dead tree and work on footpaths, starting with Footpath 4

### 10. Speed Reduction

Cllr Dominey had attended the NFDC CIL Briefing and the village has until December to apply, with results announced next March. He had contacted HCC for updated costs for the Whitsbury works and found the costs are now around £10,000. The new gateways at the entrance to the village will incur annual maintenance charges. Cllr Dominey suggested the existing signs could be moved further out, so no additional maintenance would be needed. Cllr Thompson proposed the Council goes ahead with applying for funding for the reduced scheme, which was agreed. Mr Colborne asked why the village is not installing speed displays like Breamore. Cllr Thompson said this had been discussed previously and there are no suitable locations in the village

### 12. Correspondence

Mr Cobb-Smith has been contacted to say the defibrillator battery needs replacing. It was agreed he will arrange for it to be replaced, and submit the invoice to the Clerk for payment

### 13. Any Other Business

Mrs Colborne asked what can be done about overgrown hedges in the village, and the narrow verge at Whitsbury House. Cllr Husher will remind residents to cut their hedges in the next Newsletter, and Cllr Thompson will contact Whitsbury House about cutting their narrow verge  
Mrs Colborne asked what could be done about unauthorised parking in Lower Grove. Mrs Kinsey said many vehicles are Cartwheel staff and visitors. The Village Hall car park could be used if the Cartwheel makes a donation. Cllr Sutton will ask NFDC for the No Parking sign to be replaced  
Cllr Sutton asked about the footpath handrail. Cllr Richards will contact NFDC Housing about this.

### 14. Date of Next Meeting

7pm on Monday 6th January. Other meetings on 14th April, 9th June, 28th July, and 20th October  
The meeting closed at 8.15pm

### Parish Council Accounts

Balance at 1st April 2024		13,703.13	
Income	Precept		+2,200.00
	Interest		+17.53
Expenditure	Training	40.00	
	Insurance	168.62	
	Grass Cutting	270.00	
	Clerk. Jan-July	240.00	
	Auditor	125.00	
	Printing	<u>80.61</u>	<u>-924.23</u>
Current balance			<u>14,996.43</u>

Edward Hale. 30.10.2024