

At a meeting of
WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
held on
THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2008

Present:

Chairman:- Cllr Mr J Mellor

Councillors:-

Cllr Mr D Bradbury
Cllr Mr D Chorlton
Cllr Mrs De Souza
Cllr Mrs M Gibbons

Cllr Mr J Grogan
Cllr Mrs T Mycock
Cllr Mr R A Neal
Cllr Mrs K Ruane

Officials:-

Clerk of the Council: Mrs K Douglas

Apologies:-

Apologies were received from Cllrs Aldred and Barnes, who were unwell, and Cllr Baldwin, who had work commitments.

213. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 10 January 2008, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, be approved as a correct record.

214. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Neal declared an interest re planning matters through his role on the Development Control Committee.
- Cllr Mellor declared an interest in the schedule of payments.
- Cllr Mycock declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda.

215. Public Question Time

No questions were received from members of the public.

216. Planning matters:

- 1) **Application No. 2008/0130: Erection of conservatory to rear at 14 The Stables, Whitworth, OL12 8BL**

Resolved that the Council has no objection to this application.

- 2) Application No. 2008/0079: Conversion of former mill and retail establishment to form visitor attraction incorporating fudge production area, space for craft based businesses, associated retail space, restaurant and function room at Spring Place, Millfold, OL12 8DN**

Resolved that the Council has no objection to this application, and actively welcomes this application for the new employment it will bring to the village.

- 217. To consider a proposal to set up a team of 'older people's champions' in Whitworth.**

Resolved that Council gives its approval to this proposal, and suggests that Cllr Gibbons takes the lead on this initiative.

- 218. To consider a request for the use of the Council Chamber for training in the use of defibrillators.**

Resolved that Council has no objections to the use of the Council Chamber for this activity. Also suggests that the Daycare Centre might be considered as a second option should the Council Chamber not be available.

- 219. To consider cancelling or moving the meeting of the General Purposes Committee of Whitworth Town Council on Thursday 1 May, to accommodate the local elections.**

Resolved that this meeting be suspended, and that, if required, Council meet prior to the APM at 6.30pm on 8 May.

- 220. To consider a request for business cards for members.**

Resolved that Council approves the request for business cards for members.

- 221. To consider a proposal from Rossendale Borough Council for a Member's Enquiry Scheme.**

Resolved that Council does not support this proposal.

- 222. To discuss the current state of the road surface of the main road in Whitworth.**

County Cllr Serridge took note of the issues and reported that the state of the road surface throughout the Valley was currently being assessed. No resolution was deemed necessary.

- 223. To receive reports from representatives to outside organisations.**

Councillor Neal reminded members of the Neighbourhood Area Forum meeting, taking place on 17 March, and urged all members to attend. Three grant applications from Whitworth have been received and will be discussed at the meeting.

Councillor Chorlton alerted members to an invitation in their folders to the St George's celebrations on Sunday 27 April.

Councillor Grogan reminded members of the 'For England and St George' concert that same evening.

224. To receive and, if appropriate, adopt the financial statement presented by the Clerk. The Clerk produced a bank reconciliation statement.

Resolved that the Clerk's statement be adopted and accepted.

225. To authorise the signing of orders for payment

** Cllr Mellor left the Council Chamber, Cllr Neal took over as Chair **

The Clerk produced and explained a Schedule of Accounts Payable in the form of Report 18 of 2007/08.

Resolved that approval is given for the payments.

** Cllr Mellor returned to the Council Chamber **

226. Internal Audit

Members of the Committee carried out an internal audit.

- bank paying-in book, cheque book and bank statements;
- invoices and Schedule of Accounts Payable;
- balances against bank statements;
- petty cash account, vouchers and receipts;
- cash balances and cash held.

All was found to be in order.

PART B:

227. To discuss the misappropriation of information in the recent past, and to ensure it is not repeated.

No resolution was deemed necessary for this agenda item.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.40pm