

At a meeting of
WHITWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held on
THURSDAY, 3 APRIL 2008

Present:

Chairman:- Cllr Mr J Mellor

Councillors:-

Cllr Mr T Aldred	Cllr Mrs M Gibbons
Cllr Mr S Baldwin	Cllr Mr J Grogan
Cllr Mr D Barnes	Cllr Mrs T Mycock
Cllr Mr D Bradbury	Cllr Mr R A Neal
Cllr Mr D Chorlton	Cllr Mrs K Ruane
Cllr Mrs De Souza	

Officials:-

Clerk of the Council: Mrs K Douglas

Apologies:-

None were received.

238. Minutes

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 6 March 2008, copies of which had been circulated to each Member, be approved as a correct record.

239. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Neal declared an interest re planning matters through his role on the Development Control Committee.
- Cllr Aldred declared an interest in the schedule of payments.

240. Public Question Time

*STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED *

Mr Reggie Lane wished to make his concerns known regarding the issue of dog-fouling in the village, and requested that urgent attention be given to the issue. Councillors thanked Mr Lane for his comments and offered to comment further in the meeting.

241. Planning matters:

- a. **2008/0144 – extra care building incorporating 42 apartments and communal facilities at Brookville, Rawstron Street, OL12 8BA.**

It was resolved that the Council is in favour of this application.

- b. **2008/0147 – erection of conservatory to side at Aspen Ridge, Studd Brow, Ivy Bank, Facit, OL12 8LT.**

It was resolved that Council has no observations on this application.

- c. **2007/125, now planning inspectorate ref: APP/B2355/A/08/2067355/NWF – erection and operation of 3 wind turbines with associated substation, met mast and access.**

It was resolved that Council has no further comment to make upon this application, except to restate their comments previously made.

- d. **2008/0150 - extension of existing factory building at Anglo Felt Industries, OL12 8BG.**

It was resolved that Council feels that, if the application involves building a canopy-style building which would retain the current car park, then Council would have no objections. However, if the application involves losing the existing car park Council would object to this, as it is not convinced that visitors and employees of the company would be able to find suitable car parking nearby

242. To consider the problem of dog-fouling in the village.

Cllr Neal reported on an idea to combat dog-fouling, involving charging dog-owners via the Council Tax. It was resolved that Council writes to RBC in support of this proposal.

243. To consider a request for funding for three new picnic benches at the Mildred Crabtree picnic area next to Waingap Wood.

Resolved that Council buys two picnic benches for the Mildred Crabtree picnic area.

244. To consider the general issue of road safety in terms of obstructive parking, conditions of roads and lack of, or lack of adherence to, road markings.

Resolved that Council contacts Mr Steve Bateson regarding the return of double yellow lines near Duffy's. It was further resolved that Council should contact David Harrison at LCC Highways regarding the Council's concerns about the access onto the main road of a Whitworth resident's current development.

245. To consider the conduct and progression of the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

Resolved that the Tourism and Leisure Committee should seek to meet prior to each Full Council meeting, and that proper agendas and minutes should be issued.

246. To consider the state of the wall next to Millgate Terrace, Shawforth.

Resolved that Council should write to RBC to request that the work be done as soon as possible and that the funding then be pursued. Further resolved that Councillors will make contact with Linda Fisher and Carolyn Wilkins at forthcoming meetings regarding this issue, and resolved that St John with St Michael Primary be encouraged to write a letter to RBC as well.

247. To receive an update on forthcoming changes regarding Section 106 relating to planning matters.

Resolved that Council contact RBC planning dept to clarify whether the Town Council can request a Section 106 be included on larger planning applications, and can they be specific about suggestions as to how that Section 106 could best be used.

248. To receive reports from representatives to outside organisations.

Councillor Aldred reported back from the Christmas Lights working group – the balance for last year's lights still needs to be sorted out, and it would appear that there is no money in the budget this year for new lights (although those from last year will be up again).

Councillor Aldred also reported back from a ward walk he'd recently done with Linda Fisher and Sean Serridge and mentioned various areas and problems he'd pointed out to them.

249. 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.

250. To authorise the signing of orders for payment

** Cllr Aldred left the Council Chamber **

The Clerk produced and explained a Schedule of Accounts Payable in the form of Report 1 of 2008/09.

Resolved that approval is given for the payments.

** Cllr Aldred returned to the Council Chamber **

251. 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:

252. To discuss the received nominations for the Jack Wilkinson and Jeff Ogden awards.

It was resolved that a joint Jeff Ogden award be issued this year, with no recipient for the Jack Wilkinson award. It was further resolved that next year, schools are asked for nominations for the Jack Wilkinson award.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm