

## Whitgreave Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at St John's Church Whitgreave on **4th September 2023**

In attendance - Mr Paul Stubbs, Mr Geoff Collier, Mrs Cathy Collier, Mr Brian Phillips

also Mr Jack Rose Stafford Borough Council and Ms Rebeckah Richards

### L24/010 Apologies for absence

Apology received from Mr Steve Newbold

### L24/011 Declaration of Interest

No declaration

### L24/012 To approve minutes of previous meeting

Minutes read and approved

### L24/013 Correspondence received

No correspondence received

### L24/014 To review financial accounts

No changes to previous

### L24/015 To discuss recruitment of Parish Clerk

As a result of the letter delivered to all residents of the village, interest in the clerk position was received from 4 individuals. Following this interest 2 candidates were met by PS and BP and a decision was taken(after discussing with CC, GC and SN) to offer the position to Ms Rebeckah Richards (RR)

### L24/016 To discuss village communication

Currently the only communication vehicle (other than word of mouth) was the notice board on the village green. The board was in poor condition with out of date information. The condition has now been improved- particularly the signage which has been rebuilt by Mr Bill Griffith. The council would like to record its thanks to Mr Griffith.

It was noted that a web site had been constructed by a company Chess, although no benefit had yet been derived from it - the web site is under construction and its existence not widely known. BP agreed to contact Chess to get an update of situation.

BP brought up the idea of an e-book - an address book for the village. Through the letters recently distributed every resident has been asked to e-mail their contact to WPC. To date there are about 26% received which have been logged on a data spread sheet. This number needs to increase if it is to become the primary means of contacting village residents. Can all council members 'spread the word' also residents who have responded should now receive an e-mail thanking them for their response and asking them to also 'spread the word'. Compiling this e-book will take time and everyone can help.

### L24/017 To discuss the traffic situation in the village

BP reported that a village resident Mr Kevin Murphy had contacted him to report an incident where a cyclist could have been injured outside his home - he believed the road to be dangerous and had already contacted a Mel Langdon from Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership and Mr Jeremy Pert from Staffordshire CC.

From discussion it would seem there are two particular issues -

- 1) The 30mph speed restriction only applies to a particular spread of Whitgreave Lane and to hardly any of Green Lane can this restriction be extended ?
- 2) Some form of speed awareness would be desirable at the entry points to the village - what is the procedure for installing the appropriate equipment and how could the village afford such equipment ?

Regarding the cost, our best hope currently is a contribution from Pets @ Home - PS advised that no reply had been received from our email to Pets @ Home. Accordingly PS/BP will double check the contact details and follow up the letter with another, slightly stronger email. Jack Rose agreed to help in this matter if he could. It was agreed that the council(BP) should contact Jeremy Pert to gain a better understanding of what was possible and what the implication would be for the village.

#### L24/018 To appoint a vice- chairman of WPC

CC proposed BP as the council vice-chairman the proposal was seconded by GC. BP agreed to take on the role.

#### L24/019 To invite Jack Rose to speak as Stafford BC

Mr Rose mention a number of initiatives currently being undertaken by local councils- he agreed to give what help he could with the issues of road safety.

#### L24/020 Any current emergency issues

None

Date of next meeting December 4th - St John's Church 7.30pm