

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 5th September 2016, in the
Village Hall , Whissendine

Present

Mr W Farr (Chairman)
Mrs R Comber Mr T Edmunds
Mr D Hatton Dr S Lammin
Ms C Moss

In attendance

Mr K Thomas - Ward Councillor
Mrs Elaine Everington Parish Clerk

Also present

Mrs Jen Lacey – Outgoing Clerk
Ms J. Dunn – Member of the public

9116: Questions or comment from members of the public

Mr Farr welcomed the Parish Councillors, shortly after 7:30pm, and asked if there were any questions or comments. Ms Dunn raised a number of questions primarily in relation to the management of land known as The Banks. Ms Dunn referred to a letter she had circulated to all parish councillors and others at the beginning of August. All those present acknowledged having seen the correspondence and that it had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Most of Ms. Dunns questions were addressed at the ,meeting but the Clerk undertook to write to Ms Dunn with the answers to two points that needed confirmation before an answer could be provided. The Chairman and the Councillors took note of the comments put forward by Ms Dunn. Ms. Dunn then left the meeting.

9216: Apologies for absence: All councillors were present

9316: Declaration of Pecuniary interest: None received

9416: To approve minutes of meetings:-

- a) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 18th July 2016 - These were approved without amendment on the proposal of Dr Lammin.
- b) To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th August 2016 - These were approved without amendment on the proposal of Mrs P. Lake.

9516: Ongoing business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda:

The outgoing Clerk gave an update on:

- Those faulty lights already reported will not be dealt with by RCC before the end of November. They are currently undertaking a survey-programme.
- A request to join the Parish Council has been received from a new village-resident. It was clarified that in law residents need to have lived in the village for twelve months before they are eligible for co-option onto the parish council.
- The meeting regarding a First Response Team with a defibrillator for the village will be held on 7th September.

9616: Reports from Councillors:

- a) A report was received from the Ward Councillor, Mr K Thomas. The road repairs had been completed in the main. The rut in Ashwell Road has yet to be addressed. The bottom of Main Street is to be re-surfaced imminently following the drain-burst during the recent deluge. The 'stop' sign for the bottom of Cow Lane has been requested from RCC but has not yet been agreed, as there is no timescale for provision of this

sign it has been suggested the white lines will be re-painted to delineate the edge of the carriageway. He has requested RCC's Dog Warden visit Whissendine to act as a deterrent to those who are failing to clean up after their dogs.

- b) A report was received from Mrs Pat Lake following her attendance at the Village Hall committee. A re-vamp of the kitchen in the Village Hall is being discussed.
- c) No other meetings had been attended by Councillors.

9716: Planning matters

- a) New planning matters: Planning application 2016/0772/LBA. This is a proposal to repaint the main front and back entrance doors. The existing paintwork is in need of a refresh and the request is for a different colour. No objections were raised.
- b) Planning Updates
 - 2016/0631/FUL: Full Planning Permission granted
 - 2016/0277/FUL(Resubmission) Full Planning Permission granted

9816: Report on the future of the Grapevine

- a) A new editor has been appointed, Nicki McCluskey has taken over as Editor, with effect from September 2016.
- b) It was agreed that henceforth the advertising contracts will run from January to December. It was noted that for the purposes of organising the print-run that the advertising copy for 2017 [for the covers and first and last two pages of the Grapevine] must be with the printer by 15th October 2016.
- c) It was agreed that costs associated with adverts in the Grapevine will be covered by the Parish Council for November and December 2016 so the re-phasing of the contracts can be effected.

9916: The Banks

- a) Project report: footbridge upgrade: It was noted that the footbridge is now in situ and that the creation of ramps is in hand so that those with mobility issues or with pushchairs can more easily use the bridge.
- b) Complaint from a resident re: safety at The Banks: All Parish Councillors had both read Ms Dunn's recent letter and heard the points she had wished to raise earlier in the meeting. Following receipt of Ms Dunn's letter an assessment of hazards and risks posed at The Banks had been undertaken by a competent person. No significant risks had been identified although it was reported as desirable to have the height of vegetation on the stream's edge reduced. The Whissendine Environmental Group (WEG) had also considered Ms Dunn's letter and provided a report to the parish council. The parish council considered both reports and determined that apart from reducing the height of vegetation at the edge of the brook they were content with conditions at The Banks.
- c) Routine Maintenance: A discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the Banks. It was noted that there was little time left on the 2016 contract, for the main contractual maintenance period ran from April to end of September. It was noted that the grass in the lower area of the Banks was being cut in a 2m+ strip from the gate in Cow Lane to the bridge. It was decided that the present specification would be checked to ensure that the contract was being met. If cutting of the vegetation on the banks of the stream was within contract the main contractor would be asked to address this area otherwise Mr A Jones would be asked to do the work in due course. It was noted that the main contract for maintenance of the Banks would need to be re-let in the next few months. The information boards installed at the Banks need updating to show contact details of the new Clerk.

10016: Highways/Village Maintenance

- a) It was reported that the Speed Reactor at Ashwell Road end of the village is very bright, there may be potential to dazzle motorists at night. The Clerk will contact RCC Highways to see if the brightness of the sign can be reduced.
- b) The finger-post at the Stapleford Road /Melton Road triangle is showing signs of rot. RCC Highways Dept. will need to be advised.
- c) The road-gulley adjacent to The Green needs cleaning. RCC Highways Dept. Will need to be advised.

10116: Financial Business

- a) The financial report for July and August was agreed by the Chairman and the Councillors
- b) The payment of invoices received was agreed by the Chairman and the Councillors

10216: Correspondence

1. Information from RCC regarding financial increases next year includes notice that the maintenance contract with EON will be cancelled from the end of November when RCC will take over the responsibility of the street lighting.

10th October Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.15pm