

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016, in the Village Hall , Whissendine

Present

Mr W Farr (Chairman)
Mr. R Comber Mr. T Edmunds
Mr. D Hatton Dr S Lammin
Ms. C Moss Mrs. L Arnold
Mrs. P Lake

In attendance

Mr K Thomas Ward Councillor
Mrs Elaine Everington Parish Clerk

Also present

Member of the Public: Mr Peter Jones

11816: Questions or comment from member of the public:
None

11916: Apologies for absence: All councillors were present.

12016: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received.

12116: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th October. These were approved without amendment on proposal of the Mr Hatton.

12216: Ongoing business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda:

- a) Proposal the Parish Council adopt the Rutland County Council's Code of Conduct the WPC **agreed** to implement a revised version of the RCC's Members Code of Conduct, which will be adjusted to be a stand-alone document and represent the procedure for the Whissendine Parish. The Clerk took an action to amend the document and distribute to the Parish Councillors for approval. Thereafter the Clerk will retain a copy.
- b) The Chairman reported that he had received many phone calls regarding the new LED streetlights. Some people were complaining they were too bright others welcomed the change. The Ward Member was able to confirm he too had received some calls. These complaints have now reduced and most of the feedback is now positive. He advised there are 2 types of lamp: 27W and 19W. 19W are designed for residential areas. It is possible some 27W may have been installed in error; this is to be checked and if necessary rectified by RCC.
- c) It was noted the hedge in the Sherrards Close car park was still in need of trimming.

12316: Reports from the Ward Councillor:

The Ward Councillor, Mr K Thomas confirmed his attendance at the recent meeting of the Village Sports Club. He advised that main building was in need of repair and that financial assistance may be asked of the Parish Council in the near future.

The road markings on the recent repair near the Green now need to be re- done; and the markings near the Cow Lane junction remain outstanding. Mr Thomas is chasing up. There will be another inspection of highways around the village in January 2017.

Mr Thomas confirmed the gate to the footpath adjacent to the village hall has now been replaced.

The issue of parking at the school has not yet been fully resolved. Mr Thomas agreed with Mr Comber that the 'Adopt –a-teacher Scheme' with accommodation of 4 teachers' cars by local residents was helpful. The conversion of a portion of verge/embankment and playground to form parking spaces demands funds. Mr Thomas had been seeking 'basic needs' funding but it has been

confirmed that this funding is not available to an 'academy'. The Parish Council may not fund a private enterprise either; however, it was suggested that if the land could be transferred to 'common-land' then financing may be less problematic.

12416: Planning matters

1. 2016/1003/FUL - Proposal: Extension to detached garage to form a home. No objections.
2. 2016/1010/FUL - Proposal: Single storey side extension, new plant room and double garage. No objections.
3. 2016/1054/FUL - Proposal: Single storey infill extension and alterations to exist. door/window openings. No Objections
4. 2016/0894/FUL – Proposal: Extension/Rebuild of building structure to rear of the old Three Horseshoes: In relation to a brick wall at the boundary with the pavement, to contain a raised terrace the Parish Councillors put forward the following objections:

- The brick wall is not in keeping with the street scene as it would be so tall.

In relation to the green roof at the rear: This flat roof was at first floor level adjacent to the western boundary of the development. The Clerk was requested to write formally to the planners to say that: The WPC had concerns should the green-roof be used for leisure purposes a problem of overlooking may ensue.

The objections put forward by the Parish Councillors have been passed on to Rutland County Council Planning Department.

12516: The Banks:

- a) The Parish Councillors discussed the changes they intend to make to manage the village land in the next financial year.

A discussion took place to identify the requirements for all areas:

There are 4 areas of village land requiring differing degrees of maintenance:

Area 1: The fenced small children's play area

Area 2: The main children's play area

Area 3: The slope and lower meadow of The Banks

Area 4: The Village Green and the west side of the brook from The Nook to the Main Street bridge.

The number of cuts per year were confirmed and for the most managed areas are to remain at 14 cuts per year between April too September inclusive. The main changes required were to introduce a need to strim areas where nettles become a problem; previously sheep grazing had controlled nettles and docks but this natural method was no longer possible.

Dr. S. Lammin: to write the specifications and the Clerk will invite tenders.

12616: Highways/Village Maintenance

1. The Chairman reported a hole on the road, near to his house, at the back entrance of the Laurels. The Clerk has taken an action to report this to RCC Highways.
2. A storm drain is blocked up on between Station Road and Main Street, opposite the post box. The Clerk has taken an action to report this to RCC Highways.

12716: Financial Business

- a): Financial report for September and October: The Clerk distributed a financial update for September and October and confirmed the backlog of outstanding invoices has now been cleared.
- b): Three cheques were authorised: D. Billsden (Caretaker) Impressions (Printer) A. Jones (Maintenance)
- c) Long Clawson Vouchers: The Parish Councillors agreed the sum of £90 will be donated to all eligible residents. The vouchers will be delivered from the 25th November, to be used in the Village shop by the end of January 2017.

12816: Correspondence: None outside the agenda.