

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 in the
Village Hall , Whissendine

Present

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

In attendance

Mrs Elaine Everington Parish Clerk

12829: Apologies for absence: Dr S. Lammin and Councillor Mr K. Thomas sent their apologies

12830: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12831: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016. These were approved without amendment on proposal of Mr David Hatton.

12831: Ongoing business not scheduled anywhere else on the agenda:

The Chairman confirmed a meeting took place on 29th of December at 16 Sherrard Close, Whissendine, to discuss the Budget for 2017/2018, attended by Mr W. Farr, Dr S. Lammin, Mrs P. Lake and Mrs E. Everington. The group discussed the outlay over the current financial year to date, along with the expected increases for the next financial year. This included increased maintenance costs for the Village, one example being the management of The Banks, currently out for tender.

Also, for the purchase of new equipment, as the warranties come to an end. In addition to Village maintenance, the Parish Council wish to be in a position to provide for charity, local activity clubs, such as the Sports Hall and groups such as the Neighbourhood Watch.

The WPC is aware the lighting grant will be withdrawn, although there is no detail at this stage of the overall plan for this.

The proposed increase in Council Tax at "Band D" will mean an increase of £11.50 per year.

12832: Report from Councillors:

As the Ward Councillor, Mr K Thomas was unable to attend the meeting, the Clerk read out his written report:

1. Cllr Terry King, RCC leader of the Council has taken leave of absence and has handed over to his deputy, Cllr. Tony Mathias.

2. The Brook investigations continue, Mr Thomas will be walking parts of the Brook course with RCC officers shortly.

3. School Parking: Mr Thomas has received a response from Mrs M. Lucas, at the School, saying that the piece of land that the school offered for potential additional parking does not belong to the school but to the Diocese. Mr Thomas will contact the Diocese to ascertain if an agreement could be made for car parking, if funding could be found. He will also consult RCC officers to see if this changes anything and would ascertain if the Parish may consider a contribution to the diocese rather than the School.

4. Village Road Inspection: The RCC bi-annual road inspection is planned for this month and Mr Thomas will inspect the roads again with the Highways Inspector and would like to be made aware of any new issues.

5. Shrubbery Cutback: RCC Environment teams should be cutting the trees and shrubs on Stapleford Road this month. This is the area at the back of Sherrard Close where the shrubs are restricting the light.

6. Steps – The concrete steps opposite 95 Main Street were completed just before Christmas.

7. Sports Club – Mr Thomas is waiting for RCC Planning officers to give advice on planning issues regarding the Sports Club.

8. Spire Homes: Following several complaints to senior Officers, Mr Thomas has received assurances that Spire Homes have a new Director in post.

9. There will be a Boundary commission briefing on 30th January 2017 to RCC members regarding possible ward changes. In addition to the Parliamentary review, Rutland now has a need to review its County Council arrangements. The requirement occurs every 12-16 years.

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10. Broadband: Mr Thomas has received several complaints regarding the speed on the east side of the Village. These complaints have been referred to David Brown at RCC and Mr Thomas requires further evidence of slow speeds, this has been requested from residents around the top of Main Street, Foxhill and Hall Close.
11. The RCC Members will meet on 18th January to discuss the 2017/18 budget.
12. The next meeting of the Sport's Club will held on Wednesday 17th January at 19:30 in the White Lion.

12833:Planning Matters:

1. 2016/1096/VAR - Discharge of Planning Obligation: No comment to be offered
- 2.2016/1201/FUL - Proposed construction of detached garage/store: No objections
- 3.2016/1190/FUL – Proposed new dwelling: This is two storey building, replacing the initial proposal for a single storey buildingThe Parish Councillors put forward the following objections:
 - The site plan is inaccurate - the proximity to the existing building does not fit in.
 - The proposed new storey building will overlook another property
 - The new building does not comply with the Village Design Statement
4. 2016/1187/FUL – Demolition of existing extension and proposed new storey rear extension. The Parish Councillors put forward the following objections:
 - Lack of information regarding the new windows matching the existing windows.
 - The proposed white render on the walls is not in line with the Village Design Statement.

12834:Report on the Grapevine:

The Clerk confirmed the majority of the advertisers have now paid for 2017. She will follow up on any non payers after the end of January.

12835: The Banks

The Councillors discussed the Tenders received:

Biffa Municipal Ltd

Elms Landscapes

Mr Alan Jones

Farm Garden

Taking into account the experience, relationship and the costs put forward by all applicants, the Councillors decided to appoint Farm and Garden Ltd at an annual cost of £1,680.

The Councillors would like to thank all applicants for taking the time to apply for this work. The Clerk has written to all applicants.

12836: Highways/Village Maintenance

The Clerk reported the following closures:

1. The Road at the Ashwell Level Crossing will be closed for 12 hours from 22:00 hours on 18th March 2017 until 10:00 hours on 19th March 2017.
2. Cow Lane in Whissendine will be closed to all traffic for 4 days: From 23rd January to 26th January 2017

12837: Financial Business

The Clerk presented the updated report for December. Expenditure: £17,340 year to date = 51.38% of budget.

Approval of invoices to pay:

Impressions (printer) £393 Cheque 100867

Caretaker salary Cheque 100868

Donation, Whissendine Produce & Craft, £200 Cheque 100869

The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Monday 6th February

The Parish AGM will be held at the Whissendine School on Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm

