

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

Present

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

In attendance

Mr K Thomas Ward Councillor
Mrs Elaine Everington Parish Clerk

Also present: Members of the Public: Mrs A. Maddison, Mr S. Maddison, Mr B. Newport, Mrs S. Barron.

12817: Questions or comment from the members of the public:

Mr S. Maddison, Mrs A. Maddison and Mr B. Newport attended the Parish Council meeting in order to discuss areas where repair or replacement is required or desired, for the Whissendine Sports Club.

A written request from Mr Stuart Maddison regarding this had been received by the Parish Clerk, prior to this meeting, stating the following areas:

1. The flat roof seems to be leaking in certain areas.
2. The outer walls need: full re-cladding with timber uprights, replaced as required.
3. Windows and doors to be replaced if required.
4. The end brick wall is starting to subside with cracks showing above the doors.

Mr Maddison confirmed the Sports Club is losing money owing to the run-down appearance. Their wish at this stage is to raise funds for a new roof and then do the remaining work as and when afforded (see Minute 12827 below for debate/decision).

12818: Apologies for absence: Mrs C. Moss sent her apology

12819: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12820: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th November. These were approved without amendment on proposal of Dr S Lammin.

12821: Ongoing business not scheduled not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda:

- a) Update on Long Clawson Christmas vouchers: The Clerk confirmed 24 applications had been received to a value of £2,160. All vouchers have been distributed.
- b) RCC proposal to close the road at Ashwell Road crossing for 11 hours on 10th-11th December- noted.
- c) It was agreed that Mr T. Edmunds would cost the renovation of the existing village notice board.

12822: Reports from Councillors:

1. The Ward Councillor, Mr K. Thomas confirmed the brook flooded the road again two weeks ago. He plans to walk the length of the stream-bed in the village with an officer of RCC to assess works required. RCC will then write to the affected land-owners. A consultant's advice will be sought, by RCC, in the next few months but it is unlikely there will be a quick resolution of the problem.

The white lines at the bottom of Cow Lane need to be re painted on one side. The tarmac will need to be re-done. The contractors need to come back to the School. Mr Thomas said he would chase it up.

The steps to access the north-side pavement opposite 95 Main Street are due to be installed before Christmas. RCC's Street-scene officer has walked the village and noted the moss on some pavements has been resistant to treatment this is being addressed.

There is a report going to RCC's Cabinet in January 2017 concerning future 6th-form provision in the county- this report is available on RCC's website.

- 2a) Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs P. Lake said more money has been ploughed into Neighbourhood Watch to re launch it and a Newsletter will be coming out. Mrs Lake said she would like to attend the meeting in March. Mrs Lake confirmed, Whissendine is low on crime.
- 2b) Whissendine Environmental Group (WEG)- Mrs Lake reported the group are looking at the planting around the bench on the village green and welcomed the inspection of the horse-chestnut on the village green which may be showing symptoms of fungal attack. If it is confirmed as a fungus the neighbouring horse chestnuts could be at risk of infection.

12823:Planning Matters

- 1. 2016/1003/FUL Extension to detached garage to form a home office: No comment to be offered to planners.
- 2. 2016/1096/VAR Discharge of Planning Obligation: No comment to be offered
- 3. 2016/1008/FUL Demolition of conservatory and western lean to, construction of a two storey extension: No comment to be offered
- 4. 2016/1085/FUL Alterations & extensions to existing dwelling house, including the demolition of existing garage and conservatory: No comment to be offered

12824:Report on The Grapevine Magazine

The Clerk reported that the new advertiser- process is now working well. Overall, 5 advertisers have cancelled and to date, 4 new adverts will appear in the January edition. The minor glitches that have arisen in production are to be expected as new volunteers familiarise themselves with the publication processes, and are being corrected.

12825: The Banks Update on the Land-maintenance Contract Tender process:

The Clerk confirmed 6 information packs with invitations to tender have been sent out. To date, two completed tenders have been returned. The closing date for submission of tenders is 24 December 2016.

12826: Highways/Village Maintenance

- 1. The Clerk put forward correspondence from RCC regarding the Ashwell level crossing, being closed from 10pm until 09am the next day to allow repair work to take place. The details were noted.
- 2. A Traffic Feasibility Report concerning various locations on the A606 between Langham and Melton had been supplied by RCC, and WPC's comments requested. The Parish Council agree to confirm receipt of the report to RCC but had no comment to offer on the recommendations.

12827: Financial Business

The Clerk confirmed, two requests for funds had been put forward:

- a) Whissendine Sports Club £17,980 (see Minute 12817). The decision / final amount still to be agreed. Dr. S. Lammin commented that planning permission may be needed for the proposed work. She also queried the structural capacity of the building to take a heavier roof. Mr R. Comber commented the building would need to be fit for purpose, e.g. if the intention is to hire it out the Sports Club Committee would need to think about showers, cooking facilities, etc. Mr K Thomas wondered if the S.C. Committee had considered they may need more capacity if they intend to expand the facilities. He also suggested that funds may be more easily attracted if the status of the organisation were formalised, they might consider applying for Charity status. Dr S. Lammin pointed out that only one estimate had been obtained for the current repairs and it would be beneficial to obtain more.

Mr T Edmunds asked if all the Councillors were in favour of the improvement, they all confirmed they were, depending on the overall cost and the donation agreed by the Parish Councillors.

It was suggested that initially the Parish Council would contribute up to a maximum of £3000 towards:

- I. The legal and related fees associated with the Sports Club achieving an appropriate legal status.
- II. The fees associated with a structural survey of the existing Sports Club building.

The Clerk took an action to write to the Whissendine Sports Club to set out the terms the Whissendine Parish Council would apply to any monetary contribution they may agree to.

- b) A request for £300 to support Neighbourhood Watch activities, this has been authorised.
- c) Three invoices were paid this month. Only one was for more than £250: £376 For printing costs.

12828: Correspondence

The Clerk took an action to go back to RCC regarding:

- the pot holes in the roads and around Sherrards Close as these remain,
- the finger-post pointing to Cottesmore on the Main street/Stapleford Road triangle that is showing signs of rot,
- the pothole outside No1 the Nook (the Nook side of the bridge),
- the storm drain in Station Road outside the old Bus shelter (opposite The Post box) which still surcharges during rainfall

Members of the public may view letters and documents by appointment with the Clerk (ellemai@btinternet.com).

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 19:15 hrs on Monday 9 January 2017 at the Village Hall.