

**WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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

12838: Apologies for absence: Dr S. Lammin and Councillor Mr K. Thomas sent his apologies.

12839: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12840: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. These were approved without amendment on proposal of Mrs P. Lake.

12841: Ongoing business not scheduled anywhere else on the agenda: The Clerk put forward the Minutes from a meeting of the Whissendine Environment Group back on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016. This had been overlooked at the time of the hand over from the retiring Parish Clerk to the current Clerk.

The W.E.G had requested funding to the amount of £200. This was authorised by the Parish Councillors.

12842: Reports from Councillors: Report from The Ward Councillor, Mr K. Thomas (delivered by the Clerk) Following the resignation (owing to poor health) of the ward member for Exton and Council Leader, Mr Terry King, the Council has voted in Tony Mathias as the new Leader of Rutland Council. Exton has a by-election.

Mr Thomas has walked the Whissendine Brook and confirmed RCC intend to take action. He wasn't contacted by RCC when they carried out their review of the potholes but he has sent a list of the current issues in the Village. The Cow Lane bypass: A request was sent, sometime ago, to RCC for a passing lane on Cow Lane, this has not progressed and will now be picked up by the Parish Clerk.

Following concerns being raised by residents, Mr Thomas has confirmed RCC Highways carried out an inspection of potholes and drains requiring repair. Mr Thomas has also requested that The Nook is dressed for the first time in 30 years.

Spire Homes: Mr Thomas has provided evidence for an engagement meeting with the Director for Places, RCC Portfolio holder and Spire Homes, regarding on-going complaints and a request to be informed of developments. Parking at the School: Mr Thomas has been in touch with Diocese regarding the piece of land that the "blue cow" stands on and asked if, in principle, the funds were available, could the land be turned into a car park.

Moss removal: A plan to try out a new Moss removal treatment has been postponed owing to wet weather. Ward Boundaries: There will be a consultation over the next year with conclusions next year. Parish boundaries will be unaffected.

Broadband Speed: Further evidence is required by Digital Rutland as RCC are about to start further negotiations to provide wider services.

Mr Thomas thanked Councillors Sue Lammin and Linda Arnold for the evidence supplied.

Property Numbers on Horton Lane: Examples have been put forward, showing incorrect numbering in the Electoral Register. A request has been sent to clarify this.

Rutland, 20 years Independence: Mr Thomas asked if the Parish Council intend to celebrate this occasion: The Councillors discussed this and the Clerk will investigate the possibility/cost of a bench to be installed on the Village Green with a plaque.

Defibrillator: At the Parish Council Forum, the audience were informed that the British Heart Foundation has funding for Defibrillators.

Local Plan briefing: There was a briefing on 7<sup>th</sup> February in the RCC chambers. An informal private briefing for Town and Parish Councils is scheduled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. RCC will be specifically seeking Parish Council views.

#### 12843: Planning Matters

2016/1190/FUL: Following feedback from the Parish Councillors, an amendment has been made to the initial scale of the plan. The Parish Council has no further comments to make.

2016/1187/FUL: Refused Planning Permission: The design of the proposed extension combined with its height, its visibility in relation to the existing dwelling and the buildings, the poor relationship to the eaves of the existing cottage, the proposed materials of construction and its appearance within the street scene would have a detrimental impact on the character of the existing property and the local area and would be inappropriate in the context of the site.

#### 12844: A report on The Grapevine

The majority of advertisers have made their payments for 2017 with several new adverts appearing in the January/February issues. The Parish Clerk and the Grapevine Editor attended a meeting with the Grapevine Printer to discuss the way forward, regarding the cost of printing and the flexibility required.

#### 12845: The Banks

Following a period of wet weather, the Councillors discussed the maintenance work required for the Banks and surrounding area. This includes:

- The ramps, where the water has washed away the soil
- Removal of gravel and stones swept down by the water
- Removal of nettles around the brook

The area at the bottom of Cow Lane: Removal of barbed wire, all the undergrowth/nettles swept down by the water. Repair/replace fencing and the gate (and the lock)

The Clerk will obtain quotes for this work and report back to the Parish Councillors.

#### 12846: Highways/Village Maintenance

The Ward Councillor has highlighted the outstanding maintenance issues, potholes, overgrown bushes and blocked drains, with Rutland County Council, in addition to the request for a passing lane on Cow Lane.

The Clerk will liaise with RCC to ascertain timescales for these outstanding matters.

#### 12847: Financial Business

The Clerk presented the updated report for January. Expenditure: £16,382.42 year to date = 48.54% of budget. (51.38% of budget for December)

Approval of Invoices to pay:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount (£)</u>
RCC Payroll Dept. Clerks Salary x 2	100870	2415.16
Whissendine Caretaker	100871	Personal
T. Edmunds	100872	60.00
P. Thatham	100873	13.10
C. Miles	100874	49.99
E. Everington	100875	47.00
Impressions Printing	100876	362.00
Whissendine Env. Group	100877	200.00
N. Modhvdadiya (shop)	100878	2,250.00
The Village Hall	100879	1,000.00

#### 12848: Correspondence

The Parish Council received a letter on behalf of the Whissendine Sports Club Committee confirming acceptance of the recommendations made by the Parish Council, with regard to the future management of the Club.

The letter details the changes and attractions planned for the future along with a statement that the Parish Council will be kept updated on the progress made.

The next meeting of the Whissendine Parish Council will be held at the Village Hall at 7:15pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Whissendine School at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017